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**Subject:** RE: Yale Corridor and Silver Hill Historic District's Parkways and Medians

Good morning Mr. Reiselt,

I would like to set up a time and day to meet with you in regards to Silver Hill parkway, and Yale medians. Please, let me know what is convenient for you to meet, and go over your concerns. Again Mr. Reiselt I look forward to meeting with you.

Thanks,

*Pete Saiz*

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**Subject:** RE: Yale Corridor and Silver Hill Historic District's Parkways and Medians

Dear Ms. Baca,

Thank you for your prompt response regarding the Silver Hill parkways and medians. I will await word from Mr. Saiz.

Will Mr. Saiz also be able to address the issues reading the Yale Corridor as well? If not, who can I contact regarding that?



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Dear Mr. Reisel,

I just spoke with Mr. Pete Saiz, Assistant Superintendent of Park Management. He will be in touch with you to schedule a meeting on site to resolve the issues related to the Silver Medians. Thank you for sending me your concerns.

Barbara Baca

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 2, 2012, at 9:07 AM, "Gordon Reisel" <[gr@nmcounsel.com](mailto:gr@nmcounsel.com)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Baca,

Attached is an email dated February 21, 2012, which was sent to Councilor Benton regarding the gradual dereliction of the Yale Corridor. Although I misaddressed this email to you, I am aware that Councilor Benton met with you about this issue and his Office advised me that you would respond to me. To date I have heard nothing from you and therefore find it necessary to contact you again about the condition of the Yale Corridor as well as the conditions of the medians and parkways along Silver Avenue from Sycamore to Yale, S.E., in the Silver Hill Historic Overlay District.

Some progress was made on the Yale Corridor after your meeting with Councilor Benton, but then that progress has currently stopped in its tracks, leaving the Corridor in an unfinished stated. We would like to know who we can directly contact regarding this work so we could ascertain a specific work schedule and determine the nature and extent of the actual restoration work being planned for the Corridor. We very much appreciate the Parks Management Division work on the Corridor to date and would like for this progress to continue. If we can be of assistance, please let me know.

As you may know, the development of Silver S.E. beginning with the planting of new trees in the medians and parkways, along with the placement of sod, a new irrigation system, extensive curbing and sidewalks, has cost the City, County and State over a million dollars. At the end of last summer, a good portion of the grass along the parkways died from lack of water and weed control. Your division did replace the dead sod patches and reseeded the parkways after it was brought to your attention that they had been grossly neglected.

Currently the parkways are again in a state of dereliction. They have received little to no water all winter and although sporadic watering did start at the end of March 2012, I am afraid that this watering commenced a little too late to save the newly reseeded parkways. Instead of the water reviving the grass, it seems as if it has only strengthened the weeds. We are also concerned that the lack of water has also adversely affected the development of the trees, to the extent that some may have died.

The watering along Silver, S.E. does not appear to have any constant scheduling in that it seems that when complaints are made about the lack of watering, the water is turned on for only a brief period. We would like to know the name and contact information for the person under your supervision who is responsible for the maintenance of these parkways and medians so that we may have direct contact with that person to insure that proper maintenance is carried out on a regular

basis. I trust that once that person(s) is identified, with the help of the Silver Hill Neighborhood Association, the medians and parkways will be restored to their prior dignity, which is a vital part of a State and National Historic Overlay District.

We are mindful of the fact that we all live in extremely arid conditions and that water is a rare but dire necessity. If it is the intent of your division not to water the parkways, in a manner to adequately care for the grass, we would appreciate notice of that intent so that discussion can ensue as to alternative ground cover. When we were informed that the City would be planting and maintaining grass along the parkways, we expressed concern about this, but we were assured that this is what the City wanted for a State and National Historic Overlay District.

I do look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and attention.

Gordon Reiselt

President, Silver Hills Neighborhood Assoc.

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