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46	N	Sandy Chang	222 lovers lane
47	N	Kristin Stapleton	307 Windover Ave
48	N	Fred Stapleton	307 Windover Ave

Email # 1

> Hello,

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> I'm writing to voice my desire to choose option 3 and not have sidewalks in the historic district (the do nothing option). I've lived on Windover for 22 years and the trees are a major part of the neighborhood. There would be no walk on the hill without them and Vienna would lose a huge part of its charm. Please don't destroy one of the last remaining neighborhoods that doesn't look like it was stripped of its character.

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> Thank you,

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> Tom Peterson

> 261 Windover Ave, NW

> Vienna

Email #2

Dear Town Council,

I have lived in the Historic District for 40 years. The reason I bought in this area is because it was so unique with the trees lining the streets and the historic streetscape. My house was built in 1892 and fits in perfectly with this historic street. I have spent 40 years preserving our historic house and I would like the streetscape to remain the same, as well.

Our kids were born on Windover Avenue and one or the other walked to Louise Archer or Madison High School for 13 years without any problems. I myself walk to work from Windover to Pleasant and then cross 123 at the hawk light. The most dangerous part of my walk is crossing at the hawk light. I have never had any issues walking down Windover or Pleasant.

The Town is so proud of the Historic District that not only establishing it as the Windover Heights Historic District, we now have signs pointing to the Historic District for people to come visit, since it's quite different than any other part of Vienna.

Patch article 4/24/23

"Walk on the Hill offers a glimpse into Vienna's historic Windover Heights neighborhood, which exemplifies the time period's architecture and environmental harmony, according to the town. The historic houses of Windover Heights have been maintained while homeowners have made renovations and additions. Trees and gardens complement the character of the neighborhood and demonstrate an appreciation for natural beauty. The neighborhood became a historic district in 1979."

"Ayr Hill Garden Club first created a Walk on the Hill event in 1971 to help protect the neighborhood's character."

From the Town's website welcome page:

"Visitors will enjoy the atmosphere along Maple Avenue..., stroll down historic Church Street or **take a leisurely drive through Vienna's Windover Heights Historic District...**"

Of all the things available in Vienna the Historic District is one of only three things highlighted on the Town's website welcome page, that's why it's important that we maintain the Historic District.

I recommend no public improvements, including frontage improvements or sidewalks, be constructed on 288 Windover Ave or any other property in the historic District, now or in the future.

Judi Medwedeff
309 Windover Ave NW

Email #3

Town Council,

In regards to the recommendation from WHBR on Tuesday, February 6th, I would like to offer the following thoughts for consideration at your next work session on February 26th.

I do think this is a very important topic and deserves a bit of thought on how to respond effectively on two parts, the 288 Windover Ave and the Windover Heights Historic District within the Town as a whole.

- The Town street standard curb and gutter and parking in this specific case, would not be in keeping with the historic nature of the rurally created Windover Heights neighborhood and streetscape, especially in an area where dwellings have been in existence in this area since 1785 census and subdivision of Windover Heights since 1891.
 - Cedar trees originally defined the dirt roads and demarked property (and some historic ones still hold the original barbed wire which served as fencing. See attached 1980 photo of Windover and Pleasant from This Was Vienna VA by Connie and Mayo Stuntz, p. 352). I know we cannot go back to that exact specification for today's needs, but we need at least to keep that feel.
- Because of increased traffic over the century, walk and biking in this area is popular and at times difficult, so some pedestrian improvements would be

useful. I do not think that this should be considered in all areas, just near access points to well-traveled areas (BTW: do enjoy the stretch of sidewalk on West Street).

- This 288 Windover Avenue property serves as a keystone to the district, is a place where people have gathered for concerts for Walk on the Hill (*a Town event since 1974, initiated by the Ayr Hill Garden Club and residents of the area to focus attention on the importance of preserving this unique and historic neighborhood*). It is an opportunity for the owners to work together in the Town.

I know the owner is eager to begin construction for the Spring and there should not be delays holding up the recommendation, so I would propose, if both the Town and owner can come to an agreement...**because this property is a “keystone” of the historic district, the owner should work with the Town at a minimum install:**

- A “historically inspired” sidewalk along Windover Avenue and Pleasant Street.
 - ADA/pedestrian friendly stamped or embossed concrete with a natural stone or brick color or pattern (which would be attractive, durable and easier for maintenance and walking...defer the requirement for sidewalk installation on Short Street and Lovers Lane).
- A revised stormwater system (resulting in an increased land dedication for this feature to replace Town standard curb & gutter and parking) to accommodate any mature, healthy existing tree; planting of same species of historically spaced Cedar trees; and native raingardens.
- Street ribbons for side of streets
- While the developer is working within the dedication of land at 288 Windover, consider permitting the Town to work with the owner, Dominion Energy to remove poles and undergrounding unsightly utilities on Windover Avenue and Pleasant Streets (this may mean undergrounding at the street to poles to the other side of the streets and might cost some money that would be a savings if done later as a beautification to the area).

This would be a modification to **Option 1**: Public Improvements are necessary; however, the implementation should be delayed while the Town of Vienna and community engage in a process to develop implementable options considering the historic context of the Windover Heights Historic District. At this time, a dedication should be made by 288 Windover Avenue NW to the Town for right-of-way width in advance of the planning process.

Recommendations to Town Council and Pedestrian Safety / Transportation Safety Commission and Conservation and Sustainability Commission for the District:

- Maintain existing smaller street widths, just large enough to accommodate emergency vehicles.
 - Consider abandoning Sec. 17-67.2. - Completion and construction of sidewalks for single-lot development **<only> within the Windover Heights Historic**

District, as the VDOT standard streetscape requirements are not compatible here.

