

**From:** [Nanette Cook, Council District 7](#)  
**To:** [Belle N. Leblanc](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pillette Rd.... many issues - My Input  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 2, 2019 1:45:00 PM

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Belle,

Thanks for the grant information. I will continue to look and see if I find anything that fits.

As far as sidewalks, I have just gotten numbers from PW for my sidewalk project wishes. I am planning on putting as a line item in the budget. If I can find some grant money that would be great. Nothing has surfaced yet but I am still looking. Planning and Development is on the lookout for me as well. I have also reached out to the MPO for help. They used to have more money hanging around until everyone got wind of it and not they have more projects than money :(

So, back to work on finding money!

Thanks so much for your help, I love working with you:)

Nanette

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Nanette,

I was also wondering how much those “installation” charges were going to be for the Fitness Court. I suppose now we know ☺

I can forward this email to Diane, as I don’t manage the CDBG funds that are allocated to the city. I am not certain about the process and how the funds are disseminated. I will get back to you after I see what she says.

We can look into other grant opportunities for Parks/Recreation to supplement the Fitness Court, but I imagine that we will have to be able to show that all of the funds are secured for the project except for those that would be funded by whatever grant we are applying for. I don’t know how the funding source would feel if we were still fundraising for the total project cost. But truly we never know what the funding source wants until we read the notice of funding to see what the restrictions are, so if you see any grant opportunities– feel free to send my way and I will start looking around

for something that might fit the bill as well.

I am not directly aware of funding for sidewalks proper - I have been keeping an eye out to try to located some grant funding to assist with the sidewalk repair around Affiliated Blind as well but not finding much. I am wondering if anyone in PZD might have more insight into funds that could be used for a project like this. I saw mention of Public Works, but have you brought this to the attention of Planning for their input?

Belle

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**From:** Nanette Cook, Council District 7 <[nanettecook@LafayetteLA.gov](mailto:nanettecook@LafayetteLA.gov)>  
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**Subject:** FW: Pillette Rd.... many issues

Good morning,

I am back with more grant requests.

First, our National Fitness Campaign project is going to be great but more expenses have been brought to my attention after a phone conference this morning. The cost of court foundations and installation of this fitness court is not included in the additional \$60,000. We may be looking at another \$30,000 for this :( It was suggested that CDGB funds have been used in other communities to help with matching funds. Is this something we can look at or is there another grant opportunity we can apply for?

And on another note, I am working on sidewalks for Pillette St. There is a low income housing apartment complex at the end of the street and Pillette St. leading to Verot School Road is not sufficient to allow walkers to get there. There is no shoulder and just ditches on each side. Someone is going to get hit.

These residents are tying to walk to Walmart but take their life in their hands every time they get on this street. PW has taken the position that sidewalks are put in at the time of developments and this situation is hard to find funding for. Just wondering if you two have any other tricks up your sleeve???

Thanks for your help with this.

Nanette

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Nanette: After reading Joseph's response, I have nothing more to add. Sorry. It would have to start with the departments who handle sidewalks (Public Works) and grants (Comm Dev I would suspect). I am not completely sure on grants and unfortunately the Council staff does not, nor have we ever, handled anything grant related.

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**Subject:** RE: Pillette Rd.... many issues

Nanette:

The sidewalk grants that have been available throughout the city have been in areas where there are schools nearby. You may have to try appropriating funding for sidewalks along Pillette Road during the budget process, or check with Mark Dubroc to determine other ways of funding sidewalks there. Mark may also have insight into whether other grant opportunities exist for sidewalks. Vee may have some ideas too, so once you consider these options, let me know if you'd like me to consult anyone in particular.

I've submitted service requests or inquiries for the other issues you identified below.

Thanks,

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**From:** Nanette Cook, Council District 7  
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**Subject:** Pillette Rd.... many issues

Joseph,

Me again :)

I had another meeting with some residents on Pillette Rd. Here are their requests...

1. Grass cut on the side of the road, I guess in the right of way.
2. Is there a treatment or LUS facility around there? They wanted to make sure grass was cut there as

well. Fred Trahan is a friend of theirs and they have asked him but nothing done :(

3. The Cement Coulee at the end of Pillette needs cleaning out, shopping baskets and trash thrown in there from apartments in the back.
4. They want an overlay of Pillettte, is very bad on one side of the street especially. Apparently the heavy truck that had come in the back to work on the coulee tore up the street.
5. They need a sidewalk on this street, so many apartment residents who do not have a car walk to Verot School Rd and they are walking in the middle of the street because there is no shoulder, just a ditch. Sidewalk grant??
6. Bonita, Dolphin and Baracoda streets need ditches inspected and in many places dug out because of diminished capacity due to accumulation of silt!

I think that was it for now :)

Thanks,

Nanette