

Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 8:16 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: To TEUC members regarding Rivers Edge Drive gate

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From: Judy Ververs [mailto:jeververs@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2016 2:26 PM
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Subject: To TEUC members regarding Rivers Edge Drive gate

Dear Commissioner Lee,

My residence is at 103 Rivers Edge Drive.

It is a narrow street with parking on one side and the bike path extension on the other.

Among my immediately adjacent neighbors are six children under the age of 12.

When I purchased this condo eight years ago, a strong selling point was that the association was not on a "through" street.

A change to this status would undoubtedly lower our property values immediately and significantly.

By the same token, I am sure that purchasers of the North Shore residences valued its location for the exclusiveness of lakeside property, in addition to lack of through traffic.

I find it difficult to understand the rationale that, because residents of that area did not take into account that their egress was North Avenue when they purchased there, they now want to change someone else's neighborhood to compensate for that lack of forethought when they purchased.

In addition, I fail to understand the lack of trust being shown to our police and firefighters, both of whom I am given to understand can see fit to open that gate when emergencies require additional access from North Avenue.

It is beyond me how any neighbor and fellow citizen of Burlington would want to see a quiet, small, unexpandable side street with children and families become a dangerous daily route for through traffic, so that

an exclusive group in another (chosen) area of the city can have access in an emergency (which would be provided by local authorities if necessary anyway). This would also adversely affect the side streets in the rest of the city between Rivers Edge and North Shore.

Please leave our neighborhood in peace, and prevent others from destroying its safety and value for the sake of infrequent need, which should be addressed with our police and fire department, not at the expense of the daily quality of life of others.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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Judy Ververs

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103 Rivers Edge Drive

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Norm Baldwin

From: martie majoros <martiemajoros@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2016 6:12 PM
To: Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; Joan Shannon; Chapin Spencer;
jwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov; Martin Lee
Subject: Gate reopened at River's Edge Condominium Association

Hello all,

I live at 125 River's Edge Drive, and I want to express my total disapproval of the proposal to re-open the gate at the west side of the association. One of the reasons I chose to live at Rivers Edge was because it was a small safe neighborhood within the larger Burlington community. Opening the gate would have a profound impact on the neighborhood. I oppose it for several reasons:

- the street does not seem wide enough to accommodate more than one lane of traffic and having more cars use the street as a route to reach Rte 127 would change the neighborhood, and perhaps cause more traffic problems at the intersection of Plattsburgh Ave and the entrance to the association.
- there are more children living here than previously, I believe, and it would be more dangerous for them as they ride bikes, etc.
- Currently, the bike path goes through this area as well, which could make it less safe for bikers.

In addition, the reasons I have heard for opening the gate have to do with emergency access to Northshore condominiums. In an emergency, fire and police have access via North Ave, a straight street, and winding their way through the River's Edge Association would take more time. Or if absolutely necessary, they can cut or plow through the gate.

In the interest of maintaining a safe neighborhood for pedestrians and bikers, and to keep the neighborhood as is, I urge you to keep the gate closed.

Thank you,
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Norm Baldwin

From: 359502391318082008comcast.usr4jr <mlroy17@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2016 10:44 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: River's Edge Drive Gate

Dear Norm,

Allow me to add my voice to the hundreds of Rivers Edge Drive, Borestone Lane, Forest Street and Northview Drive residents who signed the petition to keep the River's Edge Drive gate locked.

I have been a resident of 5 Borestone Lane since 2001 and owner since 2005. My mother was an original owner when the development was first built and purchased 5 Borestone Lane in 1990. I have in my possession the homeowner's manual she received titled "River's Edge Documents" and dated January 1990. It includes among other documents the homeowner's operational manual, insurance documents, bylaws, and land use permits.

Page 4 of the River's Edge Homeowner's Operation Manual includes the following statement:

City of Burlington Permit Conditions:

To promote your safety, there will be a gate located at the intersection of River's Edge Drive and North View Drive to prevent any through traffic from North Avenue to Plattsburg Avenue. This was a condition of our obtaining permits for the project and we request that, whether the gate is opened or closed, you enter and exit the project from Plattsburg Avenue only.

The petition to open the locked gate is in direct violation of this condition and violates my rights as a homeowner. In addition, this clearly supports what many of my neighbors have expressed by pure observation – that Rivers Edge Drive and Northview Drive were never intended to be an open roadway. The initial assessment by the Department of Public Works that speaks to inadequate road construction, street width, curb height, etc. further corroborates this.

