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I hereby request to be heard before the City Council
for the meeting of July 7th 1981.

BACKGROUND

The J. Neely Johnson Park is under construction adjacent to the J. Neely Johnson House. The J. Neely Johnson House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, sits atop a 3 foot high earth berm. The symmetry and steep slope of the berm embankments contribute aesthetically to the historic character of the house, as well as providing a degree of privacy and security on the east side facing the park.

PROBLEM

The embankment on the Park side is on city property and has been filled in to

a nearly level slope to allow mowing with tractor powered equipment. The J. Neely Johnson Park should have an unadulterated view of the J. Neely Johnson House by restoring the embankment contours to their steep 1:1 slope.

In addition, a short 3 foot high fence has been installed along the common property line to provide an unobstructed view of the house from the park areas. Combined with a 3 foot high steep embankment, I felt a 3 foot high fence would be adequate for security and privacy. With the raising of Park property to the top of the berm, elimination of the steep embankment has occurred and a questionable situation all along the east face of the house now exists.

SOLUTION

The House and Park can mutually benefit each other by having a common landscape plan for the publicly visible berm areas, and which reduces maintenance costs to an acceptable minimum.

There is approximately 300 square feet of embankment area which could be covered with low growing ground cover such as potentilla. After proper regrading and planting, I would be agreeable to enter into a maintenance contract with the city for the embankment areas, and at no cost.

Sincerely

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