

# Fwd: [CityClerk]: Case #98-2022

Sheela Amin < Sheela. Amin@como.gov>

Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 8:20 AM

To: "Zenner, Patrick" <Patrick.Zenner@como.gov>, Brad Kelley <br/>brad.kelley@como.gov> Co: Donna Whatley <Donna.Whatley@como.gov>

Pat and Brad,

This appears to be something related to a March 10 PZC meeting item. If you disagree and feel it is related to something on the upcoming council meeting agenda, please advise.

Thank you,

Sheela Amin, City Clerk 2nd Floor, City Hall 573.874.7207 sheela.amin@como.gov

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From: Claire Baffaut <cbaffaut@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Mar 2, 2022 at 9:48 PM Subject: [CityClerk]: Case #98-2022

To: <cityclerk@como.gov>

To whom it may concern,

I favor the request for waiving sidewalk construction. There are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. There is not a lot of traffic and walking on the side of the street is fine.

Thank you!

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Claire Baffaut 604 Redbud Lane Columbia, MO 65203



## **Public hearing - Glenwood Avenue**

Chris Creasy <chriscreasy@hotmail.com>
To: "brad.kelley@como.gov" <brad.kelley@como.gov>

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 8:57 PM

Thank you for the information regarding the upcoming public hearing regarding the land sold for a single-family home located at the corner of West Rollins and Glenwood Avenue. I am not in favor of requiring them to build a sidewalk as neither of the lots on either side of them, or anywhere up and down that street for that matter, currently have sidewalks. I feel this exception should be made. Thank you.

Chris Creasy 911 West Rollins Rd Columbia, Missouri 65203

Sent from my iPhone



### Sidewalk variance 700-710 Rollins

**Jolene Kington** <the.kington4@gmail.com> To: brad.kelley@como.gov

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 5:41 PM

Our family lives at 704 Rollins and we support the Gibbs' request to avoid sidewalks on their property. We feel a sidewalk would look out of place and isn't necessary since it would not connect to sidewalks on either side properties.

Jolene and Scott Kington



# Fwd: [CityClerk]: Case #98-2022

Sheela Amin < Sheela. Amin@como.gov>

Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 1:40 PM

To: "Zenner, Patrick" <Patrick.Zenner@como.gov>, Brad Kelley <br/>brad.kelley@como.gov> Cc: Donna Whatley <Donna.Whatley@como.gov>

Pat and Brad,

This appears to be another item related to a March 10 PZC meeting item. I assume you will incorporate this into your records. If I need to do something, please advise.

Thank you,

Sheela Amin, City Clerk 2nd Floor, City Hall 573.874.7207 sheela.amin@como.gov

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From: Jane Lavender <a href="mailto:lavenderjanelw@gmail.com">lavenderjanelw@gmail.com</a>

Date: Sun, Mar 6, 2022 at 1:26 PM Subject: [CityClerk]: Case #98–2022

To: <cityclerk@como.gov>

Dear city clerk,

My name is Jane Lavender I live at 601 Redbud Ln, Columbia Missouri. My Spouse, Sharon Giles – Lavender, and I would like to support Finley and Rebecca Gibbs relating to waiving the sidewalk construction for their home yet to be built. Please forward this to the city Council for final consideration.

Most sincerely,

Jane Lavender.



### Finley Gibbs new lot

**Ruthie Moccia** <ruthiemoccia12@gmail.com> To: brad.kelley@como.gov

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 6:09 PM

Brad,

I just read this on our neighborhood communication feature:

"My Wife Becky and I are planning to build a small house on our new lot at the corner of West Rollins and Lakeshore. It's the one with the cool stacked stone sculptures and stacked tree limbs. We have requested a variance from the City so that we do not have to build a sidewalk around the lot. We want to keep the lot as natural as possible and place the house in such a way as to minimize the number of trees lost. A sidewalk makes no sense as it will add more impermeable surface, cause the loss of some trees and because there is no other sidewalk within any reasonable distance of the lot, not help with pedestrian safety. If you wish to make your opinion known about our request, please email Brad Kelley brad.kelley@como.gov and let him know your thoughts. I am available for any questions you may have and I look forward to being a part of the neighborhood. We live on Glenwood right now, so we know how great this area is."

Are you serious? Have you even looked at the location? There is no sidewalk there at all. What is he supposed to do? Do you think he can start a sidewalk halfway down Rollins hill? And end it where? It's not only wasteful but maybe you should consult a landscaper or a city engineer for a second opinion other than your own.