I remain hopeful that the numerous facts coming forth in preparation for the December 7 meeting will result in a unanimous decision to keep the River's Edge Drive gate locked.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann L. Roy

5 Borestone Lane

Norm Baldwin

From: Eric Corbman <ecorbman@bellatlantic.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2016 8:38 PM
To: Norm Baldwin
Cc: Mayor's Office; jwalsleben@aol.com; julieahill@gmail.com; Chapin Spencer; David Hartnett; Ayres, Tom; Kurt Wright
Subject: Potential Compromise Proposal on Rivers Edge Drive Gate
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

We have been aware of the issue in regards to the gate for quite some time. We took the time to read the letters of those opposed to opening the gate and we certainly understand the concern that many residents of Rivers Edge have with the proposal to open the gate.

Since the intent of opening the gate is to deal with emergencies, our proposal would be to open the gate and install a perpetually red traffic light where the gate now stands. The light would serve the same function as the gate and the Rivers Edge neighborhood would have to endure no additional traffic. The huge advantage would be that when infrequent emergencies do occur, which happens whenever North Avenue is blocked north of Barley, the large number of people who live west of the gate would be able to exit the neighborhood. This emergency only access route would preclude the potentially life threatening delay of solving the logistics of getting the bolt on the gate cut. We think this would be a reasonable and inexpensive compromise and would solve the liability problem that the city now faces if something tragic happens due to the lack of emergency access from the neighborhood.

Sincerely
Eric and Karen Corbman
67 Northshore Drive

Norm Baldwin

From: TCt Payne <tct.payne@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2016 3:25 PM
To: Norm Baldwin
Cc: Maxwell Tracy
Subject: TEUC METTING ON 12-7-16 AT 5PM REGUARING OPENING THE GATE ON RIVERSEDGE DRIVE

Please note Opening the Gate to thru Traffic on Rivers Edge Drive===SHOULD BE NO NO..This would create a Major Safety Hazard for all people living in the area not to include the people driving thru this street. The bike path is located on the housing side which takes a lot of the roadway as it is. We must be alert when we pull out as bike travel both ways all the time. I have lived at 168 Rivers edge since 1975 way before street was renamed Rivers Edge. Then it was North View Dr connecting From North Ave to Plattsburgh Ave. It was then a dirt Road from Forrest ST to Plattsburg Ave. I have the right away from Plattsburg Ave and From Forrest St. At the time I purchased My House People traveled thru here like a ##### So I Blocked it off then I entered from Forrest St. Opening this gate would cause a Night mare for all concerned living here or not. There is no reason to even consider this. Never has been and as far as I can see never will be. I will try my best to attend meeting but may be out of town....Thanks for reading this long NOTE.. I Appreciate Your Time. HOPE YOU AGREE THIS IS A NO NO>>> THANKS BOB AND TERRY PAYNE 168 Rivers Edge Drive End house near the Gate

Norm Baldwin

From: Richard Dube <dmc36@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2016 1:12 PM
To: Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; Joan Shannon; cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov; lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov; Martin Lee
Subject: Petition to Open the Locked Gate at end of River's Edge Drive

Ladies/gentlemen,

My wife and I reside at 96 Northview Drive located near the locked gate. We are both adamantly opposed to the gate being permanently open. Opening the gate would create a tremendous increase in traffic on Forest St, Northview Drive and River's Edge Drive creating a dangerous situation for the large number of children and seniors living in our neighborhood.

What disturbs us is that the request has been initiated by people who do not live in our neighborhood, but rather live in North Shore west of North Avenue and for no apparent safety reason but for their convenience in an attempt to access Plattsburgh Avenue quicker by avoiding the traffic light at the junction of North Ave and Plattsburgh Ave.

The proponents have tried to make a case that the gate should be left open so that in the event of a major disaster they would have an alternate exit through River's Edge Drive. First, there is no history of any disasters to believe the likelihood of such an event occurring in the foreseeable future, and, if for some reason, a disastrous event should occur, not only does the Fire Dept and Police Dept have a key to unlock the gate, but a neighbor abutting the gate has pliers strong enough to cut the chain and lock should that ever be necessary.

