From: <u>David Carter</u>

To: <u>City Council and Mayor</u>
Subject: Bandshell Park sidewalks

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Mayor and Council;

I was told that plans were being made to replace playground equipment at Bandshell Park. I would like to request that expenditures be expanded to include installing sidewalks paralleling the streets on the east and north sides of the park. Their absence is longstanding and accepted as status quo. However, the same reasons for requiring sidewalks in nearly all other developed areas in Ames also apply to this park and arguably even more so. The intensive use of the park for events as well as everyday pedestrian traffic would all be positively impacted by providing the same basic infrastructure that is uniformly required by code elsewhere throughout the community. I would be hard pressed to come up with an acceptable reason for an exception to our regulations. One hundred fifty years is long enough to wait.

Thank you for your consideration.

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