

June 16, 2022

The Honorable Jon Keeney  
Mayor of the City of Taylor Lake Village  
500 Kirby Blvd  
Taylor Lake Village, TX 77586-4403

Re: Request for an Additional Sidewalk in KirbyWoods Subdivision

Dear Mayor Keeney,

### **Request**

On behalf of the KirbyWoods Property Owners Association (KWPOA), I hereby request that you take immediate action to rectify an unsafe condition in our subdivision by installing an additional sidewalk to connect Kirbywoods Drive to Kirby Boulevard.

As you and I discussed on Tuesday morning, 6/14/22, currently, pedestrians of all ages entering or exiting our Kirby Woods subdivision are forced to walk on the street or on uneven terrain in a narrow entrance that has limited visibility. Since Kirby Boulevard has a 45mph speed limit, and our entrance is narrow, automobiles and trucks entering our subdivision from Kirby Boulevard can unexpectedly encounter pedestrians in the street with no time or room to take evasive maneuvers.

The lack of a sidewalk connecting Kirbywoods Drive to Kirby Boulevard represents a clear and present hazard to residents and guests that might want to walk to Taylor Lake Park or businesses along Kirby Boulevard. Additionally, wheeled conveyances for infants and children such as baby carriages, strollers, skates, skateboards, scooters, tricycles, and small bicycles cannot safely navigate this path without a sidewalk.

### **Kirbywoods Property Owners Association (KWPOA) Approval**

The Board of Directors of the KWPOA met Wednesday night, 6/15/22 at 7pm in the KWPOA Club House. A quorum of the elected Directors was present. After discussing the danger, the proposed solution, and the possible impacts to existing KWPOA landscaping, irrigation and lighting systems to accommodate an additional sidewalk, the quorum of Directors unanimously approved this request to the City of Taylor Lake Village. Minutes of that meeting of the KWPOA are available upon request.

I encourage you to initiate installation of a sidewalk as soon as possible. To facilitate this request, the KWPOA has drafted an illustration as **Appendix A: Add a sidewalk to connect Kirby Boulevard with Kirbywoods Drive**. This illustration is to inform the TLV City Building Official of the recommended location and approximate length of the sidewalk. The KWPOA hereby acknowledges that the City of TLV has the right, and obligation, to exercise best judgement on the location and dimensions of the proposed sidewalk.

The KWPOA further acknowledges that to install the sidewalk, the root system of at least one mature tree may be trimmed significantly and that there is risk to tree health and survivability. The KWPOA is willing to take that risk to improve the safety of our residents and guests.

Thank you for your leadership of the City of Taylor Lake Village and for your immediate attention to this safety matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Hall". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke under the "J" and "H".

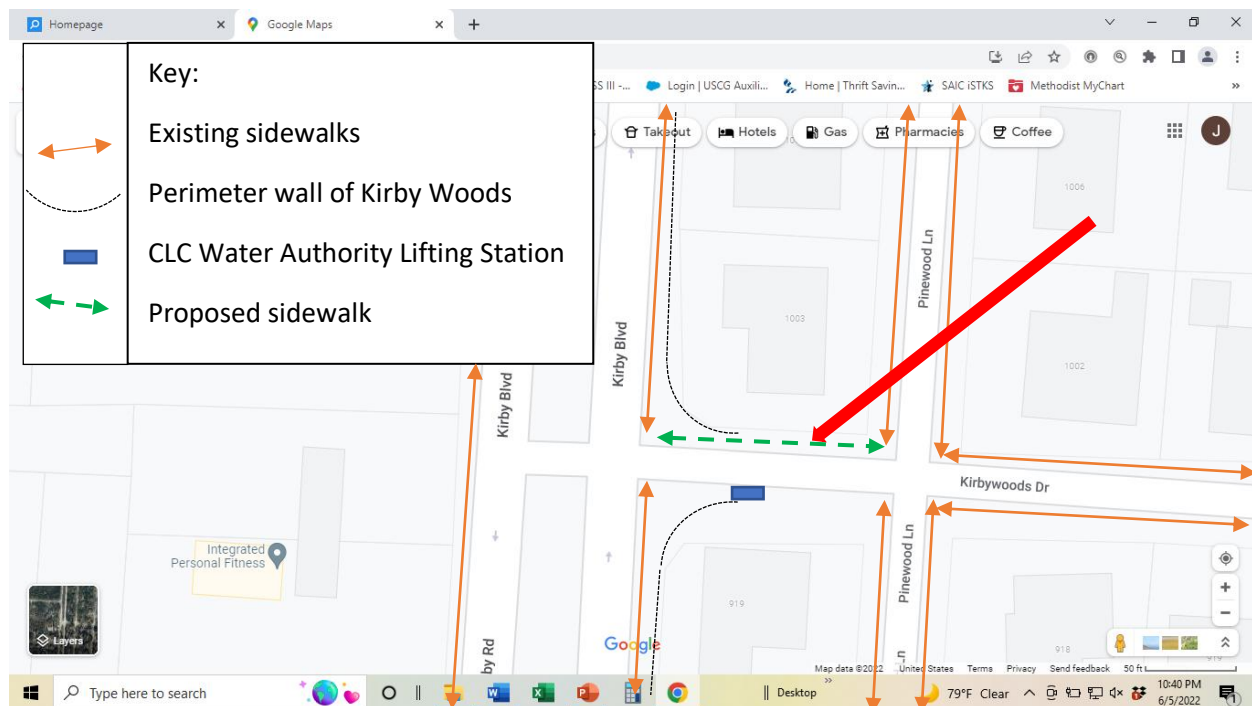
Jon Hall, President (2022)  
KirbyWoods Property Owners Association  
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## Appendix A: Add a sidewalk to connect Kirby Boulevard with Kirbywoods Drive.

Date: 6/16/22

Overview: Request that the City of TLV install a sidewalk to connect Kirby Blvd and Kirbywoods Drive.

- Why: improves pedestrian safety and promotes pedestrian and bicycle traffic to TLV park, Robinson Elementary School and retailers along Kirby Drive.
- Where: along north side of entrance to Kirby Woods subdivision. (See illustration.)



### Notes:

1. Proposed sidewalk enhances safety for students boarding/disembarking from a bus at the entrance and for pedestrians trying to enter or leave the subdivision via Kirby Blvd.
2. Proposed sidewalk mimics the sidewalk at the entrance of Lake Country subdivision.
3. Unable to install a sidewalk along the south side of the entrance due to Clear Lake City Water Authority lifting station.
4. Proposed distance of new sidewalk is approximately 150'.
5. Handicap ramps already exist on east and west ends of proposed sidewalk.
6. Trees – there is one tree owned by KWPOA along the proposed path. The KWPOA is willing to risk damage to surface roots along south side of this tree for the sake of a sidewalk.
7. Signposts – possible need to relocate 2 signposts (KWPOA video surveillance sign and stop sign)
8. Landscaping – existing landscaped beds at entrance may need to be adjusted
9. Utilities – possible need to reroute or relocate irrigation or flood light system components

Path for proposed sidewalk at entrance to Kirby Woods subdivision looking westward from Pinewood Drive towards Kirby Boulevard.



Example of pedestrian walking on proposed path.



Example of similar sidewalk in nearby Lake Country subdivision entrance with a sidewalk running along Tangle Briar Drive connecting to Old Kirby Road beyond the stop sign.