We simply do not see any valid reason why the residence of our neighborhood should give up the peace and quiet we enjoy just because certain residents of Northshore want to access Plattsburg Ave quicker who are in fact using the potential of an unlikely future disaster as a ruse (mask) for their real motives.

We are confident that each of you will see what is really happening here and reject the petition to open the gate at your commission meeting on 12/7/16.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard and Sherrie Lee Dube



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Norm Baldwin

From: Chapin Spencer
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 10:37 AM
To: Karen Rowell; Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; ishannon@burlingtonvt.gov; Laura Wheelock; Martin Lee; Kurt Wright; Dave Hartnett; Joan Shannon
Subject: RE: Rivers Edge Gate 2ND REQUEST

Hello Karen,

Thank you for your email regarding the Rivers Edge Drive gate. Our apologies if we had not yet replied to your first email. City Engineer Norm Baldwin and I were taking turns replying to these emails over the Thanksgiving week.

Yes, the City Engineer did state that the requestor would need a petition demonstrating at least 30% of those directly impacted to support further study of opening the gate. That remains the Department of Public Works' position. The department received a petition from the requestor and we have been reviewing the petition to see if it meets the threshold. As you likely know, we also have received a petition in opposition to opening the gate. The City Engineer is preparing his response today and it is our aim to have this document ready tomorrow (Tuesday) for public circulation.

Your email will also be shared with the Transportation Energy and Utilities Committee (TEUC) of the City Council. The TEUC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 7th at 5:00 pm in the front conference room at our Offices at 645 Pine Street. As mentioned above, Public Works staff will publicly circulate our recommendation in advance of the TEUC meeting and you are welcome to submit additional written comments if desired. The public input has been helpful in our review of this issue.

If there are any further questions you are welcome to give me a call.

Best,
Chapin

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Subject: Re: Rivers Edge Gate 2ND REQUEST

Please advise. See below - Seeing the DPW is renegeing on it's former criteria we need to know the new criteria before the December 7th meeting.

From: Karen Rowell <karenburlington@yahoo.com>

To: "nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov" <nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov>; "mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov" <mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov>; "ishannon@burlingtonvt.gov" <ishannon@burlingtonvt.gov>; "cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov" <cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov>; "lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov" <lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov>; "mlee@burlingtonvt.gov" <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>; Kurt Wright <kwright@burlingtonvt.gov>; Dave Hartnett <davehartnett1@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 1:23 PM

Subject: Rivers Edge Gate

To those concerned: (I've blind copied a group)

The woman who started the push to open the gate recently moved here from out of state and begin this movement with a made up story. The lie is that if there was a catastrophe we could not get out. Contrary to this story - both the police and fire departments have a key to the gate. Also if this nonexistent catastrophe were to happen, which it never will, the road to Rivers Edge would fill up and the backup would be at the opening Plattsburg Ave. It does not bring an additional egress, just cars waiting in a different area. In addition, the person who lives on the corner near the gate has a set of bolt cutters which would quickly open the gate if it was ever needed, which it never will.

I find it interesting that this person has chosen to purchase her home in a community, Northshore, which, much like Rivers Edge, has very little traffic due to it's lay out and design. I imagine the lack of traffic was one of the larger reasons why she purchased her home as it was for those in Rivers Edge and the surrounding area. It is beyond selfish to me for her - and those in her community that have signed on with her - to then go to another community who has also chosen their homes for the same reason she did and move to take away this benefit that she enjoys from her neighbors. I would never ever do that to my neighbors.

How would this person like it if we organized a "drive through" which would consist of all of the folks on the streets by the gate to go over and drive right by her house in Northshore every morning and night and throughout the day, each time we leave our homes, in her "low traffic" development?

I am so sick of people getting to move here, decide they are smarter than all of their neighbors, make up a lie to get what they want, and RUIN the nice neighborhood made up of people who signed on for the current traffic pattern and community design that they themselves get to continue to enjoy.

If a person moves here and embraces Vermont for the special place (it was), then they are welcome with open arms - and we in turn embrace the new ideas they bring to enhance the surroundings. However, if they come and selfishly change surrounding neighborhoods in a negative way to suit their wants, not needs. Or if they try to make Vermont more like where they came from - then I can honestly say I wish they would please just move back where they came from and leave us alone and as far as I'm concerned they are not welcome here. I like my neighborhood, that is why I purchased my home here. Why does this group get to come along and drastically change our neighborhood in a negative way and have absolutely nothing happen to theirs when they were obviously seeking and have received what they are setting out to destroy for us?

