

Dave Corliss

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To: dcorliss@ci.lawrence.ks.us
Subject: Normandy Park Homeowners Assoc.

Mr Dave Corliss
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Dear Mr Corliss,

I am writing you on behalf of the Normandy Park group to start a discussion about how we can turn over our private street, Normandy Park, to the city. I have already spoken to Terese Gorman, who recommended that I write to you. The city engineer explained the details about the street, that it needed to be up to standards, specifically its width and the depth of the pavement. The curbing may also be an issue, though our curbs resemble those in our neighborhood and are the same as Williamsburg Place, across Inverness.

My neighbor Harith Hamid and I have been delegated to look into this issue for the association. We are one of the few homeowners' associations in the city responsible for a private street and its maintenance, snow removal etc. Since this association was set up by the original owners at what was then the edge of town, and the developer to solve his zoning issues as we understand it, there has been considerable turnover among the homeowners. Also, recent reassessment of our properties are affected by sales in this wider neighborhood, and these higher values have naturally prompted the homeowners to ask why we are not on an equal footing with all our neighbors with respect to city services. We intend to remain a homeowners' association because we have many common issues-- the islands and their landscaping, the sprinkler system, our fences and trees etc. But the curbing off Inverness, which we think is already the city's, is beginning to deteriorate, and before we make any more repairs to areas of our responsibility, we thought it best to talk to the city about taking over the street. The city engineer said she would take a look at Normandy Park the next time she was in the area. After this happens, and after you have a chance to consider all this, Harry and I would like to make an appointment to come and see you about this issue. There is no big rush about this; the street is fine now. But we see no point in spending any of our money on repairs that would not be what the city wanted should it ever take over this street. So, what we are really hoping to discuss is the city's eventual terms for this takeover.

Thanks for your time. Sincerely, Steven Epstein 4800 Normandy Park