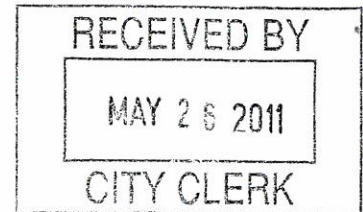


PARKER CIRCLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

590 Parker Circle
Pensacola, Florida 32504

November 8, 2010



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

1. Unkept Promises For many years, the residents who live along Burgess Road east of Davis Highway as well as in the surrounding neighborhoods have contacted both City of Pensacola and Escambia County officials about the need for improvement of Burgess Road from Davis Highway east to Lanier Drive.

At one time a formal petition was submitted that was signed by all but one property owner along this length of Burgess Road. The petition was ignored. A copy of this petition may still be in the files of the Department of Public Works. In the past, many City and County officials have verbally acknowledged the need for improvements and have promised to work for those improvements, but they have done nothing. A recent list of paving projects for the City of Pensacola linked to the *Pensacola News Journal* did not even include the re-paving of Burgess Road much less its overall improvement.

2. The Parker Circle Neighborhood Association The Parker Circle Neighborhood Association was formed under the guidance of the Community Development Department of the City of Pensacola to work for the improvement of Pensacola neighborhoods. Part of the section of Burgess Road east of Davis Highway lies within the boundaries of The Parker Circle Neighborhood Association. More importantly, everyone in the Parker Circle Neighborhood Association area **must** use Burgess Road multiple times daily because Burgess Road is the **only** access to every home in our neighborhood.

This year the Association agreed to once again make a united and concerted effort to implore the proper officials, whether City or County or both, to pledge action on the needed improvements. Now that the November 2010 election is completed, we are appealing to you to whom this letter is addressed since you are familiar with Burgess Road and have pledged the improvement of our City and County.

When Davis Highway was improved, one block of Burgess Road between Davis Highway and Sewell Street was also improved under that project. The roadway was widened, and curbs,

gutters, and sidewalks were installed. These improvements are a model for the improvement of the rest of Burgess Road. The Davis Highway to Sewell Street improvements should be extended to Lanier Drive.

3. Burgess Road is Dangerous Burgess Road is a very busy corridor. Many drivers use it to bypass the congestion and traffic signals at Davis Highway and Creighton Road. The City Police must regularly use radar along Burgess Road to control the speeding traffic, and we notice that in the past few days new 30 miles per hour speed limit signs have been posted. Burgess Road is dangerous not only for automobile traffic, but also it is particularly dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. The paved roadway is very narrow and is too narrow to safely ride a bicycle or to safely walk along.

Burgess Road east of Sewell Street has no sidewalks. Since there are no sidewalks, children on their way to and from Holm Elementary School, Workman Middle School, and Washington High School stay off Burgess Road and walk through the neighborhood streets. However, to do this the students must trespass across private property through dense, secluded, and undeveloped wooded areas which may be more dangerous for their personal safety than Burgess Road itself because of the possibility of predators. Those same wooded areas were the site of two assaults and armed robberies in recent months.

Without sidewalks, Burgess Road is so dangerous that parents and guardians regularly meet both the public school, private school, and special needs school buses to ensure the children's safety. Not only is Burgess Road dangerous for children, but also, without sidewalks, senior citizens, handicapped persons, and all other pedestrians cannot negotiate the ditches, culverts, driveways, and other hazards along the present roadway.

4. The Sanders Street Intersection Sanders Street carries a considerable amount of traffic as a connection between Creighton Road and Langley Avenue. The intersection of Burgess Road and Sanders Street is particularly difficult to negotiate and has been the scene of frequent collisions, injuries, and at least one fatality. The drainage is poor, the roadway is crumbling and often patched, and the stop signs are often ignored. Neighborhood residents have observed two serious accidents with overturned vehicles at the intersection in the last few weeks.

5. The Challenge The Parker Circle Neighborhood Association challenges every person who receives this letter to park his or her automobile at the What-a-Burger or the SunTrust Bank on the corner of Davis Highway and join me or other members of the Association in walking the length of Burgess Road from Davis Highway to Lanier Drive at any time of day or night. When you do this, you will experience for yourself the difficulty of movement, access, and the physical danger from both the road traffic and the hazardous terrain.

6. Jurisdiction Problems The members of the Association believe that one reason for the lack of action on the improvement of Burgess Road has been the long-standing jurisdictional "buck-passing" between the City of Pensacola and Escambia County. The portion of Burgess Road

from Davis Highway to Sanders Street is in the City, and the portion of Burgess Road from Sanders Street to Lanier Drive is in the County.

