

Kuether-Steele, Molly

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Yvonne Port
Cc: Kuether-Steele, Molly; Bockhorst, Tammy
Subject: RE: Electric scooters

Thank you for raising these very legitimate concerns. We are working to address the scooter parking issue.

To Molly: please add to the scooter file.

From: Yvonne Port [<mailto:yvonnep529@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Bauman, Robert
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Ald. Bauman- I read in Thursday's Journal/Sentinel (3/11/21) that your committee is considering the issue of the electric scooters. While I do find the reckless riding of the scooters annoying, I have an even more pressing concern. I travel about the city in an electric wheelchair and rely heavily on the bus system for transportation. My biggest complaint and annoyance over the scooters is where the scooter companies deploy the scooters in the mornings. They put them on the concrete pads at the bus stops. Not on the grass next to the stops as they're supposed to. I know this because I have seen the employees doing this and had discussions with them. I have literally had to move scooters out of the way so the bus could drop it's ramp for me. My bus drivers have also had to move the scooters out of the way before I could exit the bus. I have also encountered far too many scooters abandoned by riders in crosswalk cutouts and in the middle of sidewalks. I feel the City must have a way to make the companies more responsible for where the scooters are deployed, and where the riders abandon them. While I am sure it will increase the scooter companies overhead, I think docking stations like we have for the Bubblr Bikes is a valid solution. Public bus stops, crosswalks and sidewalks must be kept clear of these annoying obstacles. I do hope you take these serious issues under consideration and address them before allowing scooters to take over the city again. Thank you for your anticipated attention to these issues.

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