City of Menasha • Department of Public Works

Memorandum

DATE: May 30, 2012

TO: Menasha Board of Public Works

FROM: Mark Radtke, Director of Public Works MR

RE: Request to Eliminate Street Light on Utility Pole #206 on Nicolet Boulevard

A request has been submitted by residents living on Nicolet Boulevard to eliminate a street light on Menasha Utilities Pole #206 on Nicolet Boulevard. Enclosed with this report is a drawing showing the approximate locations of existing street lights along Nicolet Boulevard. Also enclosed are the email records of the original request along with Ald. Klein and my responses.

The street lights in this area on the Menasha side of Nicolet Boulevard have been converted to induction lighting, which is a whiter light than the high pressure sodium lighting that existed prior to the conversion. Reviewing the street light locations on the Menasha side of this corridor, there is generally one light at each intersection and one at mid block between intersections, with the exception being no light between Nassau Street and Pine Street.

In 2005 or 2006, the City considered removal of a number of street lights as a cost reduction measure. The mid block lights along the north side of Nicolet Boulevard were identified for possible elimination but that did not occur. To remove just the one light on Pole #206 would create an inconsistent street light spacing along Nicolet Boulevard. To relocate the light to the pole to the west could result in those residents making the same complaint regarding the brightness of the light, so I don't condone that action. There is no way to effectively block the light at the fixture.

Because we originally earmarked this light for removal in 2005 or 2006, I would not be strongly opposed to its elimination at this time. I don't think it would create a dangerous situation as there are other locations in the City with a light spacing that would be approximately the same as the spacing if this light were removed. Elimination of just this light would result in non-uniform light spacing, however. The City's annual cost for each 80 watt induction street light is approximately $70.

Enclosures

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Mark Radtke

From: Chris Klein
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 8:00 AM
To: Mark Radtke
Cc: do.charm.me@att.net
Subject: FW: how to proceed?

Chris Klein
District 1 Alderman
730 Keyes St.
920-740-7641

From: DuCharme Family [do.charm.me@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 10:40 PM
To: Chris Klein
Subject: how to proceed?

Hi Chris... hope all is well!

Well, it's that time again... front porch season:)

If you could, please refresh me on what I need to do to pursue having that streetlight in front of our house extinguished? I have attached 3 pictures for visual aides:)

In looking down the block, it seems Nicolet is normally only lit on the intersections; not mid block; makes the light in front of our house baffling.

Thank you for your assistance in getting me to the right people.
Holli

Intersection of Pine/Nicolet... with the light in front of our house, there are 3 street lights within a small area

A view from our front porch

Intersection of Walnut/Nicolet... one block up from us. There is only a light on the Neenah side of the intersection; Menasha has one, however it hasn't been lit for quite some time.

To: Chris Klein
Subject: RE: how to proceed?

Chris,
I took another look at the light location and I think it is consistent with most of the other lighting in Menasha along Nicolet Boulevard. We could relocate the light to the pole to the west, but who's to say that resident won't similarly be upset with the light? My suggestion is to place this on a future Board of Public Works agenda. Please let me know if that is the direction you'd like to pursue.
Thanks, Mark

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From: Chris Klein
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 1:18 PM
To: Mark Radtke
Subject: FW: FW: how to proceed?

Mark, your thoughts?

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From: The DuCharmes [do.charm.me@att.net]
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 10:18 PM
To: Chris Klein
Subject: Re: FW: how to proceed?

Hi Chris... I see his point as I did take a walk just now and saw lights mid block. The light on Walnut/ Nicolet is burnt out by the way.
Being we sit outside a lot... I can honestly say I have yet to see anyone sit on their front porches at night; barely even during the day... nonetheless. If the light can't t be simply extinguished, I don't feel it right to move it to appease me not wanting a spot light when we enjoy or entertain on our front porch and possibly annoy the other neighbors; I don't believe that would be a fair solution to this issue.
The prospect of it taking up meeting time... I despise meetings for trivial issues; I am sure this would be viewed as trivial by most!? Who would have thought a streetlight would be such a pain in my back.. and yours just because you happened to have sold us our home:)
If if can be extinguished, we (and our neighbor Paul) would be all for it; if not, I don't beleive the other option is a good one.
As always, thanks for trying to help! Stop in if you see us out...
Holli
Sent from my Kindle Fire

From: Chris Klein <cklein@ci.menasha.wi.us>
Sent: Mon May 14 19:28:07 CDT 2012
To: "do.charm.me@att.net" <do.charm.me@att.net>
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Hi, Here si the response from Mark Radtke our DPW Director.

