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**To:** [City Council](#)

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Concern: 10 ft. wide sidewalk on 20th Ave NW

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Hello!

We live on NW 192<sup>nd</sup> St, and walk on 20<sup>th</sup> daily to and from school at Syre, to the Saltwater Park, to The Little Store and other nearby businesses, to the library and park, and to friends' houses in the neighborhood. "We" are a family of 5, with kids ages 3, 8, and 10, and we have lived in our house for almost 9 years. We can't imagine living anywhere else, and this is because what I just described, having consistent pedestrian routines, is how so many of our neighbors live as well...we live in a very active community and we value this, highly.

One might think that due to the high levels of foot traffic in our neighborhood we would welcome a 10 ft. wide sidewalk. I can easily say that the proposed width of this much-anticipated sidewalk was shocking, and when I've spoken with neighbors about this, this is the common sentiment. Yes, we are eager to have an elevated place to walk since 20<sup>th</sup> is a narrow street on which park-goers frequently speed - we can't wait to have a little more piece of mind knowing that our kids and other pedestrians will be better protected! However, a sidewalk 10 ft. wide will feel imposing, and is frankly unnecessary. The other thing we love about our neighborhood is that it feels like the "small town" within a city...we don't need a big-city sidewalk. We have traversed this street often enough to know that while it is used heavily by walkers, a super-wide slab of cement along the road will feel out-of-place, and even more so if many of the street's beautiful trees that give the drive to the beach so much character will be cut down.

We welcome a regular, 6ft wide sidewalk for safety and to solve the problem of major puddling along the side of the street. We strongly oppose a 10 ft wide sidewalk that is unnecessary for pedestrian traffic, and would disrupt the quiet beach lane feel of our neighborhood by laying more cement than necessary and disposing of important, established trees.

Please consider our opinion - so many of us who live here never imagined that the sidewalk we have been hoping for would end up being oversized and therefore unwanted.

Thank you,  
Jenny Lohman