- Consider amending Sec. 17-67.1. - Dedication of sidewalks for single-lot development **<only> within the Windover Heights Historic District**, to include natural alternatives to stormwater improvements only (trees, raingardens, stone, etc.). Native or same species Cedar trees (or as approved by the Town Arborist) could be a recommendation to include.
- Design a historically compatible alternative to the Town modern VDOT standard street curb & gutter or parking accommodations for in this area. Maybe street ribbons for keeping asphalt in place and a cleaner appearance.
- Work to design a native raingarden alternative for stormwater and provide beauty next to a sidewalk.
- Maintain historic Cedar trees as close to the street wherever possible or install new trees of the same species.
- Big thoughts...
 - Consider converting streets around the perimeter of 288 Windover keystone "island" to one way only, proposing a direction from Lover's Lane to Short Street to Windover Avenue to Pleasant Street (keeping mostly right turns from main entry points). This could provide traffic calming and increased space for pedestrians and bicycles along this narrow, but traveled stretch.
 - Work with CSC to have a Cedar tree planting event. Residents at the meeting seem eager to replace lost trees.

Thanks for your service to the Town and for your consideration in this matter,

Carey Sienicki. 326 West St NW Vienna, VA 22180

Email #4

I am appealing to the Vienna Town Council to take no action on improvements, including frontage improvements or sidewalks to be constructed on the property at 288 Windover Ave.

This action would be against the basic policy of the Town.

(1) The Town completely has supported the historic district and that district depends on the trees and ambiance of the shade and balance of the area.

(2) Vienna is designated as a Tree City. If you should decide to cut all 37 trees for this plan, the town would be putting in CONCRETE/PAVEMENT.???

(3) The basic enjoyment of the town citizens is appreciating the special buildings during the annual Walk on the Hill. The community comes together for friendliness, welcoming, food sharing, music, beauty, flower shows, history, appreciation and the joy of living in Vienna. This district is near its 50th year of existence.

(4) This policy would be the beginning of encroachment of all distinctiveness of the Windover Heights Historic District.

(5) The Windover Heights Historic District states that it will be PRESERVED and PROTECTED. Let's continue to do it!

There are other beautiful areas of Vienna, but the Windover Heights Historic District is unique.

I would like this email to be read at the meeting.

Sincerely,

Daphne D. Sloan

223 Walnut Lane, NW

Vienna, VA 22180

Email # 5

Dear Vienna Town Council,

My name is Gardner Hutchins and I live at 311 Windover Ave. I am writing to you today to convey my desire to have no public improvements, including frontage or sidewalks, be constructed on 288 Windover Ave, or any surrounding Windover Heights Historic District property. It is my opinion that this construction would destroy all sense of the historic aesthetic that exists in this neighborhood, to say nothing of the erasure of a significant portion of the canopy coverage that exists in this part of Vienna - coverage that the town claims to want to preserve.

We all knew exactly what we were getting when we moved to Windover. Indeed, the nature of the neighborhood and the history of it were amongst the principal reasons my family chose it for our home. It now seems the council wants a one-size-fits-all approach for the entire town, and that would be a shame. The Walk on the Hill highlights the uniqueness of our neighborhood, and this construction would seem to negate any need for it at all. I urge you to recommend no public improvements for this site, so that a little bit of old town Vienna might remain.

Regards,

Gardner Hutchins

Email # 6

Dear Town Council,

While seeking a house in Northern Virginia in 2000, Vienna stood out as a town that appreciated an abundance of trees, a far cry from many of the neighboring towns in Northern VA that have a crowded city feel. We were immediately attracted to the charm of the stately, cedar-lined streets of the Windover Heights Historic District (WHHD.)

As homeowners in the WHHD, we are opposed to the Vienna Department of Public Works' plans to remove the mature, established trees at 288 Windover Ave along the four adjacent streets to accommodate new concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters. We are also opposed to losing the land area needed to accommodate these plans. We much prefer the town make no public improvements in the WHHD.

Trees, shrubs and grass all absorb rainwater and melting snow. By removing a minimum of 32 mature trees at 288 Windover and adding sidewalks, curbs and gutters to these specific streets, all the water rather than being absorbed in the land surrounding 288 Windover as it is today, will be channeled to our aged Vienna storm drains and eventually, to the Chesapeake Bay. This is contrary to the town's efforts to "protect the Chesapeake Bay."

We would not favor this approach because it would set an unacceptable precedent for Vienna's WHHD, and runs contrary to the town's website efforts to protect the Bay. It also runs contrary to the town's promise to be "...committed to maintaining and enhancing its tree canopy," and to "...protecting and preserving its privately owned mature tree canopy."

Sincerely,

Joe and Sally Fay Ozefovich

346 Orchard St. NW

Email #7

To Whom it May Concern

My name is Al Quenneville and with my wife Sally, reside at 303 Windover Ave. NW. Our property is diagonally across the street from the subject site.

We are relatively new to the neighborhood having built our home in 2019. We did a rebuild similar to the proposed project and appeared before

the Windover Heights Board of Review seeking their review and approval of our plans. We were impressed with the genuine interest and concern of the Board regarding what

we were proposing and how it integrated with the neighborhood. I expect the Board will be equally involved with evaluating the proposed project at 288 Windover Ave, and the Town's recommendation to install curb, gutter and sidewalks surrounding the property and potentially elsewhere in the Historic District.

One of the major attractions of the Windover Heights neighborhood are the old cedar trees lining Windover Ave. and adjoining streets along with the absence of modern day curb

and gutter and sidewalks. Requiring the new property owners to construct such improvements makes no sense to me. It would require the removal of thirty plus mature trees that

currently add to the character and beauty of the neighborhood. By the way, there are no other sidewalks to connect to and I doubt if there are many, if any, residents who

would be in favor of such improvements on their property.

Imagine property owners forced to give up 15 ft. of their property along with potentially 100s of mature trees lining the streets in our neighborhood, which would destroy the character of the neighborhood. This sounds like a solution looking for a problem!!!

We strongly support the WHBR recommending to the Town Council, and the Town Council agreeing that no public improvements, including frontage improvements or sidewalks, be constructed on this property or elsewhere in the District either now or in the future.

