

Jon Maginot

From: Stephen Picetti
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 2:21 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Fw: Storm Drain Master Plan for Milverton Road

I sent this letter to Ms. Chan last night and now to you today.

On Monday, February 8, 2016 7:29 PM, Stephen Picetti > wrote:

City Council,

I wish to express my opinion on the "Storm Drain Master Plan" matter, since I won't be able to attend the meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

I live at 640 Milverton Road, next door to Roger and Kathleen Heyder. Also, next to where the water collects in the form of a puddle. It is in front of their house and does not affect me or my house. Roger and Kathleen have lived here for twenty years. My step-father and my mom,(both deceased), and now myself have lived here in this house for nearly 50 years at one time or another. I can not recall of a time that has caused my parents or myself to be inconvenienced or threatened by flooding waters.

At times, I must admit, it has overflowed past the crest onto the other side of the street, but no measures have taken place on the part of the neighbors that live there. So, it must of not be of a big concern. The construction taking place at 643 Milverton Road is for a new house and the new owners,Phil and Kelly, are probably aware and most likely will deal with this water issue accordingly.

The point of all this is: That it's not worth all that money, and mess of the street being dug up.

The only thing I can see, are the speeding cars splashing through it, (they shouldn't be speeding down a residential street in the first place).

Thanks, Stephen Picetti

Jon Maginot

From: Flora Azimi
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 8:47 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Marcia Somers; Susanna Chan; Christopher Lamm
Subject: Los Altos Council 2/9/16 Study Session Agenda Item 1, Storm Water Master Plan

Dear Council Members,

My name is Flora Azimi and I live on 651 Milverton Road. My house is the oldest house on the street. Several years ago when one of the neighbors a few doors up from me rebuilt their home, they replaced the gravel pedestrian with asphalt for their house as well as three other houses down the road. As a result during heavy rains all the water from the street would come down to my house, flooding my drive way, garage and the side gates. We don't have a front door and we mostly use the garage and the side gate to leave the house. Additionally, my house sits low and the driveway dips. In order to get the water out the drive way, we removed a few of the breaks in front to divert the water go to the back yard from the opposite side of the driveway. This caused all the dirt from street and the barks in the front yard to be washed out and move to the back yard, leaving us lots of debris and hours of cleanup and cost for clean up.

My neighbors replaced the gravel where the water was draining, and leaving the headache for me for the past 13 years. The house next to me is now being built and I have asked the new owners to not make the front yard higher than it was before the demolition. They have agreed to that, but we yet have to wait and see if that happens.

The water also puddle at the 650 Milverton right in the area where our mail boxes are located. In order to get my mail I have to jump and cross over the water. I am almost 57 years old and a polio survivor (right leg). As I am getting older, my leg is getting weaker and having any small obstacle on my way, make me fall. I have only one leg to do this crossing and it's very difficult for me. I really don't want to have any injuries to my left leg or back at this age.....

Now that the Council is discussing and reviewing the Storm Drain Master Plan, I would like to ask you to please consider my house and my situation and make Milverton to be a priority to be connected to Los Altos drain system.

Please let me know if you need any additional information, inspection of my property, or if you want to meet in person. I really appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Flora Azimi

Jon Maginot

From: Jan Pepper
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2016 2:34 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd: Proposed Storm Water Project on Milverton Road

FYI - more correspondence on the Milverton project

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: BRADEN BECK
Date: February 8, 2016 at 5:36:27 PM PST
To: roger heyder
Cc: Jan Pepper <jpepper@losaltosca.gov>, Susanna Chan <schan@losaltosca.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed Storm Water Project on Milverton Road

Yes Roger, the drains help us but doesn't take care of the lake in front of your house which is a problem for me and maybe drivers that use our street. The mud puddle is also a big eye sore and I take some pride in the way my house and the street in general appears. I also recall when we talked a few months ago that you were complaining about Mohamid's drain water puddling in front of your house and the possible contamination etc. Before you get all worked up over this why don't you take others into consideration or do we matter?

Braden

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 8, 2016, at 4:58 PM, roger heyder wrote:

Hi Braden,

There will be a drain in front of your house and one in front of Flora's (according to Mr. Wing). The two proposed drains on our side of the street should not be relevant to your side except for the puddle issue. There is no buildup / backup of water on Flora's side of the street (it is not backing up the street), so while someone like Jan may have a problem with water blowing up her driveway into her garage, the drain in front of Flora's will do nothing to fix it. The drain will be downhill of her, and be of no benefit. Same thing on the other side of Flora. Unless there is water flowing down from your place into one of the adjacent homes, the drain at Flora's will not help their situation either. There may be water issues, but nobody these drains will help except Flora and you (and Phil and Kelly if they had not already dealt with it). The city engineers can validate or refute my comment - pretty obvious, though.

