Menasha

Memorandum

DATE: August 15, 2013

TO: Menasha Board of Public Works

FROM: Mark Radtke, Director of Public Works MR

RE: Request to Add a Street Light on Utility Pole at 344 Grandview Avenue

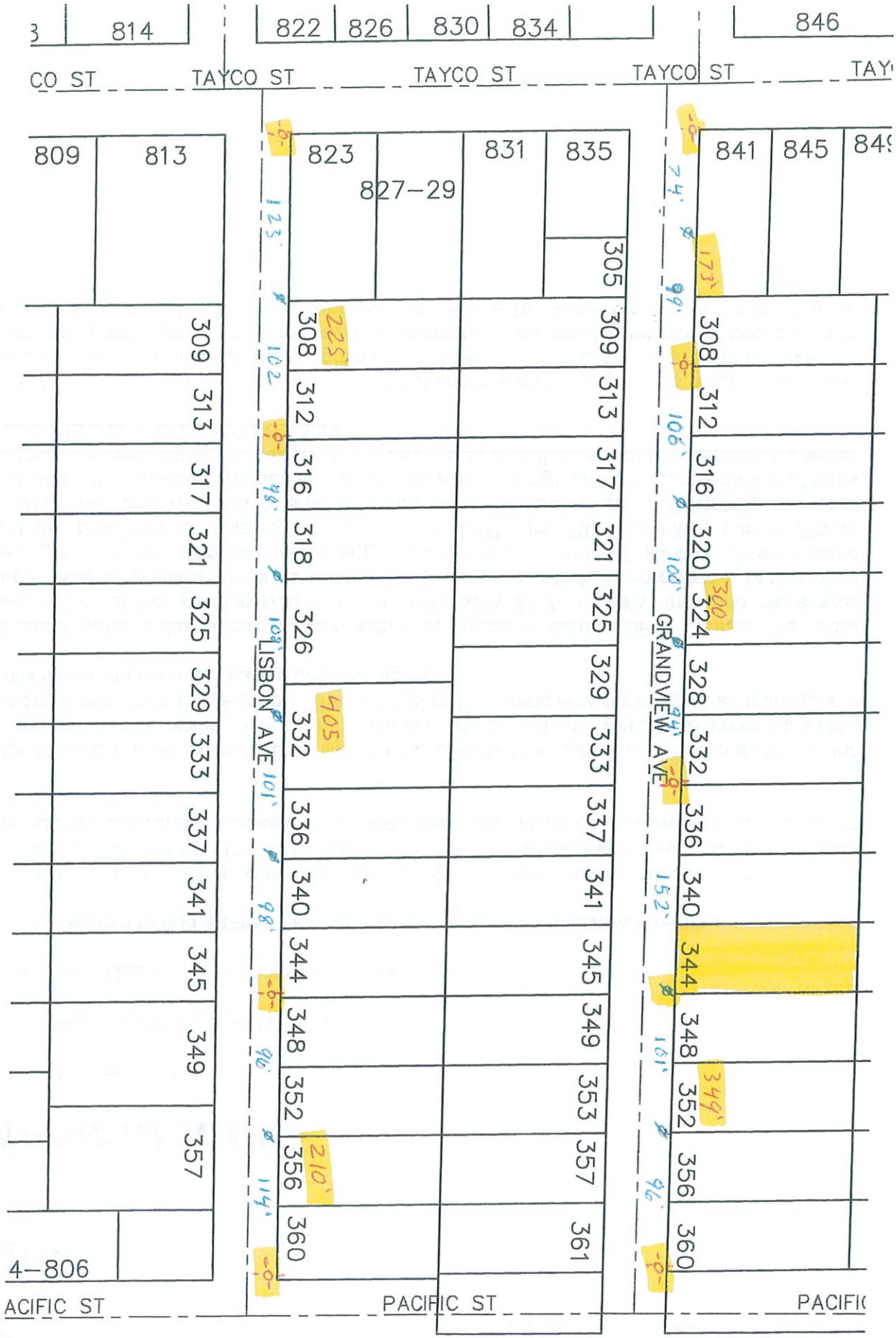
A request has been submitted by a resident at 344 Grandview Avenue to add a street light on the existing utility pole on the north side of the street. Enclosed with this report is a drawing showing the approximate locations of existing street lights along Grandview Avenue and Lisbon Avenue.

In 2007, there was an existing street light on this pole, but the light was removed as part of the citywide street light review. The same situation exists on Lisbon Avenue, the street paralleling Grandview one block to the south. The removal of the Grandview street light has resulted in a slightly larger than normal spacing between lights.

The street lights in this vicinity are 150 watt high pressure sodium (HPS) fixtures. To add a similar fixture at this location would cost approximately $130 annually, including the energy charge. Menasha Utilities is undergoing a PSC rate case, which incorporates a review of all street light rates, including the more energy efficient induction and LED lighting. When I asked about the possibility of installing an induction or LED light, MU Supervisor Lonnie Pichler indicated they have received preliminary rates for the induction and LED lighting, but he is questioning the proposed charges as he feels they are too high and not representative of MU's true costs for those lights. At this point, if a street light is authorized for this location, we would recommend it be a 150 watt HPS fixture.

The Police Department also has included useful information relating to this neighborhood and regarding the importance of street lighting as it relates to crime statistics. I don't think the lighting along this segment of Grandview is inadequate for the existing residential use, but I also would not be opposed to adding a light given the Police Department report of incidents in the area.

Enclosures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-O- = Light Pole
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-----Original Message-----
From: cribbagenut2@gmail.com [mailto:cribbagenut2@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2013 12:33 PM
To: Don Merkes
Subject: Feedback from Web Site: Suggestion

Selected Subject: Suggestion
Name: Judy Pocan
Phone: 920-841-1957
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EmailConfirm: cribbagenut2@gmail.com
Contact Method: Phone
Message: I learned yesterday that we are getting new poles on Grandview Ave. I am requesting a street light on the pole in front of 344 Grandview. Presently, there are poles 4-5 houses away. We used to have a pole in front of the requested address. As a single female, I would feel much more safe. Last year there was vandalism in this area. Thank you for your consideration.
Judy Pocan
Please contact me as soon as possible regarding this matter: Yes

-----Original Message-----
From: Don Merkes
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2013 2:44 PM
To: 'cribbagenut2@gmail.com'
Cc: Mark Radtke
Subject: RE: Streetlight

Judy

I'll forward your request to our Public Works Director for review to see if it meets criteria for additional lighting. Thanks contacting us.

Don

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-----Original Message-----
From: Mark Radtke
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 11:42 AM
To: Tim Styka; Brett Halderson
Subject: FW: Streetlight

Tim/Brett,

We have received a request for a street light at 344 Grandview Drive. The request (see below) mentions vandalism occurring in that area last year. We will be presenting this issue at next Monday's Board of Public Works meeting. As always, we would appreciate any input you might have regarding the street light issue as it relates to safety. This is a street light that had been removed several years ago by the City as part of our citywide street light review. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks, Mark

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From: Brett Halderson
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 1:03 PM
To: Mark Radtke; Tim Styka
Subject: RE: Streetlight

Hi Mark,

I did a quick check of past reports in the 300 block of Grandview and found there were 31 calls since Jan 1, 2011. I estimated that three of those calls involved situations that may not have occurred if the people involved were dissuaded from doing what they did because of extra lighting in the area.

As a general rule, we believe that on-street lighting helps reduce the amount of crime in neighborhoods and assists officers in being more effective in checking those areas.

I have not personally seen how much light gets to the area in front of 344 Grandview Av from the nearest street light.

Brett