Respectfully,

Al and Sally Quenneville (703)508-2254

Email #8

Carol Layer

317 Windover Ave. NW

Vienna, VA 22180

February 13, 2024

Members of Vienna Town Council:

My husband and I have been resident-owners of the above property for 30 years, this summer. I am writing to implore you to accept the unanimous recommendations of the February 6, 2024 Windover Heights Review Board and reject all Town proposals for modifications to the streets, and installation of curb, gutter and sidewalks surrounding the property at 288 Windover Ave. NW and to disallow any such modifications to the rest of Windover Ave NW and the Windover Heights Historic District in the future. The Windover Heights subdivision was formally recognized as a historic district in 1979. Implementation of any of the proposed changes will irrevocably destroy the fundamental character that that designation sought to acknowledge and preserve. Any of the proposals will destroy literally many dozens of historic trees (I have counted over 100 mature trees on Windover Ave. alone), some of which date back to the 19th century; eradicate the essence of a well-loved and widely appreciated community; and significantly compromise the properties that are affected.

The Windover Heights Historic District is graced with a number of beautiful homes. However, many of the homes have been substantially remodeled or even newly built in recent decades. What truly distinguishes the historic district is the preservation of the historic paved farm roads, bordered by tall mature trees that in many places form a shade canopy over stretches of the streets. To attempt to modernize this area to meet VDOT and Town code standards is to make a travesty of any historic designation of Windover Heights, not to mention the purported commitment of Vienna-- a "Tree City USA" designee since the early 2000s-- to tree preservation and expansion of the Town's tree canopy. On my small property alone stand eight very old cedar trees within inches of the road. Some of them still contain fragments of barbed wire, having long ago grown around the fence that once bordered the

farmland that existed here. Any of the current Town proposals would destroy these and many other trees. They would destroy some of the last real history of the Historic District. Please do not allow that to happen.

I have read the public documents and testimony of the Windover Heights Review Board and attended its recent meeting where their recommendation was passed unanimously. I have heard not a single objective or legitimate justification for the Town's proposals to implement VDOT standards and Town Code regulations in the Windover Heights Historic District. As it relates to pedestrian safety, my neighbors and I can find no record of incidents resulting in harm to pedestrians in my neighborhood. On the other hand, every day, and especially on weekends, I watch from my front window dozens of pedestrians and bicyclists travel Windover Ave. en route to the Town center, the W&OD bike trail, or simply for recreation. Why do people make a point to include Windover Ave. on their journey? Because it is a singularly beautiful and well-preserved street. Why is it a singularly beautiful and well-preserved street? Because it has largely preserved its historic integrity, which sets it apart from any other street in Vienna. As a resident of Windover Avenue, I have, over nearly 30 years, enjoyed jogging, biking, pushing baby strollers, walking my toddlers and my dogs, riding scooters, and pleasantly strolling all of the neighborhood streets from pre-dawn to after dark. I am being absolutely honest when I tell you that the only safety risk I have ever observed is from vehicles driving in excess of the speed limit, which at 25 MPH is itself too fast for this residential area. Several times over the course of my living here, residents have petitioned the Town to adopt traffic calming measures to address this problem, with extremely limited success. If there are such pressing concerns for improving pedestrian safety, why have these not been adopted? There are many, many viable alternatives to mitigate excess vehicular speed that would preserve the integrity of the neighborhood. Lower the speed limit and consistently enforce it, as other nearby jurisdictions do in residential areas. Change the signage. Stop re-directing Maple Ave. traffic to use nearby residential roads as detours and instead re-route onto established traffic arteries. Consider making Windover a one-way street with a portion of the existing road dedicated to pedestrians. Any of these or other options are preferable to gutting the essential qualities that define the Historic District.

My home, like others in the Historic District, was built before the current code conditions related to rights-of-way and setbacks that have since been imposed on the property. All of the Town proposals for 288 Windover, if generalized to the rest of the Historic District, would bring vehicular and pedestrian traffic within an unacceptable proximity of people's homes. For my property, this would seriously compromise my family's privacy and peace with significantly increased closeness of cars and associated noise and passers-by easily able to peer into my house. Please consider the very real and damaging impact any of the Town's proposed changes would bring to my family's (and others') daily lives and properties.

I urge you not to destroy the unique character and appeal of a neighborhood that provides such joy to not only its residents but to other Viennans and visitors. The neighborhood has even been recognized as "one of a handful of historic districts in Northern Virginia" in a 2003 article in *The Washington Post* which described it as "one of the oldest neighborhoods in the Fairfax area" with "meandering streets" and "well-kept yards full of brilliant scarlet and purple azaleas" and "scores of mature trees and plenty of open space [that adds] to a sense of tranquility." Other historic areas in the Northern Virginia region and the Commonwealth have recognized the intrinsic value of preserving historic areas and have demonstrated that it is possible to do so by incorporating exceptions to modern road regulations. Vienna can and should do the same.

Please do not adopt the misguided and short-sighted measures proposed by the Town that inarguably will eradicate irreplaceable trees, compromise residents' quality of life and property values, increase vehicular traffic and speed on a completely residential street, and destroy the essence of the historic

district. As Council members, please affirm your commitment to the integrity of the Windover Heights Historic District and to supporting one of the last genuine elements of Vienna's vaunted "small town" history, by rejecting the Town's proposals and by codifying protections to preserve, protect and improve the Windover Heights Historic District.

Sincerely,

Carol Layer

Email # 9

Town Council

The intent of the Windover Historic District Ordinance was NO public improvements. preservation of all trees, NO widenings of streets, NO curb, NO gutters or NO sidewalks.

The Town Council granted a wavier of all public improvements for the the subdivision of the Leopold property at 255 Windover avenue and the subdivision of the Betts property at 203 Windover.

The public improvement policy has stood for 50years.

If the SAME waivers are not granted for 288 Windover, there is no need for the Historic district. The Historic district will be destroyed.

Please grant the Same wavier to the 288 Windover Property so the owners can construct a new single family dwelling and not be forced to subdivide.

