

Kathy Young

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Subject: FW: Stop Sign 4th and 47th, 4th and 48th.

From: Mr. Ali [<mailto:alix0108@umn.edu>]  
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:18 PM  
To: Kathy Young  
Cc: Kevin Hansen; Sue Schmidtbauer; Amada Marquez Simula  
Subject: Re: Stop Sign 4th and 47th, 4th and 48th.

Hi Kathy,

Thank you for the information and yes I would like to attend that meeting, Nov 16th at 6pm.

The statement about disrespect of a stop sign, when a sign is posted such as a stop/do not block/ yield and others, then those signs must be followed under law. If someone is knowingly breaking those rules then they never had respect for laws and when they break them they can cause harm to others, themselves and the Police must cite those individuals. My intent is not speed control but in actuality I am doing this for safety and consistency in regards to 5th st, 6th and all the other streets that have stop signs in the city of columbia heights.

Thanks

On Thu, Oct 28, 2021 at 2:51 PM Kathy Young <[KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov](mailto:KYoung@columbiaheightsmn.gov)> wrote:

Hello-

Thank you for the email concerning the intersections of 4th Street and both 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Requests for Stop or Yield signs are submitted to the Traffic Commission. The Commission reviews conditions at an intersection in accordance with the guidelines in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Studies have shown that installing stop or yield signs where they are not warranted results in disrespect for all stop/yield signs. These guidelines for installation of Stop or Yield signs are attached.

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 590 40th Avenue NE. You may attend in person or via zoom. [Please let me know if you would like the request for Stop or Yield signs on the November agenda and whether you are available to attend the meeting.](#)



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From: Mr. Ali [<mailto:alix0108@umn.edu>]  
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Subject: Stop Sign 4th and 47th, 4th and 48th.

Dear Madam Mayor, Kevin, Kathy & Sue,

I am a homeowner living on 4th street and in-between 47th and 46th ave. The reason for my email is that since I bought my home here I have seen two accidents on 4th and 47th, one in 2019 and 2020 both in the summertime. The last accident that occurred flipped a truck on its side and knocked out a fire hydrant. That street has NO stop signs on either side. Then there are NO stop signs on 4th and 46th, and I have seen drivers speed through that intersection as if it were a highway. If you were to drive south from 48th ave on 4th street you would not see a stop sign until you hit 45th Ave, and cars on this street are going well above 25 mph knowing they have no stop signs on 47th ave and 46th ave. There are many people with children, such as myself, and pets that walk on 4th street. Knowing and seeing people drive through those intersections and seeing accidents occur on those streets without stop signs is getting a little unsettling!

What will it take for the City to place much needed stop signs on 47th and 46th aves on 4th Streets? I have placed a map below to show where there are and there are no Stop signs on 4th st. Also there are stop signs on 5th St and 47th Ave and 5th St and 46th Ave! Since the last two accidents occurred on 4th St and 47th Ave where there are no Stop Signs, I do honestly think those could have been avoided if a stop sign was present.

Lastly, I do understand that in the past some neighbors have tried to get a stop sign on the same locations as I am trying to inquire about, but they were denied. My thought process is that since the last two accidents that have occurred on 4th St and 47th Ave where there are no stop signs and a fire hydrant was damaged and needed to be repaired, the cost of getting a fire hydrant repaired MUST have been significantly higher than getting 4 stop signs and placing them on 4th St and 47th Ave and 4th St and 46th Ave.

Please let me know what it will take to get the City to act on this as this is a safety issue to me and my neighbors.

Thank you

Shahzad Ali