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Please advise.

I'd like to add, I wish you who have the power to make this happen or not happen would take a moment to consider how you would feel if someone did this to your home and community when once again, it is completely unnecessary. Please do the right thing.

Karen L. Rowell
98 Northview Drive

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98 Northview Drive

Norm Baldwin

From: Laura Wheelock
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To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: River's Edge Gate

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Subject: River's Edge Gate

Dear Commissioners, My family of four have live on Northview Dr near the gate since 1994. We live across from th floods with every rain, which necessitates my husband Dave to go out and rake open paths for drainage. This happer seen a moderate amount of erosion as well over the years that concerns us.

If the gate is open for the simple driving convenience of others, you will have more erosion of the road and bank plowing and sanding. We still have 2 weak eroding spots on our road that are getting worse at this time. We also hav which would make it unsafe for children and adults alike walking home from the bus. Right now the traffic is minin accommodate all pedestrians, bikers, and dogs.

It is just unnecessary to disrupt this quiet neighborhood of diverse families on either side of the gate.

We all take care of our properties, many with front yard gardens. During every season young families walk our road work on our home fronts. We have never had a problem going the extra 1/4 mile to get to Plattsburgh Ave and the B

I have no doubt that if an emergency arose, a simple truck could break through that gate. Hopefully, that day will : company to respond would be fine as well.

I will be out of town the day of the meeting. I hope you will decide to keep the gate locked .
In community, Donna

Donna Powell, ND LAc

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Medical Director
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Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 8:51 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: Oopening the gate on Rivers Edge Dr., 12/7/16

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From: Sally Ballin [mailto:sallyballin@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 10:14 PM
To: Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
Subject: Oopening the gate on Rivers Edge Dr., 12/7/16

Dear Mr. Lee,

I live in the Rivers Edge development, one of the neighborhoods that will experience a huge impact from traffic short-cutting from the North Shore development to the Beltline.

The connecting road from the "gate" to Plattsburg Avenue, Rivers Edge Drive, is not designed for high-volume traffic. It's a fairly narrow 15-MPH road, with parking along one side and the bike path along the other side.

Frequently, kids on bikes, dog walkers, and others walk in the street because the sidewalks are narrow. Their safety would be constantly endangered by cars racing thru the development. I say 'racing' because occasionally cars do speed through when a driver is not aware of the barrier., whipping around a blind corner, which could have deadly results. People who are not residents here are not aware of kids in the street and do not respect the speed limit.

Furthermore, the additional traffic noise would diminish the peace and tranquility of our neighborhood and, hence, our quality of life. Stress from increased traffic and increased air pollution would contribute negatively, as well. Potentially, traffic could be backed up at the Plattsburg Avenue light, preventing residents from getting out of their driveways. An NPR report a few months ago described this very situation, caused when a new phone app informed commuters of ways to avoid traffic delays in Los Angeles--another detrimental impact of a neighborhood becoming a thoroughfare.

Lastly, I believe the petitioner has overstated reasons for removing the gate when it is really a simple matter of personal convenience to find a shortcut to the Beltline and avoid a delay on North Avenue at certain times of the day.

I respectfully request that the petition be denied.
Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

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Subject: River's Edge Drive gate issue = 12/7/16 meeting

Hello Martin Lee,

I am emailing you to express my opinion on this matter since I am not sure if I will be able to be at the 12/7 5p meeting due to work.

I have lived in River's Edge for 22 years and am aware of the streets layout and do not believe it would support through traffic. Since I purchased my unit in 1994, the gate has been locked with the understanding that if there were an emergency, the police and/or fire department could open it up. Overall, this has worked fine in all that time, I think only once have I seen the north end of North Ave closed and that was due to a possible security issue at the school and that was for a limited time. I believe the people that want the gate opened up as a through street are in the minority and not considering the safety of people (including kids) in the neighborhood. Also, on the times we have had to have a fire truck in the area, the street layout seems somewhat "tight" for them. If you open it up to through traffic, that will have all size vehicles, large and small and again, it would be a problem. Another issue is winter plowing, the city usually does one sweep through (and not until later in the day) but the association has a person plow to make it better/passable. The one sweep that the city does it not a good enough job for more traffic that would be incurred if the gate is opened.