Jerome and Johanna Covell

224 Walnut Lane
Vienna, Va 22180

Email # 10

Dear Town Council,

We emphatically urge the Council to approve the recommendations of the WHBR. These recommendations are sympathetic to the nature of the Historic District. The current proposed VDOT standards for road, curb and gutter and the proposed current Vienna sidewalks standards are in direct conflict with the established and Town defended Windover Heights Historic District. The introduction of these current standards would irrevocably degrade the very nature of the District.

Going forward

We urge the Town Council to approve only elements that strengthen the Historic District; not degrade it.

We urge the Town Council to remove references to the current standards mentioned above in the code as it relates to the Historic District.

We urge the Town Council to explore alternative methods to address, stormwater such as various drain swale appropriate to the terrain,

We urge the Town Council to explore alternative safety measures such as reasonable speed reduction and enforcement efforts.

We urge the Town Council to establish a Cedar tree restoration and replacement program for Windover and other appropriate areas in the district.

Sincerely,

David and Judi Medwedeff

309 Windover Ave., NW

Vienna, VA 22180

Email #11

Council Members,

I'm a resident of Lewis Street NW, the street just behind Windover Avenue NW. As such I have a great stake in this decision. Here are the points I'd like you to consider:

1. The residents of Windover Avenue do not live in isolation; they live in a busy area of town. Whatever happens affects many more people than solely the residents.
2. The Windover Heights Historic District includes a larger area than just Windover Avenue. I believe those of us living on Lewis Street are part of the historic district. We put in drainage and sidewalks a number of years ago. It did change the appearance of the street. It was also a major improvement. The value of those sidewalks can be seen every day. And the property values have gone up, not down, due to the improvement.
3. Anyone who has observed Windover Ave and Pleasant St, particularly at that intersection, can see the obvious: there are drainage problems. The rain water has created a huge ditch at the intersection of the two streets and is destroying the asphalt road which narrows an already too narrow intersection. So much for the theory that shoulder ditch can work here.
4. And there are traffic (vehicle, bike and pedestrian) problems. Just because there hasn't been an accident causing someone to be paralyzed or causing a death yet, does the Council really want to wait for a disaster to occur and then backpedal to try to make that area safer? Isn't that irresponsible.
5. Every one of us living inside the Town of Vienna knew they were moving into a town with ever-evolving regulations to meet the ever-evolving town needs. The rules are for the good of the community.
6. Furthermore, if the Council doesn't apply the rules equally for all residents, you will have opened the floodgates. Will builders who put in drainage and sidewalks come back to you demanding damages? And will other residents demand other relaxations of the rules, any of them, to suit their own needs? Can

we on Lewis Street demand that non-local traffic be directed elsewhere off our street?

7. We'd all like to retain the feel of Quaint and Charming. The atmosphere of Quaint and Charming can be preserved with a "think outside the box" design for the area while addressing the issues of drainage and safety. This can be a win-win.

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Lyn Beer

302 Lewis Street NW

Vienna, VA 22180

Email # 12

I would like to completely endorse the letter sent by Lynn Beer concerning the street improvements needed in the block of 288 Windover Street.

In addition, I would add that Pleasant Street is a vital street for us pedestrians trying to reach Maple Avenue, where many of our businesses and restaurants are located. To make northwest Vienna truly walkable, we need sidewalks on at least one side of the street. One only needs to try and walk this street to quickly realize the imminent danger. Please consider making it safe for the residents to walk in our lovely town. I am 75 years old and have lived on Lewis Street for 41 years.

Thank You,

Sherry Dart

331 Lewis Street

Vienna, VA 22180

Email # 13

Council Members,

Due to time constraints, I would like to concur with the points submitted in the email from Lyn Beer, as below. I was just made aware of this issue and the closing time for comments.

Thank you for considering the following points below.

Sincerely,

Liz Idris, resident of Lewis St.

Email from Lyn Beer:

I'm a resident of Lewis Street NW, the street just behind Windover Avenue NW. As such I have a great stake in this decision. Here are the points I'd like you to consider: The residents of Windover Avenue do not live in isolation; they live in a busy area of town. Whatever happens affects many more people than solely the residents. The Windover Heights Historic District includes a larger area than just Windover Avenue. I believe those of us living on Lewis Street are part of the historic district. We put in drainage and sidewalks a number of years ago. It did change the appearance of the street. It was also a major improvement. The value of those sidewalks can be seen every day. And the property values have gone up, not down, due to the improvement. Anyone who has observed Windover Ave and Pleasant St,

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Every one of us living inside the Town of Vienna knew they were moving into a town with ever-evolving regulations to meet the ever-evolving town needs. The rules are for the good of the community. Furthermore, if the Council doesn't apply the rules equally for all residents, you will have opened the floodgates. Will builders who put in drainage and sidewalks come back to you demanding damages? And will other residents demand other relaxations of the rules, any of them, to suit their own needs? Can we on Lewis Street demand that non-local traffic be directed elsewhere off our street? We'd all like to retain the feel of Quaint and Charming. The atmosphere of Quaint and Charming can be preserved with a "think outside the box" design for the area while addressing the issues of drainage and safety. This can be a win-win.

Email # 14

February 13, 2024 Young Ho and Sandy Chang 222 Lovers Lane NW

Vienna Town Council members, First of all, thank you for your time serving the Town. My name is Young Ho Chang and along with my wife Sandy reside at 222 Lovers Lane. We have lived here for four years although, we have been in Northern Virginia for over 50 years so we are very familiar with the Town and the quaint nature of the Windover Heights Historic District. We were thrilled to find a place here to build our forever home. When we learned of the Town's consideration to add sidewalk, curb and gutter as part of the approval recommendation for 288 Windover Avenue, we were quite surprised. Surely, this is part of the process for staff to state what the Town Code requires and for the Town's appointed and elected representatives to consider the special historic designation that makes the Windover Heights Historic District so unique and special. We respect the Town's due process to carefully consider this requirement. We also expect those in the decision making to consider how these standards are applied. If we did not have that, what is the purpose of the decisionmaker if we are just going to blindly enforce these standards? We are asking you to consider the following:

1. The Windover Heights Historic District, according to the Town of Vienna Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, was designated to recognize its special value. And I quote, "To provide for the preservation of that district and sites therein, the Town Council recognizes that the district is a single-family residential neighborhood which has changed little since the turn of the century, which consists mostly of older homes, open spaces, and meandering streets lined with mature trees and shrubs which constitutes one of the original residential sections of historic old Vienna..." It appears that all of the town staff's recommendation that includes sidewalk would require additional right of way and destruction of these mature trees and shrubs, destroying the very essence of the area.
2. We walk along Lovers, Short and Windover frequently and feel very safe. I also see plenty of folks also enjoying strolls along these streets. Cars on these streets

know that there are pedestrians and are more attentive. Our fear is if any of the build options are realized, the speed will increase because the drivers will feel the roads can handle higher speeds. You may also see an increase in traffic volume from cut thru traffic from people trying to avoid Maple Avenue because they think they can driver faster on Windover Avenue. And what you will then get is a need for traffic calming devices and police enforcement. It will be impossible to undo this decision once you start down this path. 3. At the WHBR meeting, there was a discussion regarding one-way traffic in the district. It was discussed without a clear understanding of the problem it would solve. Remember we are not trying to maximize traffic flow and optimize traffic throughput in the historic district. We oppose this suggestion as it would only increase traffic volume and speed as well as increase safety problems from confusion this concept would create. We respectfully ask you to recommend to the Town Council the need to preserve and protect Windover Heights Historic District as a valued asset for the Town by recommending: Option 5, Public Improvements are not necessary, and no dedication of land is required for further considerations of Public Improvement.

Email # 15

I have resided at 217 Walnut Lane, Vienna, since 1978 . I was here when the Historic District was created and I am writing to express my serious and sincere opposition to any consideration of sidewalks and/or curb and gutter at 288 Windover Ave.

Since the District was created, the area has only become more popular, and the preservation of houses, the landscape, trees and other vegetation has been a big part of its growing popularity. It is an attractive asset for the entire town of Vienna and its visitors.

This property is in the virtual center of the Historic District and the addition of sidewalks and curb and gutter around its lengthy perimeter would essentially destroy the historic, attractive and unique feeling the District now conveys.

My wife Virginia, and my daughter Lisa join with me in voicing our sincere opposition to sidewalks and/or curb and gutter at 288 Windover Ave.

Sincerely, Robert Johnson

Email # 16

To Whom It May Concern,

As homeowners in the Historic Windover District neighborhood, we are writing to voice our concerns regarding the proposed sidewalks. Our strong choice is for Number 3. We desire to preserve and protect the historic district, the main factor that drove our decision to buy in this special neighborhood a few years ago. We recommend NO public improvements, including frontage improvements, or sidewalks be constructed in the historic district now, and in the future. Please do not take away the trees that make our neighborhood what it is!

We are happy to speak further on this issue, if needed. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Best,
Melanie & Andres Quintero
305 Salisbury Lane NW

Sent from my iPhone

Email #17

My name is Jim Preston. I have been a resident of the town in the Historic District for over 40 years. In the past I worked on the Church Street development rezoning and also did the design study, fabrication and installation of the town entrance signage. I mention these items to demonstrate my allegiance to town.

During my four decades in the Historic District, I have made a substantial investment, improving the property and landscaping. A great deal of additional time and expense was required to conform to the Windover Heights standards, and maintaining the property to those standards has required a great deal of expense and dedication.

It takes a special devotion to old "things" to make a person want to live in a 120 year old house. Sadly, the sister house to mine, a block away on Orchard St. was just demolished a few weeks ago. More than likely, the next owners of my property will demolish my endeavor and build a couple of nice new homes. The point of this comment with respect to the matter at hand is the net result of this regulation will be to devalue my property by the substantial amount required by the new owner to construct curb and gutter. I can demonstrate that I have been harmed by a carelessly written ordinance that didn't consider and exempt the Windover Heights historic district. I will look to the town solve my easily preventable problem.

The town has always taken a keen interest in the prestige of its historic district. Posting directional signs and participating in the annual "walk on the hill" celebration. It is shocking to us "old timers" that the town would not immediately move to correct the ordinance and protect the "district"

My neighbors and I found it quite ironic that the Legacy of Maud Robinson, who left a substantial fund for public improvements in the town, will result in the destruction of the "historic district" of which she devoted a great deal of time and effort preserving. One question that should be asked is "what would Maud do?" I am sure that had she not thought that the "public improvements" issue on "the hill" had been addressed in the original charter. she would have spelled it out in her donation to the town. That's what Maud would have done.

The trees! Windover ave was once called Cedar Lane. The cedar trees still exist today. The addition of curb, gutter, and sidewalks will remove all trees on Windover Ave. The removal of the Windover trees will also impact the shade on my home from morning sun. This will require a complete re-engineering of the air conditioning system in my home. I am a retired agent orange disabled Vietnam veteran. I live on a fixed income and can no longer afford this type of expense.

It is also my feeling that the Department of Public works should have no sway in the decision about curb and gutter. Curb and gutter will have no impact on their duties in the district. What the "town wants" in our neighborhood should not be considered over the "wants" of the majority of homeowners in the Historic District.

The goal of the town should be to retain the original character of the Windover Heights Historic District without the addition of any public improvements.

I have recently seen a letter from Chuck Sloan (one of the originators of the creating ordinance) dated November 1976. In the letter he refers to the intent of the ordinance section 18-258

"...regulations within such districts are intended to protect against destruction of or encroachment upon such areas, structures, and premises; to encourage uses that will lead to their continuance, conservation and improvement in a manner appropriate to the preservation of the cultural, social, economic, political, architectural, or archeological heritage of the town; to prevent creation of environmental influences adverse to such purposes; and to insure that new structures and uses within each such district will be in keeping with the existing character of the district to be so preserved and enhanced by this article."

Mr Sloan continues with other suggested limitations including "preventing the installation of sidewalks along Windover Avenue.