Regards -- Roger

From: BRADEN BECK
To: Jan Pepper <jpepper@losaltosca.gov>
Cc: roger heyder _____ Susanna Chan <schan@losaltosca.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2016 3:48 PM
Subject: Re: Proposed Storm Water Project on Milverton Road

Dear Jan

Thank you for your response. Yes this is the same project both Roger and I are talking about. In fact this does not just involve two houses. I will be glad to get an actual count of the properties which have been effected by flooding. My main concern is that Milverton Rd remains a priority for a solution to the flooding problems that do occur and during severe weather can cause severe damage. In fact last year during the most extreme rains in Dec of 2014, if I had not cut short my vacation to monitor the flooding which occurred at my property, my pool house/guest house would have flooded. Also because I left the cap off the sewer clean out knowing of impending storms when I left for vacation,leaves clogged my drain. The day I returned during the worst of the storm water backed up into my master shower which would have flooded my bathroom completely causing severe damage. So this is not just about a muddy lake in front of Roger's house but does impact other homes.

The other non functional drain is across the street from my house and does not form a lake because the water drains to my driveway.

Thank you again,

Braden Beck
Sent from my iPad

> On Feb 8, 2016, at 2:54 PM, Jan Pepper <jpepper@losaltosca.gov> wrote:

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> Dear Braden and Roger,

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> I am writing to see if you are talking about the same project, talking about a slightly different project or problem, and whether you both agree about any part of the proposed project on Milverton Road. I am sending you copies of both of your emails, as having written to the city council, your emails are a matter of public record.

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> Thank you both for helping us understand what the best course forward is for this project.

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> Jan Pepper

> Los Altos City Councilmember

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> Braden Beck's email:

> Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2016 9:01 PM

> To:

> City Council

> Cc:

> Susanna Chan; Christopher Lamm; Marcia Somers

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> I am re sending this previous email prior to the Council Study Session on 2/9/2016 Agenda Item 1, Storm Master Plan to be sure all members involved in this meeting know of my concern. My objective is to request that Milverton Rd continues on a high priority basis for future consideration. Most homes on the east side of our street are effected by heavy rains with several having to use sandbags. I'm sure this letter will suffice keep us in the master plan which I know may not be implemented for years down the road.

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> Thank you for your consideration

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> Braden W. Beck

> 691 Milverton Rd

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> Sent from my iPad

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> Begin forwarded message:

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>> From:

>> Date: January 4, 2016 at 11:07:54 AM PST

>> To: "schan@losaltosca.gov" <schan@losaltosca.gov>

>> Cc: "clamm@losaltosca.gov" <clamm@losaltosca.gov>

>> Subject: Storm Drain Master Plan

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>> It has come to my attention that the Los Altos storm drain master plan will be coming up for review soon with regards to the Milverton Rd connection to the Los Altos storm drain system. I live at 691 Milverton Rd across the street from an existing French drain which has not functioned for years. When we get up to one half inch of rain the water from the other side of the street which drains from the whole length on Milverton pours across the street into my driveway. I have installed a drain system which functions fairly well but with heavy rains it gets overloaded and floods my driveway and pours between my garage and the guesthouse then into my pool. The only way to alleviate this is to open a nearby sewer clean out and let the water drain into sewer. I have notified the city several times but this has fallen on deaf ears. The other French drain further up the street is also non functional and creates a large lake in the street during heavy rains. This is a hazard to the traffic as well as a flooding problem for the neighbors across the street.

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>> I would hope that Milverton Rd will continue to be a high priority in the near future for connection to the city storm drain system.

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>> Sincerely yours,

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>> Braden W. Beck

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> Roger Heyder's Email

> Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2016 4:56 PM

> To:

> Susanna Chan

> Cc:

> Christopher Lamm; City Council

> Dear Ms. Chan,

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> I just heard that the Milverton Road project is towards the top of the project list for the Stormwater Master Plan. It is remarkable, and I think fiscally irresponsible, for the city to consider spending the better part of \$500K to prevent a rainwater puddle from building up a couple of times a year. I think that most citizens would react similarly if made aware of the limited merits of this project and the cost. It is difficult to imagine that the city has no better way to utilize the funds.

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> I gather that the EPA associated plan is needed to qualify for grant money. If the city is planning on getting county, state, or federal grants to perform that work, please understand that my taxes also go to provide those funds. The work is no more beneficial or palatable if funded that way, and is certainly not free from the perspective of the taxpayer (me).

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> The project would entail the trenching of the street and drains, which would damage both the street and large tree roots that extend into the street. Past performance shows that the streets would be poorly patched and uneven after the work. Of course the road would be closed or have reduced capacity for some time while the work was being performed - all for a small rainwater puddle.

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> I assume that you have viewed the 'problem area' up by the Beck home, where there is supposed to be another dry well. It is on sloping, higher ground relative to the puddle in front of my home. I have never seen water collect up there, and for that to happen the laws of gravity would have to be violated. So while there may historically have been a dry well up there, I doubt if it ever did much or has any significant activity now. I would guess fixing that would address its historical existence, but have no real practical impact (aside from spending more money).

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> As I mentioned in my previous letter to you, the puddle has been here since the neighborhood was built and is probably no better or worse than it was then. No accidents have been associated with it, no other problems exist that could not be addressed by the slightest effort on the part of the adjacent homeowners. Please put the project off the list, or worst case at the bottom of the list. It just does not make any sense.

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> Thanks and regards - Roger and Kathleen Heyder