

Kuether-Steele, Molly

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Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:56 PM
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Subject: Re: Hit today by a bird

I am very sorry you were hit. I completely share your concerns. We are having a hearing on this tomorrow at 9 am in room 301b of city hall.

I am particularly concerned about the police response. We will address that as well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2018, at 10:00 PM, Meg Cochran <mai.nur.koizumi@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello alderman,

My name is Megan Cochran. I currently reside in Alderman Nic Kovacs district but I am not sure who's district I was in when I was hit by said bird "scooter". This email might sound humorous, I am writing it so to work through my own anger of being a 28 yr old, 30 week pregnant, side walk loving pedestrian. Who is currently fighting to not get hit by a motorized vehicles on a simple walk. I understand that these scooters are a pain for many, and are an infestation, but they have to regulated. I queried the east side group on Facebook to see if anyone knows who to call or talk to about being hit. The answer is the police, but the woman who answered my phone call at the first district had no idea what the scooters were. I found out there is nothing I can do, because the person who hit me did not stop, and I was not in view of any camera. Thus, I can do nothing about it and the driver will not be held accountable and the company will not either because of its loose user agreement. Alderman Kovac, you were tagged in the post, maybe you might see why I am frustrated.

I personally loath the scooters because I deal with cyclists on the side walks and at least they can, and will move around you. I am not able to move as fast as I normally can because I am 30 weeks pregnant. The summers heat has been unbearable, and any day I can get out for a walk is a day that I live for. I would want a way to properly report any incident of the scooters or a way to identify/track them, if they must stay. As far as I can see, the website doesn't have a method, the police do not have a method, and you two are my last hope of possible resolve. Currently, there is no way to ID the scooter, for example a license plate, or an ICC number. The identifiers that must appear of any other motorized form of transport in one way or another.

There is one way to identify it as I'm told, but that is located on/near the QR code on the handle bars and is only visible to the operator. I understand this is an uphill battle, and this complaint likely won't go very far, but I feel as a pedestrian who lives in and loves this city, that we pedestrians are constantly under attack. First by cyclists, who do not follow the law of being on the street unless 12yrs of age, and now motorized vehicles are allowed on sidewalks, though lack of enforcement. No one enforces the law, so in my mind why does the law exist, it is an empty threat and means nothing.

Thank you both for reading this, and I hope this concern finds its way somewhere that will lead to productive legislation.

-Megan Cochran

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