"THE EXISTING CHARACTER TO BE PRESERVED AND ENHANCED"

It's not difficult to understand that removal of the trees, adding curb, gutter and sidewalks doesn't exactly preserve or enhance anything.

The new ordinance calling for curb and gutter and sidewalks in the town of Vienna seems to have been hastily written without considering the Historic District. It is my feeling that the new owners at 288 Windover should be granted an immediate waiver (this has been done before) from the requirement so they may proceed with their new home on the site, while the town adds an amendment to protect the Windover Heights Historic District properties. It is my fear if immediate action is not taken, the new owner may abandon his project, subdivide and build two new houses causing the loss of what many think of as the "crown jewel" of the district.

After our recent meeting with the windover heights board, at which attendance was overwhelmingly against the curb and gutter measure, the procedure was closed to public comment, and devolved to a discussion of the cedar trees on Windover and dedication of land (at 288) for new planting and maintenance by the town.

When I moved into the historic district over 40 years ago the condition of the cedar trees was sadly neglected. After repeated requests to the town to trim the trees, they finally responded and sent a tree trimming crew, but only worked on the 4 cedars in front of my property. Ignoring the remainder of Windover ave. The town solution to the problem was to inform the citizenry in the following months town news letter that property owners were responsible for "tree maintenance" in right of way areas in front of their property. Problem solved!. I don't think the town has any interest in the expense of maintaining trees along Windover. Individual property owners in the district have done just fine. I don't feel the applicant should have to dedicate a right of way for the town to maintain his trees.

Jim & Nancy Preston

295 Windover Ave. N.W.
Vienna Va 22180

Email 18

The intent of the Windover Historic District Ordinance was NO public improvements. preservation of all trees, NO widenings of streets, NO curb, NO gutters or NO sidewalks.

The Town Council granted a wavier of all public improvements for the the subdivision of the Leopold property at 255 Windover avenue and the subdivision of the Betts property at 203 Windover.

The public improvement policy has stood for 50 years.

If the SAME waivers are not granted for 288 Windover, there is no need for the Historic District. The Historic District will be destroyed.

Please grant the Same wavier to the 288 Windover Property so the owners can construct a new single family dwelling and not be forced to subdivide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom & Lindy Stevens

316 Windover Avenue NW

Email 19

Town Council

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Victor Rubles

102 Windover Avenue NW

Email 20

Dear Town Council,

I would like to start off by saying thank you for your service. My family and I enjoy living in this wonderful community and appreciate that your efforts help make it what it is.

I am writing about the proposed public improvements around 288 Windover Avenue. While I agree with many of my neighbors that the standard improvements are much too intrusive in the historic district, I think doing nothing relating to pedestrian safety would be a missed opportunity. Currently, everyone including my children, must walk in the street in an area with very little street lighting. Obviously in a historic district, development does not happen very often so this is really a rare opportunity to get the pedestrians off the street for at least the section being discussed. I hope that everyone involved can sit down and figure out some compromise which would preserve trees but create a foot path.

Thank you for your consideration.

Roger Stattel

212 West St. NW

Email 21

I am a 24 year resident of the Windover Historic District. I live at 342 Orchard St. NW. I am an avid walker and walk down Windover almost daily. The intent of the Windover Historic District Ordinance was NO public improvements. preservation of all trees, NO widenings of streets, NO curb, NO gutters or NO sidewalks.

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This public improvement policy has stood for 50 years.

If the **SAME** waivers are not granted for 288 Windover, there is no need for the Historic District. The Historic District will be destroyed, and the Town of Vienna will lose one of its most distinguishing features. We should be implementing tree replacements for the Cypress trees and working with new homeowners on the design features to stay within the a reasonable "look" for the area. In essence, avoiding ultra-modern box homes.

Please grant the SAME waivers to the 288 Windover Property so the owners can construct a new single family dwelling and not be forced to subdivide.

S. Orlene Grant

Email 23

Mayor Colbert and Town Council

February 26, 2024 Town Hall 127 Center Street South Vienna, Virginia 22180

Via Email Re: 288 Windover Avenue

Dear Mayor Colbert and members of the Town Council, 45 years ago, the Town of Vienna recognized that the rapid growth of our community was demolishing our past. To protect a small piece of that past, the Town created the Windover Heights Historic District in April 1979 and established the Windover Heights Board of Review (WHBR) to protect its historical nature. The WHBR's review is required to consider such issues as • harmony or incongruity with the old and historic aspect of the surroundings • the extent to which historic places and areas of historic interest in the district will be preserved or protected • special public value because of architectural and other features which relate to the cultural and artistic heritage of the Town Our Town continues to grow and in doing so, our more recent past is destroyed throughout the town. The Windover Heights historic district has not escaped this rebuilding, but the WHBR has worked hard to encourage development that is compatible with the goals of the district, that preserves the historic streetscape. Vienna has no other neighborhood like it. The Town code requiring all new development to install wide sidewalks and curbs presents a significant challenge to maintaining the historic nature of Windover Heights. The old cedar trees lining the road are one of the defining aspects of this historical landscape. Requiring new development to install new style sidewalks would over time, necessitate the installation of such sidewalks throughout the district. Installation of the new style sidewalks would require the removal of most if not all of the original cedar trees that defined the main road in Windover Heights. The Board of Historic Vienna, Inc. urges the town to respect the purpose of its 45 year old historic district and preserve its historical landscape by not requiring curbs, gutters, and sidewalks at 288 Windover Ave, NW. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Please note that while Steve Shannon, Circuit Court Judge in Fairfax, sits on the Board of Historic Vienna, he declined to participate in the discussions and the vote of the board on this policy position before the Town Council.

Sincerely, Anne G. Stuntz, President, Historic Vienna, Inc.

Email 24

Please convey to town council that Johanna and I support the recommendation of Windover Heights Board for the development of 288 Windover Avenue.

Thank You

Jerome and Johanna Covel

Email 25

March 9, 2024

SENT via email – Council@viennava.gov

The Honorable Linda Colbert, Mayor and
Town Councilmembers
127 Center Street South
Vienna, Virginia 22180

Re: The Windover Heights Historic District (the “WHHD”), in general; and
Property Located at 288 Windover Avenue NW (the “288 Property”).