The increased speed, especially around the many sharp corners would be an issue as well as the width of the street being a problem. On one side you have parking and the other side, you have a bike lane, not enough room for 2 way traffic safely.

I strongly oppose opening up the gate and wanted my opinion heard/noted. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about this matter.

Thank you,
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From: Almir konjuhovac [mailto:konjuha1@bsdvt.org]
Sent: Sunday, November 20, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
Subject: Regarding the Gate

Hello Martin, I am writing to you concerning the gate, and I am sure many others are writing to you as well, as a concerned father, and resident of this quiet, tight knit neighborhood, I just want to express that, that would very much effect us in a negative way, not only would opening the gate inevitably increase automobile traffic, it would increase the amount of noise there is, already having been through problems with the bus route, noise in a small neighborhood like this echoes, and we can all hear it from a distance. Also, it would most certainly effect me personally, having a 5 year old daughter, knowing I can trust the neighborhood I'm in, makes life a lot easier and less stressful, the last thing this neighborhood needs is people driving fast and unsafely, and us having to worry about it so close to our homes. Thank you for taking the time in reading this email. Please note that this communication and any response to it will be maintained as a public record and may be subject to disclosure under the Vermont Public Records Act.

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Subject: River's Edge Drive

River's Edge is a pleasant community of neighbors. Our children play on the grounds, our pets go outside to enjoy the sunshine and roam around. We garden in our yards and invite neighbors over for backyard parties. We can do these things because we have a very low traffic volume and in part, because we know each other. We've all bought in to this lifestyle when we moved here. We like living here. It's nice here.

When I bought my condo, there was never any mention of opening the locked gate at the end of River's Edge Drive. Why would I, or anyone, want to live off a traffic cut through road? It was a selling point that the gate would remain locked and River's Edge Drive would be closed to outside traffic.

If it's a matter of emergency access to other neighborhoods, that chain and lock can be removed with a bolt cutter. I wouldn't want to stand in the way of a life or death emergency, but why now? What's the emergency threat you envision as public officials? What emergency situation has happened that our quiet community stands in the way of? How can you even consider altering the character of our neighborhood to bring in more traffic? Don't forget about a lowering of resale values of our condominiums (and don't think that's not going to happen). Opening access of River's Edge to outside traffic would change the peaceful character of our homesite.

I've sunk a huge portion of my money into the buying, maintaining and tax paying of my condominium. I've done this because my home in River's Edge community is a pleasant, safe, orderly and quiet neighborhood. I don't want it ruined by allowing cut through traffic, more traffic danger for our pets and ourselves, and a reduction of our property values.

Why should the City want to ruin our quiet, safe and peaceful neighborhood to accommodate more traffic, more noise and less safety?

There are plenty of other streets you can open up to outside traffic. Have you even proven that this action is needed for the betterment of the City of Burlington? Please make a different plan. Do not open the locked gate at the end of River's Edge!

Terri Agnelli
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Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: Rivers Edge Dr. Gate

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mlee@burlingtonvt.gov

From: Pat & Nick Branch [mailto:patnickbranch@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
Subject: Rivers Edge Dr. Gate

Hi Martin,

The reasons for leaving this gate closed are overwhelming:

The road is not up to code and would cost the city many dollars to rectify this.

Proponents argue it is needed for safety egress, yet the fire/rescue folks state it is unnecessary to have the gate unlocked and they have the means for getting through if necessary.

The road was never INTENDED to be open in the first place.

Opening the gate would expose the MANY young children who play outside to significant risk of injury as the curves in the road have poor or non-existent sight lines.

Please note that for every opponent who is able to attend the 12/7 meeting there will be many young working families who cannot due to the difficult time of day. Many of the proponents of opening the gate are older without young children and will more easily be able to attend.

Please leave it closed.

Thanks,

Nick Branch

7 Borestone Lane

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Norm Baldwin

From: doctordonna1@juno.com
Sent: Saturday, November 26, 2016 6:36 PM
To: Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; Martin Lee
Subject: River's Edge Gate

Dear Commissioners, My family of four have live on Northview Dr near the gate since 1994. We live across from the bank of the Winooski River. Our street floods with every rain, which necessitates my husband Dave to go out and rake open paths for drainage. This happens every season of the year. The bank has seen a moderate amount of erosion as well over the years that concerns us.

