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Hi all,

Lindsay asked me to create a draft of the Pathways committee's thoughts on the proposed changes to the Shabos house sidewalk plan. So here it is. Suggestions and comments welcome.

David

As part of the proposed building of a new Shabos house on Fuller Road, the Shabos originally proposed adding a sidewalk along the east side of Fuller road between the University entrance and the signaled crosswalk at the Executive Park entrance. Apparently they now want to withdraw that offer, and instead build a sidewalk only between the University entrance, and the proposed new Shabos house. The Guilderland Pathways Committee is not in favor of this change.

While a short section of sidewalk between the University and the Shabos house would serve most of their guests, it would be a hazard to other pedestrian traffic. Currently there is a crosswalk at the University entrance which leads to a sidewalk along the west side of Fuller road. This is a popular pedestrian trip for people at both the University and Stuyvesant Plaza/Executive Park. A short section of sidewalk on the east side of Fuller, as now proposed by the Shabos, might lead people leaving the University to start walking down the east side of Fuller road. Once reaching the Shabos house they would have to either walk in the narrow dirt path, walk in the road, or jaywalk to the sidewalk on the west side of Fuller. It is much better to have pedestrians cross at the existing crosswalk.

Unfortunately, the retraction of the Shabos' offer to build a sidewalk between the University and the Executive Park crosswalk creates a safety problem. No sidewalk makes things less safe for their guests. A partial sidewalk makes things less safe for all other pedestrians. General pedestrian traffic is of much higher volume than Shabos only traffic, so no sidewalk is preferable to a partial sidewalk. Perhaps when the County reconstructs Fuller Road they will include sidewalks along both sides, at least between Western Ave and the University. If the Shabos wait until after this is completed then all pedestrian traffic will be relatively safe. Otherwise, for the safety of their guests, and other pedestrians, the Shabos should construct the sidewalk they original proposed.

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> Hi, all,

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> Thanks to David for a very nice draft of a Shabbos House letter. I edited

> it a bit and added the DOT paragraph. If you have any changes for the

> letter, please e-mail them around soon--Shabbos House comes before the ZBA

> next Wednesday (September 19).

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> Thanks,

> Lindsay

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> -----Original Message-----

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