Dear Madam Mayor and Town Councilmembers:

Last month when the current issues regarding the WHHD and the 288 Property were first on the agenda for the Windover Heights Board of Review (the “WHBR”), I wrote a letter to the WHBR, which I would hope is still a part of the package of information regarding these issues, that are ultimately to be before you on March 18, 2024.

My family has had a presence on Windover Avenue since 1943. When my parents moved from Vienna to Leesburg in 1953, they chose to keep the home at 280 Windover Avenue, and – fortunately for me – I was able to return to it in 1972, and have lived here ever since. Many of the homes I remember from my childhood, both while living here and coming back with my parents to visit friends, are gone or substantially remodeled. But the NEIGHBORHOOD, for the most part, still looks the same. Even with new homes and additions to older homes, the NEIGHBORHOOD still looks like the neighborhood I remember from my childhood.

A lot of hard work, time and money have been invested over the years to ultimately create, preserve, protect, and celebrate the Historic District. Yes, CELEBRATE!!! Look back through the archives and revisit the ways, times, and places Vienna has promoted and expressed pride in its preservation of this small enclave of yesteryear, the way it used to be.

I would hope that the Council votes on March 18 in accordance with the recommendations of the Windover Heights Board of Review, and further takes steps to make sure the Town Code is unequivocally clear with regard to the Windover Heights Historic District, i.e. why it was created, what it represents, and why its significance and value to the Town of Vienna will only increase as the years go by.

I appreciate the time and effort you put into serving our community.

Sincerely,

Dail Day Hyde

Email 26

Please support the recommendations of the Windover Heights Board of Review and maintain the character of the Windover Heights neighborhood. Please do not try to change it to become just another one of Vienna's many neighborhoods by invoking current codes and restrictions. Embrace what the Windover area represents, not only to its current residents but what HVI contributes to the character of the Town. The changes currently proposed by Town staff do not represent an "improvement" to the area that has been recognized as the historic district.

We support the unanimous decision and recommendations of the Windover Heights Board of Review (WHBR) in the letter dated 02/12/2024. That Board was legally created to protect the Historic character and status of the Windover Heights Historic District (WHHD) as defined by the Town of Vienna (TOV) in 1979. We emphatically urge the Town Council (TC) to support this unanimous decision and recommendations which reflect the voice of the vast majority of the WHHD community, and vote accordingly.

Essentially, the WHBR recommendations pertaining to the 288 Windover Avenue, NW property include that no curb, gutter, sidewalks or changes to the width of the current roads are warranted and that reasonable tree restoration and storm water design appropriate to the WHHD aesthetic should be implemented. We also support the recommendations identified in the WHBR 02/12/2024 letter under the "Further Considerations" section related to: implementation of a lower speed limit in the WHHD; exemption from Town of Vienna curb, gutter and sidewalk standards for the entire WHHD; and use of rights-of-way throughout the WHHD to preserve and enhance the District.

Furthermore, we urge the Town Council to acknowledge and adopt the book, *This Was Vienna, Virginia*, by Connie and Mayo Stuntz, as the authoritative reference pertaining to the WHHD. In addition, we urge the TC to remove from the Code incompatible language regarding the WHHD that refers to current public improvement standards and replace it with language that supports and strengthens WHHD in line with its agricultural historic conceptual underpinning.

Tom & Lindy Stevens

Email 27

Dear Town Council members,

We're residents of the Windover Heights neighborhood at 315 Windover Ave NW. Ahead of the planned hearing on March 18th, we ask for your VOTE TO SUPPORT the unanimous decision and recommendation of the Windover Heights Board of Review ("the Board"). In the memo dated 02/12/2024, the Board recommends NO CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION to protect the historic character of the Windover Heights Historic District ("the Historic District").

Established in 1979 by the Town of Vienna, the Board is legally chartered to protect the historic character of the Historic District. After a number of hearings and working sessions to carefully consider the issue, the board's recommendation reflects the voice of the vast majority of the Historic District community. We fully support their recommendations pertaining to 288 Windover Ave to "allow the applicant to proceed without a requirement to construct sidewalk nor to provide escrow for sidewalk for any of the four lot sides that front existing streets in WH." Additionally, we support further considerations for the Town Council to include:

- Codifying an exemption from the Town of Vienna and VDOT modern curb, gutter and sidewalk standards that are incongruent with the Historic District's historic aesthetic and character
- Preserving and replanting historically appropriate cedar trees
- Lowering the speed limit within the Historic District

We hope that you'll stand with the Town of Vienna's Historic District community and vote to protect its unique and historic character.

Thank you!

Max and Caren Aronin
315 Windover Ave NW

Email 28

I wholeheartedly support the unanimous decision and recommendations of the February 12th, 2024 letter by the Windover Heights Board of Review (WHBR). As defined by the Town of Vienna (TOV) in 1979, the board is legally created to protect the Historic character and status of the Windover Heights Historic District (WHHD). I strongly recommend the Town Council to support this unanimous decision and recommendations, which reflect the voice of the vast majority of the WHHD community and vote accordingly.

Essentially, the WHBR recommendations pertaining to the 288 Windover Avenue, NW property include that no curb, gutter, sidewalks or changes to the width of the current roads are warranted and implement reasonable tree restoration and storm water design appropriate to the WHHD aesthetic. I support the recommendations identified in the WHBR 02/12/2024 letter under the "Further Considerations" section: implementation of a lower speed limit in the WHHD; exemption from Town of Vienna curb, gutter and sidewalk standards for the entire WHHD; and use of rights-of-way throughout the WHHD to preserve and enhance the District.

I urge that the Town Council acknowledge and adopt the book, *This Was Vienna, Virginia*, by Connie and Mayo Stuntz, as the authoritative reference pertaining to the WHHD. I recommend Town Council remove from the Code incompatible language regarding the WHHD that refers to current public improvement standards and replace it with language that supports and strengthens WHHD in line with its agricultural historic conceptual underpinning.

