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Agenda Item Number

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Date February 22, 2010

Petition in favor of the paving of E. 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Arthur Avenue from Easton Boulevard to E. 34<sup>th</sup> Street.

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Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

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City Clerk

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January 20, 2010

Jeb Brewer  
City Engineer  
City Hall  
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Des Moines, IA 50309-1891

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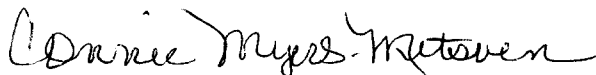
I wanted to let you know that I Definitely want E35th Street & Arthur Ave between Easton and E 34<sup>th</sup> Streets to be paved.

I live at 3440 Thompson Ave, Des Moines, IA 50317.

My side yard and back yard are on the west side of E 35<sup>th</sup> street and I would like for the city to put a wall up a long with a fence, if possible, as I have a hill for a back yard and part of the side yard, the erosion is horrible, I am losing my yard. I am unable to do anything with my back yard or side yard because of this. It could also harm my garage, due to the erosion.

This street (E 35<sup>th</sup>) causes dust during the spring, summer and fall of which I have Asthma and am allergic to DUST. E 35<sup>th</sup> street has become one lane because ditches were put in on both sides. I have seen cars having to back up into driveways or all the way up to Thompson as another car or Garbage truck is coming. Some cars end up in the ditch and need a tow truck to get out, because they are deep. During the winter it is hazardous to use as cars slide off it into these ditches and can't get out without a tow truck. Until it is paved I won't use it, only Thompson.

Thank you very much for you time.



Connie Myers-Mitsven  
3440 Thompson Ave  
Des Moines, IA 50317

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February 10, 2010

Marcia Cruchelow  
2234 E. 35<sup>th</sup> St.  
Des Moines, IA 50317

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**To: Mayor Cownie, City Council Members of Des Moines**

**Subject: Pavement of East 35<sup>th</sup> Street & Arthur Street, Des Moines, IA**

- This is not a vanity or convenience issue, this is a safety issue
- We have a 2 way, single lane street with “no parking” on either side of the street.
- This was a two lane street 18-20 feet wide, with a ‘S’ curve. Now it is a one lane street, approximately 11 feet wide. Which you can only see about 75 feet when pulling from a driveway. If another vehicle is coming you either have to find an open driveway or one vehicle has to back up until there is enough room for the other vehicle to pass since there is no other place to go.
- A fire truck is 8 feet wide and the captain of the fire department said the street is “doable” but in the event you need to get out a hose no one would be able to get a vehicle within one block either side of the hose.
- Mail truck unable to deliver mail. During the last two storms we did not receive mail for 3 days each storm. When the mail is not delivered they hold it at the post office, I had a package shipped to me and when I did not receive it I called the company. They informed me it was returned undeliverable since the mail truck was unable to get to my house. The Monday after the second storm the mail truck came down the street to finally deliver the mail and did a nose dive into the ditch...no mail again. The shoulder of the road is too soft therefore it is difficult for the mail truck to get close enough to even reach the mailboxes. US Postal instruction-if condition is such you can not deliver without getting stuck-Return to Post Office.
- I ordered roofing and doors from Menards. The driver had to park at St. Josephs Church (E.33<sup>rd</sup> St & Easton Blvd.) because he feared the truck would be stuck on the street delaying his other deliveries. To complete his delivery he had to make 4 trips on a fork lift to deliver the materials.
- This winter I had windows delivered, due to the rain, the driver got stuck in the street, and finally he backed into my driveway. He called his supervisor to report he had been struck and made it into the driveway. The supervisor had him leave the job site

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since it was still raining and the condition of the street would deteriorate or worsen, and he would not being able to get the truck out of the street. The street was muddy and his truck had sunk previously. He returned 2 weeks later to install windows and was stuck in the street again. This time he had 2 helpers in the ditch trying to push the truck out.

- When delivering the siding, they had to put the materials in the front yard due to lack of place to park the truck and trailer. They unloaded the materials in the front yard and took the trailer back to their business. Normal procedure would be to leave the materials on the trailer until they are ready to be used.
- Other vehicles have been stuck in the ditch, both personal and commercial. There have been multiple types of vehicles stuck in the ditches- cars, trucks, vans, UPS truck, mail truck, tow truck, even to include a snow plow got stuck in the street.
- Spring rains plus snow melt leave the street muddy. It becomes slick as ice, which makes it hard to navigate.
- Water is in the ditches all year which leaves the water, smelly, stagnant and breeds mosquitoes. One year a little boy (approx. 2 ½ years old) from next door, became stuck in the ditch-almost up to his waist. If his dad had not heard him crying, he could have drown in the ditch. Other young couples have moved in the area. Because of the water, and for their children's safety, they soon move out.
- 2008 the area flooded two more times.
- City employees, who have performed work on the street, have made comments about- these houses should never have been built here because of drainage. The soil base is sugar sand. Between rains and snow melting the ditches fill with 'sugar sand'. The street crew has to dig out the ditches to allow the flow of water to help control flooding. Consequently, when digging the ditches over and over, it has made the street only 11 feet wide. Still the city has since allowed 2 more houses to be built- for tax bases.

These are just some of the examples as to why this street should be paved/asphalt to stabilize the ground to prevent the soil erosion. This will benefit the community as well as provide public safety. I feel this is best for all concerned.

Thank you,  
Marcia Cruchelow

*Marcia Cruchelow*

David Kemp

2/13/10

I wanted to thank you for taking time to answer questions after the informational meeting Feb. 1, 2010 concerning paving E 35<sup>th</sup> St Arthur Ave.

I also wanted to put in writing again that I am in favor of the street paving.

We built our home over 20 years ago, and at that time we watched several vehicles go into the ditch. These included delivery trucks and city building inspectors. The ditches have always been deep but the road was two lanes at that time.

With erosion and street scraping the road is now one lane with deep ditches. When the ditches fill up with snow or mud it is difficult to get out. Within the last month not only cars but postal vehicles and a snow plow have gone into them.

I urge the city council to vote to pave these dangerous streets.

Thank you

Sincerely

Lais Parker

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Des Moines, Ia 50317