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From: Patricia Otto [potto@masoncity.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2007 8:04 AM
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Subject: FW: A great concern I have

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How is this for irony?

Pat Otto

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2007 3:26 PM
To: Patricia Otto
Subject: A great concern I have

Pat Otto,

I have a great concern I have been pondering for several months. I was hassling with a bad knee for quite a while and I had to take great care not to twist it. I live at The Manor and I work part-time in the IBM building. Only 4 blocks away. I decided to walk home from work and I could not find a safe sidewalk to walk on. I ended up walking down the middle of the alley. Then I had knee replacement surgery and when I was told to go and walk, at first I started out going around the block with a walker. Low and behold that is a treacherous journey. The sidewalk around the Cerro Gordo Jail and parking lot is very bad and unsafe! As is the sidewalk across the street in front of the Dollar General Store and offices on the corner as well as along the 3rd St. side. There are many sidewalks along the Federal Avenue that are bad. Why oh why if we are working on improving the downtown area, we have to put up with unsafe sidewalks. I can't get too excited about going for a walk. I would walk down to the Mall more if the walks were safe.

And another concern I have is the building across the street to the south that use to house the Federal Barber Shop. It is a eyesore something awful. Why doesn't the owner keep up his property? It must be a rat trap by now and needs to be torn down. Back in 1958, my family lived upstairs for 6 months while my parents were building a house. It was infested with cockroaches then and wasn't in the best of shape then. I can just imagine what it must look like now. I don't think any property owner should be allowed to let their property decline this much. Can something be done about it.?

Finally, I wish to express how much I love the Central Park. I was able to walk up there (through the alley by the way) and I so enjoyed sitting up there. Brought back many memories. I am now 65 years old so I have many memories of the park.

Thank you for listening. I anticipate your reply, please.

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