

Kuether-Steele, Molly

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 7:50 PM
To: Larson, James D
Cc: Lemmer, Jodi; Kuether-Steele, Molly
Subject: Re: Wednesday Public Works Committee Meeting

Thanks for your comments. I will add to file.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 7, 2020, at 7:19 PM, Larson, James D <larsonj@uww.edu> wrote:

Dear Ald. Bauman and Ms. Lemmer,

My wife, Teri Larson, and I would like to add our voices to the concerns expressed by our neighbor, Claude Krawczyk, regarding the difficulties we experience with individuals associated with the Riverside Theater. In particular, we are most concerned their apparent lack of concern for the safety of residents leaving our condo and accessing and using the public alley.

To start:

There is a bold yellow line down the center of that alley, and it has been agreed that the semis would confine their trailers over the south side of that line.

Not almost over.

Not just about over.

Not "Good enough."

Too frequently, I have stopped, exited my vehicle, and brought the violation to the attention of one of the assembled workers. If the driver was still available, he moved the trailer. If not, coming and going was a fraught experience. Teri bought a new car, and It took her the better part of a month before she felt confident enough to exit the garage herself with a trailer parked in the way.

One evening, as I pulled in after along drive from Chicago in the pouring rain, the semi was there, the ramp was down, and I managed to acquire 3000 dollars worth of damage to the side of my car. I have made that turn hundreds of times, but in my weariness forgot that I needed to be at peak, PEAK, attention just to drive undamaged into my own garage.

Leaving the alley is often equally adventurous with all of the delivery vehicles parked on either side of the alley entrance, the semi blocking the south side of the exit, and no one even thinking about controlling traffic. It's very often "Hold your breath and hit the accelerator."

Claude Krawczyk articulated the additional concerns very well, and we have nothing further to add. It seems to us that a middle ground exists that will allow the Riverside to pursue its business (which we love to avail ourselves of regularly) and residents of the Riverside Lofts to come and go with much less angst and certainly much less vehicle damage.

The needs of aging parents prevent our attendance at the meeting, but we look forward to a mutually satisfying solution.

Yours truly,

Jim and Teri Larson

Riverside Lofts Unit 9C