## Finley Gibbs new lot

**Ruthie Moccia** <ruthiemoccia12@gmail.com> To: Brad Kelley <br/>brad.kelley@como.gov>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM

I also would like to state that this is a long-ago established residential area and our needs are so different from a housing development that was bulldozed into place 4 months ago. What if every older neighborhood, by law, had to add a bunch of concrete features to the extent builders have increasingly added over the past 80 to 100 years? To install a sidewalk at that location, you would actually have to

dig out a trench to get it even with the curb. Every time it rains, mud will spread over the sidewalk. No one is going to plow through the mud just to find the sidewalk.

[Quoted text hidden]



### sidewalk

gary moore <gmoore708@gmail.com> To: brad.kelley@como.gov

Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 2:37 PM

Hi

My name is Gary Moore and I live at 1115 Lakeshore Dr in Columbia. I understand there is a new home going up at 700-710? Rollins. I would like to voice my opinion about the need for a sidewalk. My feeling is that it would be out of character for the neighborhood. I hope the city will waive any requirement calling for a sidewalk. Thanks,

Gary



### **City Sidewalk Commentary**

**Andy Overmann** <aro3682@truman.edu>
To: "brad.kelley@como.gov" <brad.kelley@como.gov>

Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 4:48 PM

Hi Brad, I hope you're well

This is Andrew Overmann - we recently spoke on the phone regarding the plans of a homeowner to omit a sidewalk on their property. I'd like to add my support to the effort; see my comment below and let me know if you have any questions or suggested revisions.

"To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support of a homebuilder's desire to omit sidewalk construction in front of their home. Much like parking lots, sidewalks reduce natural areas throughout the city; while they are a safety boon at areas of more vehicular congestion, many single family homes are built away from roads and do not require sidewalks for the occasional pedestrian passing. Further, sidewalks detract from land available for landscaping, should the homeowner choose to start a garden or promote natural spaces.

Ultimately, I believe builders should hold discretion on how to parcel their land and how it adjoins with nearby roadways. The usage of space, resources, and time to create a sidewalk undesired by the homebuilder costs the community with few benefits; I'd like to advocate against this measure and side with the homeowner's hopes of forgoing a sidewalk.

Sincerely,

Andrew Overmann"

Please e-mail me back with the meeting time for the public hearing on this issue or any others which may arise. Thank you again for your work on behalf of the community, enjoy the day

All the best,

Andy O.





# Variance for Gibbs propery

**Pegi Phillips-Sapp** <pegiteacher@gmail.com> To: brad.kelley@como.gov

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:37 AM

Hello Mr. Kelley,

I'm sure you're aware of the request of Finley and Becky Gibbs to forego a sidewalk on their property. Since there are no other sidewalks which would connect to it, it would be be ill-advised to build one there. We live on the hill above (Westwood) and see people walking along the road. There appear to be no problems, especially since there is little traffic. It is our opinion that you grant the variance requested by the Gibbs. Thank you.

Sincerely, Pegi Phillips-Sapp



#### sidewalk to nowhere

**Brian Waller** <BWaller@shelterinsurance.com>
To: "brad.kelley@como.gov" <brad.kelley@como.gov>

Thu, Mar 10, 2022 at 10:08 AM

Brad,

The City of Columbia has an ordinance that requires adding a sidewalk for new home construction.

Finley and Rebecca Gibbs purchased the .9-acre lot between West Rollins and Rosebud where they wish to build a house on the lot but maintain the "wooded" nature of the lot.

I live 615 Rollins Rd, just across the street from this lot, and I like sidewalks. But requiring the Gibbs to build a sidewalk here – a "sidewalk to nowhere", is completely non-sensical.

First, there is no other sidewalk within any reasonable distance of this lot in <u>any</u> direction of travel. Next, a goal of adding sidewalks is to increase pedestrian safety, but a standalone sidewalk would not increase safety. Pedestrians would have to enter and egress such a sidewalk from the street, and the sidewalk would only be 350 feet long. Also, building a sidewalk here would add hundreds of square feet of impermeable surface and significantly change the runoff of stormwater given the significant slope of the hill on the lot. Finally, building a sidewalk would force the loss of more trees - and I strongly believe the entire neighborhood would like to preserve as many of these trees as possible.

For these many reasons, I respectfully ask that the city not require my new neighbors the Gibbs build a sidewalk on this property.

Thank you.

#### **Brian Waller**

Vice President, Government Relations

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