If the gate is open for the simple driving convenience of others, you will have more erosion of the road and bank with an increased volume of traffic, plowing and sanding. We still have 2 weak eroding spots on our road that are getting worse at this time. We also have a dark road at night with no sidewalks which would make it unsafe for children and adults alike walking home from the bus. Right now the traffic is minimal and shoulder wide enough to accommodate all pedestrians, bikers, and dogs.

It is just unnecessary to disrupt this quiet neighborhood of diverse families on either side of the gate. We all take care of our properties, many with front yard gardens. During every season young families walk our road with their children and stop to chat as we work on our home fronts. We have never had a problem going the extra 1/4 mile to get to Plattsburgh Ave and the Beltline via North Ave.

I have no doubt that if an emergency arose, a simple truck could break through that gate. Hopefully, that day will never come. Waiting for the police or fire company to respond would be fine as well.

I will be out of town the day of the meeting. I hope you will decide to keep the gate locked .
In community, Donna

Donna Powell, ND LAc
33 Main St
Burlington, VT 05401
802-863-7099

Medical Director
Living Well Group

Norm Baldwin

From: Martin Lee
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 9:10 AM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: River's Edge Gate Phone Messages

Hi Norm,

Over the last week I have received 3 phone messages from folks regarding the River's Edge Gate:

- Roger Pellerin at 102 Northview Drive is against opening the gate and he did not leave a phone number
- Ann Harrington at 3 Borestone Lane is against opening the gate because it would be dangerous. Her number is 802-373-4262 and I will give her a call to let her know that she can send written comments to your email address and that she is welcome to attend the TEUC meeting.
- Someone who lives at the end of Forrest Street left a message that they are against opening the gate.

Martin

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Norm Baldwin

From: Chapin Spencer
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 11:52 AM
To: Diane Morris
Cc: 'Morris, Diane'; Laura Wheelock; Martin Lee; Norm Baldwin
Subject: RE: River's Edge Drive gate issue = 12/7/16 meeting

Hello Diane:

Thank you for your email regarding the Rivers Edge Drive Gate. Your email will be shared with the Transportation Energy and Utilities Committee (TEUC) of the City Council.

I understand you may not be able to attend the upcoming meeting of the TEUC scheduled for Wednesday December 7th at 5:00 pm in the front conference room at our Offices at 645 Pine Street. Public Works staff will publicly circulate our recommendation in advance of the TEUC meeting and you are welcome to submit additional written comments if desired. The public input has been helpful in our review of this issue.

If there are any further questions you are welcome to give me a call.

Best,
Chapin

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From: Diane Morris [mailto:dmorris@dt.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 3:06 PM
To: Chapin Spencer <cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov>
Cc: 'Morris, Diane' <dineymorris@comcast.net>
Subject: River's Edge Drive gate issue = 12/7/16 meeting

Hello Chapin Spencer,

I am emailing you to express my opinion on this matter since I am not sure if I will be able to be at the 12/7 5p meeting due to work.

I have lived in River's Edge for 22 years and am aware of the streets layout and do not believe it would support through traffic. Since I purchased my unit in 1994, the gate has been locked with the understanding that if there were an emergency, the police and/or fire department could open it up. Overall, this has worked fine in all that time, I think only once have I seen the north end of North Ave closed and that was due to a possible security issue at the school and that was for a limited time. I believe the people that want the gate opened up as a through street are in the minority and not considering the safety of people (including kids) in the neighborhood. Also, on the times we have had to have a fire truck in the area, the street layout seems somewhat "tight" for them. If you open it up to through traffic, that will have all size vehicles, large and small and again, it would be a

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The increased speed, especially around the many sharp corners would be an issue as well as the width of the street being a problem. On one side you have parking and the other side, you have a bike lane, not enough room for 2 way traffic safely.

I strongly oppose opening up the gate and wanted my opinion heard/noted. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about this matter.

