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Subject: Re: Input to 2019 Capital Budget Process

Thank you, Mr. Deem for coming to last night's meeting. I too hope we can gather more of a community consensus on this issue. You bring up valid points that should be discussed.

Best,

Steve

Sent from my iPhone so please excuse any autocorrect errors or simple typing mistakes.

On Dec 11, 2018, at 12:13 PM, Bill Deem <wdeem53@outlook.com> wrote:

Steve, thank you for hosting the "town hall" meeting at Acme last night. This note is to document and expand upon some of the comments we made in that meeting. As our Ward representative we are also including Rocco in this to reemphasize some street repair comments we made to him previously when he visited with us in our home.

Firstly, we applaud you for raising public awareness of the plan to use a significant amount of the Nexus money to fund a new fire station. Apparently this plan "just sort of appeared" as a line item in the 2019 capital budget. To proceed with a plan of this magnitude without thorough public review and comment would be damaging to the trust between the residents and the city council and administration and, we believe, will continue to foster greater, not lesser, division in our community. We urge you and the rest of council and administration to broaden the communication process you started at Acme, before any decisions are made.

Secondly, simply because we have the money doesn't mean it's prudent to immediately spend it like teenagers running loose with mom's credit card. Many residents throughout the city have already been impacted by the construction of the pipeline and some may face significant, but currently unknown, impacts well into the future. We strongly believe it would be prudent to protect most of the

Nexus money in safe investments to be prepared for those unknown impacts. If/when we are faced with a disaster, God forbid, let's not solely rely on the county, state or federal governments to help our neighbors in need. Short of a disaster, the "test" you related for making decisions on spending the Nexus money seems reasonable – "but for Nexus would we otherwise incur this expense?" We trust that, when faced with such decisions, discipline and transparency with residents will reign within the council and administration to avoid creative bending of this "test" to fit the desired outcome of a few individuals.

Narrowing the focus to what we feel is a legitimate use of the Nexus money, we ask the council and administration to consider a need in our neighborhood. We live on a dead-end street that the pipeline crosses near the mid-point. There are approximately twelve homes and families living beyond (south of) the pipeline who would not have an escape route if there is an issue with the pipeline near our street. For the safety and peace of mind of these families we are asking the council and administration to consider building and maintaining a simple one lane gravel road (not a traffic thoroughfare) through City of Green/Cleveland Natural History Museum property to connect the south end of our street with Boettler Park. In case of disaster this would allow the residents living south of the pipeline to escape to Massillon Road.

Lastly, we are extremely frustrated that our roads are in deplorable condition while there seems to be lots of money to build parks and buy a golf course. For most residents our quality of life is much more impacted by our daily drives than by these other amenities. Please change your focus from being the "parks community" to being the "good roads community"! Specifically, our street has not been resurfaced for more than ten years and is suffering from poor drainage and undermining/washouts along its entire length from Koons Road to the dead end. Massillon Road from Greensburg Road to Koons Road is another area that many people complain is in horrible shape. We humbly request that you prioritize these two areas within the 2019 capital budget.

Thank you both for listening and for your service to our community.

Warm Regards,

Bill and Cindy Deem

Thursby Road