



TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: August 14, 2020

RE: **Petition in Opposition to the U.S. Postal Service's Plan to Place Cluster Boxes to Serve the Warren/Harding/Bayview Neighborhood**

The attached memorandum from Public Works Director Mark Hilson is self-explanatory and requires no elaboration on the part of my office. While not a City issue, Mr. Hilson wanted to advise Councilmembers of the concern in case residents of the Warren/Harding/Bayview neighborhood bring the matter to your attention.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Karl Amylon, City Manager
CC: Lacey Simpson, Assistant City Manager
FROM: Mark Hilson, P.E., Public Works Director
DATE: August 10, 2020
SUBJECT: **Petition to United States Postal Service by Residents of the Warren/Harding/Bayview Neighborhood**

As noted in the attached correspondence from Roberta McCreary, residents of the Warren/Harding/Bayview neighborhood have signed a petition to the United States Postal Service to oppose a plan to install a centralized mail drop facility (a.k.a. key boxes) in the area of the Schoenbar/Warren Streets parking lot. While the concept of a key box is not new, it is worth noting that it is out of context considering the historic nature of this neighborhood. As information is made available to Public Works, I will keep your office apprised.

R McCreary Associates

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July 22, 2020

USPS Lori Skaggs

Re: Attached Petition Dated May 28, 2020 and completed July 1, 2020 (2 pages)

In regards to your letter of May 15, 2020 (responding to USPS Service Request 0942074), we respectfully request reconsideration of your "resolution" of our request regarding service for two mailboxes (724 Bayview and 730 Bayview) on the boardwalk street where they were originally situated before the City's work to improve that boardwalk in our neighborhood. (During this repair work, the City moved the mailboxes to the bottom of Barber Street at the access to Hopkins Alley.) These mailboxes have been re-installed on the metal railing next to 808 Warren to facilitate ease of access by your mailman and the residents.

In your letter you indicated "We are going to be installing 2 cluster boxes (CBU units) down by the parking lot behind First City Electric."

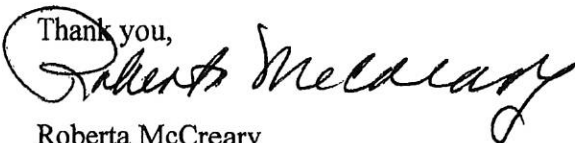
As indicated in the attached petition signed by 23 residents of the Warren/Harding/Bayview neighborhood we are strongly opposed to this initiative due to the unique nature of access to our property and the traffic congestion such a placement would cause when installed, as well as the significant inconvenience to access those boxes.

Of even greater concern to elders in our community is the hardship that will be created by this change when we must navigate up and down Warren Street (or the Harding stairway) to access our mailbox, instead of a few steps from our homes to our mailboxes. Some residents have the ability to drive down to the proposed CBU unit location, others, like myself at 724 Bayview and the resident of 808 Warren, do not.

Our neighborhood has been served by USPS in the manner that now exists following the visit of President Warren G Harding for whom our streets are named.

We respectfully request this service remain as is.

Thank you,



Roberta McCreary

cc: Cynna Gubatayao, 730 Bayview
Mark Hillson, City of Ketchikan

INFORMATION ABOUT USPS INTENT TO INSTALL

"2 cluster boxes (CBU units) down by the parking lot behind First City Electric"

By Roberta McCreary, May 28, 2020

In a letter dated May 15, 2020 addressing the return of mailboxes for 724 Bayview (McCreary) and 730 Bayview (Gubatayao) to their original position along the Bayview Boardwalk, the Post Office informed me of their intent to install, this summer, a centralized mail drop facility in the area of the parking lot at Schoenbar/Warren streets. We believe this will be a catastrophic mistake on their part not only causing significant inconvenience for the approximately 30 independent housing units in our neighborhood, but also adding undesirable, unsafe congestion with cars accessing Warren Street and parking spaces while others are trying to pick up their mail. This neighborhood has always been very friendly and accommodating to service vehicles, including the postal truck and others, such as the heating oil and garbage trucks, who temporarily park at the top of "G" street. We respectfully request USPS not limit accessibility to our mail and packages creating the need for people like myself without a parking space by my house to negotiate our way down to the postal site to get our mail...a dangerous trip in slippery, icy conditions.

Neighbors, if you are also concerned about this plan, I request your signature on this document to express your opposition. You may choose to add contact information. *Bobbie (617-5990)*

By my signature on this form, I am expressing my desire to avoid this change to my mail delivery.

Owner/Resident Signature	Address	Contact Info
<i>Roberta McCreary</i>	724 Bayview	617-5990
<i>Cynthia Gubatayao</i>	730 Bayview	254-2444
<i>[Signature]</i>	748 Bayview St	617-2677
<i>Joan Tillson</i>	808 Harding St	821-1026
<i>[Signature]</i>	816 Warren	206 605-8669
<i>[Signature]</i>	824 Harding St	804-884-0382
<i>[Signature]</i>	818 Harding St	509-570-1002
<i>[Signature]</i>	818 Harding St	350-510-1978
<i>Mark Phillips</i>	832 Harding St	707 628 4248
<i>Censor Lopez</i>	" "	907 821 1367
<i>[Signature]</i>	822 Warren St	907 284 4444
<i>[Signature]</i>	822 Lower Warren St	907 617 5929
<i>[Signature]</i>	830 Warren St	907 617 6434
<i>[Signature]</i>	838 Warren St	907 220 4829
<i>Zenna Stichel</i>	830 Harding St	907-617-8088
<i>[Signature]</i>	844 Harding St	907-254-8833
<i>[Signature]</i>	842 Harding St	907-617-11665
<i>Mark Phillips</i>	832 Harding St	LOWER
<i>[Signature]</i>	838 Harding St	407-761-2112
<i>Harold Chatham</i>	704 Warren Apt C	907-617-5593

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