Right now would be a good time for governmental officials to work together and to act to overcome the years of neglecting to improve Burgess Road. A Burgess Road Improvement Project would be an ideal opportunity for both the City and the County to cooperate and show that they can work together both to improve our community and protect the citizens.

The Association is now collecting signatures of citizens who live along Burgess Road and in the surrounding neighborhoods which will be presented to you when our survey is complete. These citizens support the improvement of Burgess Road including widening the roadway and the laying of sidewalks along with whatever drainage conditions such improvements will require.

Sincerely yours,

The Parker Circle Neighborhood Association

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PETITION CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF BURGESS ROAD

I/We support the Parker Circle Neighborhood Association's petition to improve Burgess Road as outlined in the letter to City of Pensacola and Escambia County officials, dated November 8, 2010.

NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	DATE
Shirley A. Spaulding	623 Barber Cir	476-3348	4-12-11
Henry C. Sanders	1130 E. Burgess Rd.	232-8345	4-12-11
Forlye Wilson	1252 E. Burgess Rd	328412	4-12-11
Barbara Thompson	1450 E. Burgess Rd	232-2728	4-12-11
Bill Thompson	1450 E. Burgess Rd	232-2728	4-12-11
Barbara Mayall	3011 Windermere Dr.	433-7025	4-12-11
MARK D. WEISS	920 E. BURGESS RD	494-2981	4-12-11
WALTER K. RUTLEDGE	6561 CUMPER ST.		
Rutha Webb Johnson	520 Barber Dr.	491-1965	4/12/11
Elaine Badger	613 Barber Dr.	474-2641	4/12/11
Rahel Melomile	1700 E. Burgess Rd	478-3556	4/12/11
LISA C. Queen	5927 Sanders Ave	291-8927	05/12/11
BRIAN RALPH	6490 MARIE ALLEY	475-0723	4/12/11
STEVE HAYES	1118 W. ENOLA ST	476-4444	4/12/11
Shirley Bailey	5934 Sanders Ave	476-3395	4/12/11

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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	DATE
Kim & DJ Harder	5924 Sewell St.	712-8654	4-12-11
Dick Bailey	5924 Sanders	476-3395	4-18-11
Carl Mook	600 Parker Circle	850-221-2833	4-12-11
David Gailey	1122 Vernon		
Wm & Irene Whitmore	968 E. Burgess Rd	474-1069	
Richard Wilson	6010 Sanders St	494-0773	
Ann Earned	6527 Jay St	748-3832	4-12
Leopold Perez	6527 Jay St	288-1599	4-12
Theresa Dwyer	6510 Allynway 32504	497-1311	4-12-11
*Ruth & Richard	5902 Aurora St. 32504	476-6406	4-12-11
KAREN FOY	1504 E Burgess Rd	450-1814	4/12/11
BRIAN JOHNSON	511 PARKER DR	474-0813	4/12/11
EVELYN JOHNSON	511 PARKER DR	474-0813	4/12/11

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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	DATE
Francis E. Talma	6528 Joy St.	477-2267	4/12/11
Camille Collins	5901 Sewell St.	484-7720	4/12/11
Lyne Lerner	5903 Sewell St	712-8161	4-12-11
Raymond McBurn	5915 Sewell St	477-7800	4-12-11
Therese B. Long	1018 E. Burgess Rd	477-3932	4-12-11
Thomas B. Long	1018 E Burgess Rd		
Alvise Mack	121 Margo St.	438-0246	4-12-11
Monette Chandler	5830 Sanders Ave	514-3863	4/12/11
Mary Adler	6500 Chapel St.	477-3800	4/12/11
Kathy Reed	6035 Parker Cir	475-1634	4/12/11
Mildred Thompson	1706 John Canale Dr.	479-2555	"
Bridley Blount	1735 E. Burgess Rd	477-5718	"
Freda Reid Rose	6025 Parker Cir	475-1634	"
Leon & Mariella Novcross	5837 Sanders St	478-9149	"

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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	DATE
Betty Parker	5922 Sewell St	476-5211	12/17/10
Patricia Williams	5915 Sewell St	477-7800	12/17/10
Raymond F. Williams	5915 Sewell St.	477-7800	12/17/10
Mariesha Woodstock	5910 Sewell St -	476-4034	12/26/10
James T. Smith	5911 N Sewell	324-0600	12/27/10
Michael N. Smith	5924 Sewell St,	712-8854	1/2/11
Edward H. Smith	5924 Sewell St	712-8654	1/2/11
Gladys D. Smith	5925 Sewell St	477-2331	1-15-11
Alma D. Smith	6000 Sewell St	477-3601	1-15-11
Don & Blount	11 " "	" "	" "

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