

Memorandum

TO: Board of Public Works

FROM: Michael Lewis, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

DATE: June 2, 2016

RE: Communication from the Director of Public Works/City Engineer regarding the retaining wall at 6923 West National Avenue.

The Engineering Division, Mayor and District Aldermen have been going around and around with Ms. Koreen McGough regarding her new retaining. The wall was built during alley reconstruction. According to Chris St. Clair, she keeps changing her mind on what she wants the wall to look like.

This issue is getting out of hand and I am sure everyone involved feels this has taken too much time already. I have attached the latest plan that she agreed to a few weeks back during a meeting with the Mayor and Alderman Vince Vitale, which I understand from Mr. St. Clair that she has changed her mind about already. The bottom line here is that she had a failing wood pole wall before, she has a new one now which cost around \$5,600, of which she is being assessed only \$2,500 per current policy. The additional work will cost another \$1,500 and will actually make the wall less structurally sound for a couple of reasons according to Mr. St. Clair.

If she doesn't sign off on the latest plan, there's nothing more we can do. She can always take the City to court.