Your thoughts.

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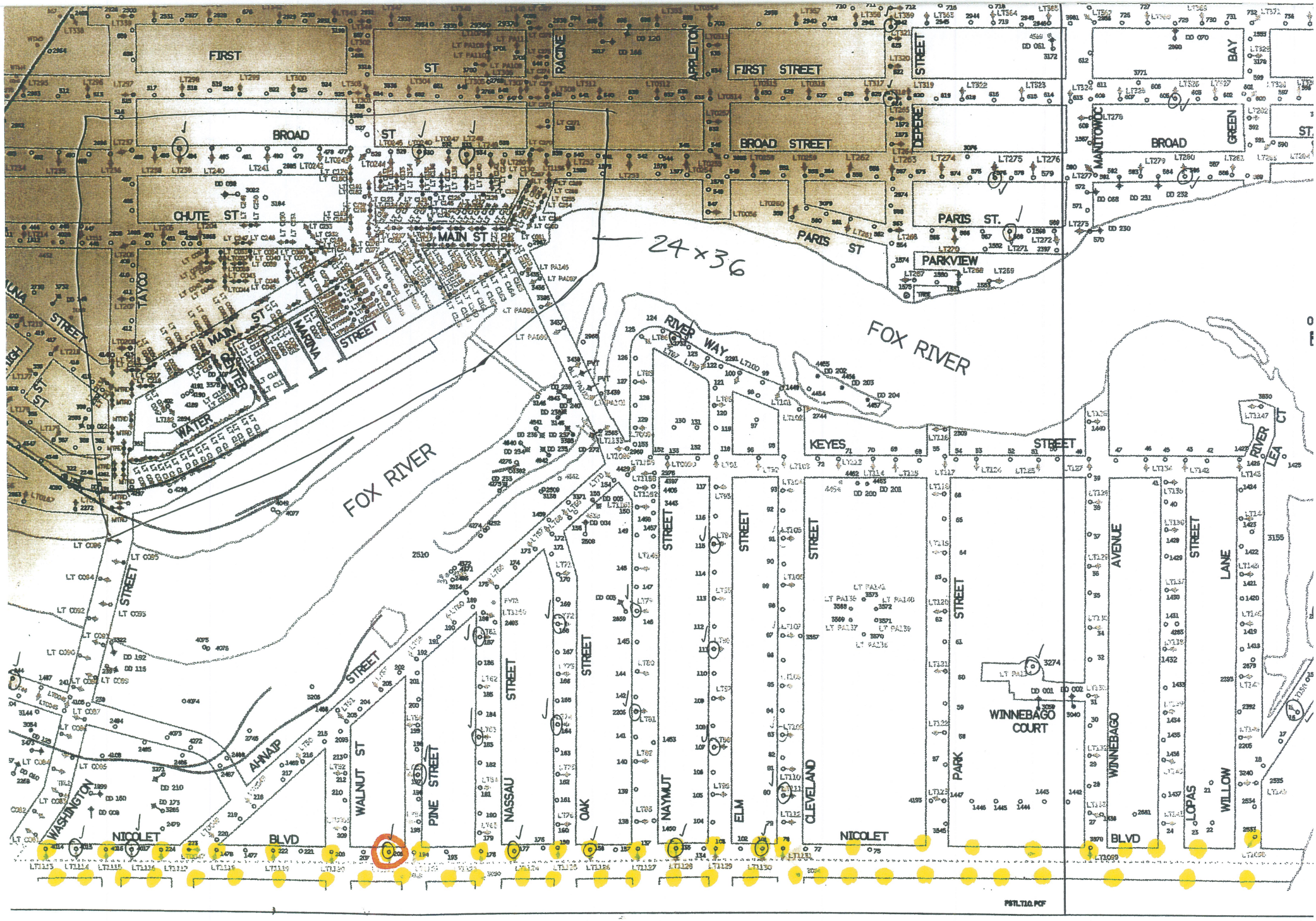
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2012 5:27 PM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