



September 7th, 2019

Honorable Michele Smith
Alderman, 43rd Ward
2523 N. Hasted Street
Chicago, IL 60614

Dear Alderman Smith:

As you know, Lincoln Central Association (LCA) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) not-for-profit neighborhood organization established in 1959 which serves as an advocate for residents in an area of Lincoln Park bounded by Lincoln Avenue, the ghost of Ogden Avenue, North Avenue and Halsted Street, as well as for our organization's members.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of LCA, this letter is a statement of our strong opposition to the proposed Dickens Neighborhood Greenway which is proposed to run through the boundaries of our neighborhood association along Dickens Avenue, including a stretch of sidewalk in Oz Park which connects to Dickens Avenue on the east and west sides of the park ("the Greenway").

LCA's objection is based on feedback received from our membership and others living in or in close proximity to the neighborhood we represent. This feedback reflects overwhelming opposition to the proposed Greenway.

In particular, LCA released a survey on Friday, August 23rd the day following the second of the two public meetings you co-hosted with the Chicago Department of Transportation. The survey ran for seven days concluding on Friday, August 30th. Among other things, the survey's purpose was to determine whether LCA members and other neighborhood residents would support the proposed Greenway bike if it ran through Oz Park as currently proposed. The results were as follows:

Position	Overall	LCA Membership
Support Bike Path	28.4%	24.7%
Oppose Bike Path	61.1%	62.3%
Undecided	10.4%	13%

*The margin of error on the overall sample is $\pm 7\%$ at the 95% confidence level

** The margin of error on the member sample is $\pm 9\%$ at the 95% confidence level

According to this same survey, of those who oppose the Greenway if it runs through Oz Park, only 21% would support the Greenway even if it did not. 48% would still oppose and 31% were undecided.

Among respondents who support the Greenway, 29% attended at least one of the public meetings. 9% attended both. Among those who oppose, 38% attended at least one of the public meetings. 20% attended both.

In addition to the survey results, LCA received numerous phone calls and emails, the overwhelming majority of which reflect opposition to the Greenway.

It is for the reasons stated above that LCA's Board of Directors voted to oppose the Dickens Neighborhood Greenway.

Included with this communication are the comments of survey respondents. The comments have not been edited but the names have been redacted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to further discuss.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Dotson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kenneth" and last name "Dotson" clearly distinguishable.

Kenneth Dotson
President, Lincoln Central Association

cc: Rebekah Scheinfeld, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Transportation
Dave Smith Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager
LCA Board of Directors