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Date Friday, February 19, 2021
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
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City Saskatoon
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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Jane's Walk Saskatoon Festival Inc.
Subject 14th Street parkette/bikeway
Meeting (if known)
Comments None.

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Jane's Walk Festival Saskatoon Inc



February 19, 2021

Dear Mayor and City Councilors:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Jane's Walk Festival Saskatoon Inc (JW Saskatoon).

Jane's Walk is a movement of free, volunteer-led walking conversations inspired by Jane Jacobs. It encourages people to share stories about their neighbourhoods, discover unseen aspects of their communities, and use walking as a way to connect with their neighbours.

JW Saskatoon is a member of the '14th Street Parklet Steering Group', comprised of representation from the Nutana and Varsity View Community Associations, Saskatoon Cycles, Meewasin Valley Authority, Liveable YXE, the Saskatchewan Trails Association and Family and Friends of Cathy Watts (a champion of public spaces, outdoor activity and enjoyment who was integral in the planning work at this location prior to her recent passing).

JW Saskatoon supports the idea of a 14th street bikeway. However as proposed, the bikeway misses an opportunity to facilitate great public placemaking on 14th Street, in the closed right of way between Lansdowne Ave and Temperance Street. We believe that the bike lanes should be moved to the south edge of the closed right of way. This would ensure that there was enough space for a simple parkette. JW Saskatoon believes that a simple parkette can be achieved at a relatively small expense and would beautify the current 'triangle of land'.

JW Saskatoon believes that this worthy initiative which might include seating, protection from vehicular traffic would support and encourage people to gather and meet in the space throughout all seasons of the year. As such, **please accept this letter as a letter of enthusiastic support for a 14th Street Parklet** in conjunction with a 14th Street bikeway.

Sincerely,

Murray Gross

Chairperson, Jane's Walk Festival Saskatoon Inc.

Jane Jacobs (1916-2006) was a writer, urbanist and activist who championed the voices of everyday people in neighbourhood planning and city-building. The annual Jane's Walk takes place the first weekend in May (cse to Jane Jacobs' birthday on May 4th).