Thank you,
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Norm Baldwin

From: Chapin Spencer
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 11:49 AM
To: Bill LaMothe; Norm Baldwin; Maxwell Tracy; Joan Shannon; Laura Wheelock; Martin Lee
Cc: Jeany LaMothe
Subject: RE: Gate at end of River's Edge Drive

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From: Bill LaMothe [mailto:bill.lamothe@asicnorth.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2016 6:22 AM
To: Norm Baldwin <nbaldwin@burlingtonvt.gov>; Maxwell Tracy <mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov>; Joan Shannon <jshannon@burlingtonvt.gov>; Chapin Spencer <cspencer@burlingtonvt.gov>; Laura Wheelock <lwheelock@burlingtonvt.gov>; Martin Lee <mlee@burlingtonvt.gov>
Cc: Jeany LaMothe <jsoulsamothe@gmail.com>
Subject: Gate at end of River's Edge Drive

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

My name is William LaMothe and I live at 22 Borestone Lane in the River's Edge Condo Association. I would like to express my view that the Gate at end of River's Edge Drive should NOT be opened to public travel.

- 1) The condo association is a private entity and the road is a private road, the maintenance of which is paid for by the association dues of us, the members of the River's Edge Condo Association.
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Sincerely,
William T. LaMothe
22 Borestone Lane
Burlington, VT

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Laura Wheelock

From: Sally Ballin <sallyballin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 10:14 PM
To: Laura Wheelock
Subject: Opening the gate on Rivers Edge Drive, 12/7/16

Dear Ms. Wheelock,

I live in the Rivers Edge development, one of the neighborhoods that will experience a huge impact from traffic short-cutting from the North Shore development to the Beltline.

The connecting road from the "gate" to Plattsburg Avenue, Rivers Edge Drive, is not designed for high-volume traffic. It's a fairly narrow 15-MPH road, with parking along one side and the bike path along the other side.

Frequently, kids on bikes, dog walkers, and others walk in the street because the sidewalks are narrow. Their safety would be constantly endangered by cars racing thru the development. I say 'racing' because occasionally cars do speed through when a driver is not aware of the barrier., whipping around a blind corner, which could have deadly results. People who are not residents here are not aware of kids in the street and do not respect the speed limit.

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I respectfully request that the petition be denied.
Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

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Norm Baldwin

From: Sally Ballin <sallyballin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 10:10 PM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: Petition to open gate on Rivers Edge Drive, 12/7/16

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Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 3:06 PM
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Thank you,
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Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:52 AM
To: 'patnickbranch@gmail.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Nick,

Thank you for your email regarding the Rivers Edge Drive Gate.

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If there are any further questions you are welcome to give me a call.

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Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:49 AM
To: 'amanda.siegel@gmail.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
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Norm Baldwin

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Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:48 AM
To: 'ctdion@yahoo.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
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Chris & Tony,

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Norm Baldwin

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Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:47 AM
To: 'tagnelli@gmail.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Terri,

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Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:45 AM
To: 'konjuhal@bsdvt.org'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Almir,

Thank you for your email regarding the Rivers Edge Drive Gate.

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Norm Baldwin

From: Norm Baldwin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:41 AM
To: 'cheechkehoe@comcast.net'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
Subject: Upcoming Dec. 7 TEUC Meeting-Rivers Edge Drive Gate

Stephanie and Cheech Kehoe,

Thank you for your email regarding the Rivers Edge Drive Gate.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:39 AM
To: 'chrisandmimi@comcast.net'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme; Martin Lee
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Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 2:36 AM
To: 'maykjar9@msn.com'
Cc: Chapin Spencer; Valerie Ducharme
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Jennifer,

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Norm Baldwin

From: Laura Wheelock
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 4:46 PM
To: Norm Baldwin
Subject: FW: Rivers Edge Dr. Gate

Here is another one.

*Laura K. Wheelock P.E.
Public Works Engineer*

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Subject: Rivers Edge Dr. Gate

Hi Laura,

The reasons for leaving this gate closed are overwhelming:

The road is not up to code and would cost the city many dollars to rectify this.

Proponents argue it is needed for safety egress, yet the fire/rescue folks state it is unnecessary to have the gate unlocked and they have the means for getting through if necessary.

The road was never INTENDED to be open in the first place.

Opening the gate would expose the MANY young children who play outside to significant risk of injury as the curves in the road have poor or non existent site lines.

Please note that for every opponent who is able to attend the 12/7 meeting there will be many young working families who cannot due to the difficult time of day. Many of the proponents of opening the gate are older without young children and will more easy be able to attend.

Please leave it closed.

Thanks,
Nick Branch
7 Borestone Lane

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