S. Orlene Grant

Vienna Historic District Resident

Email 29

Please do not put sidewalks on the Vienna hill or Windover Avenue, to retain the historic beauty of our town. I have lived over 50 years at 225 Windover Avenue. I walk my dog every day in this area and have been treated with much respect, to keep us safe without sidewalks.

Marguerite Lay

Email 30

Dear Madam Mayor and Town Council Members,

I spoke at the recent Windover Heights Review Board meeting in favor of Option #1 presented in the staff memo dated February 6, 2024 regarding public improvements at 288 Windover Avenue NW. I understand that you will have a work session on this matter this evening, and I would like to convey my thoughts to you for your consideration at that work session.

Although the current review process is to determine what happens at a single property, 288 Windover, this case will have an impact on what is done in the rest of the historic district in the future. Because this case has implications for future public improvements, we should not be shortsighted in our thinking simply so that this one development project can proceed quickly. I think it is important that we engage in a design process and take the time to develop a means of addressing stormwater, road conditions and pedestrian safety in a thoughtful manner that will ensure Windover Heights maintains its unique character well into the future.

Given that the streets in the Windover Heights district are public street for use by all Vienna residents, who live both within and outside of the neighborhood, it is important that Vienna continue its mission of creating a walkable community by requiring the public improvements in Windover Heights as it does in the rest of the Town.

Currently, portions of Windover Avenue and Pleasant Street are unsafe for pedestrians and in need of repair. The roads are narrow and, particularly along Pleasant and the portion of Windover closer to Lawyers Road, there are deep ditches alongside the road. In fact, on Pleasant, the asphalt is crumbling away at the edge. In addition, cars move quickly, and there are several locations in which it is difficult to jump off to the side and out of the way of passing vehicles. I say this as a jogger who regularly has to move out of the way of cars; as a mother whose younger son rides his bike on Windover regularly to go to his friend's house and whose older son walks along Pleasant to get to his tutor's office on Maple multiple times a week; and as a former Planning Commission member who heard numerous Windover residents speak to the high speeds at which drivers travel as they cut through Windover between Lawyers Road and Nutley Street during her tenure on the Commission (hence the radar speed reader/speed limit sign installed between 315 and 317 Windover Ave). At the WHRB meeting, it was mentioned that there haven't been any recorded pedestrian-related accidents in Windover Heights, but I would rather be proactive rather than respond to a tragedy after the fact.

While I support the need for public improvements, I also recognize that Windover Avenue is a unique streetscape within Vienna. Because the road is narrower, has a curved alignment and has many mature

trees close to the street edge, it has a charming, intimate character. When I worked for a landscape architecture firm in Old Town Alexandria, I worked on a number of corridor management plans for state and federal scenic byway applications, and this is the type of character we were often looking for: winding roads with a tree canopy of branches arching from either side to meet in the middle. Not only as a Vienna resident, but as a professional landscape architect, I understand the value of the Windover streetscape and the importance of preserving it.

So as we look at 288 and the larger Windover Heights neighborhood, I think we need a more customized approach. As I said earlier, we need to think about preserving Windover Heights over the long term, and the best way to do that is to engage in a design process that would allow the Town and its residents to address failing infrastructure and safety concerns in a customized manner that is sensitive to the neighborhood's unique character. Some initial thoughts:

- With regard to the district's beautiful white cedar trees, let's identify the cedars – and other species – that are healthy and worth saving, and then let's design a streetscape that will accommodate them while allowing for the planting of new trees in spaces that will allow them to thrive and grow well into the future. (Going back to 288 specifically, if we look at the Existing Home/Condition and Tree Inventory plan for the site where the builder has identified the trees that would come down in order to implement the frontage improvements, not one was listed in Good condition. They were either listed as Fair or in several cases Poor. We have to recognize that the trees are getting older, and in many cases their health is already compromised.)
- I recognize that drainage may not be a problem along much of Windover Avenue, so let's reserve subsurface drainage for those areas where it is most needed, for example to replace the ditches along Pleasant and along Windover between West Street and Lawyers. Maybe we use drains that are flush with the road surface so as to avoid traditional curb and gutter.
- Short Street and Lover's Lane are much less traveled than Windover, Pleasant, West and Orchard, so perhaps improvements there are limited to the recommended drainage improvements.
- Finally, with regard to sidewalks, we need to recognize that the number of people walking in this part of town is only going to increase, so some pedestrian accommodations are reasonable and necessary. I suggest the consideration of an alternative material to concrete like asphalt. This would allow a more flexible alignment that could curve around trees and would not require excavation to the same depth as concrete thereby reducing the impact to root systems. The darker material would blend into the landscape better than gleaming white concrete as well. I strongly encourage everyone currently opposed to sidewalks in Windover Heights to look at the asphalt path along Church Street between Glyndon and Beulah. It is barely noticeable as it winds inconspicuously among mature trees.

I'm sure there are more possibilities. These are my immediate suggestions. But my point is that this does not have to be an all or nothing situation. This is a prime opportunity for compromise and creative problem solving. In that spirit, I would encourage Town Council to consider the benefits of investing the time and thought in a design process now that will preserve the unique character of the Windover Heights neighborhood long into the future.

Sincerely,

Sarah Couchman

Email 31

Dear Town Council,

We are writing to urgently request the same waivers granted to properties at 255 Windover Avenue and 203 Windover, for the proposed development at 288 Windover.

The Windover Historic District Ordinance clearly outlines a policy of no public improvements, including preservation of trees and no street widenings, curb, gutters, or sidewalks. This policy has been upheld for 50 years.

Granting the same waivers to 288 Windover is crucial to maintain the integrity of the Historic District. Without them, the district's preservation efforts would be jeopardized, potentially leading to its destruction.

Please consider this request and grant the necessary waivers so that the owners of 288 Windover can proceed with their plans for a new single-family dwelling without subdivision.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bahareh Nikfarjam 201 Windover Ave NW, Vienna, VA 22180

Email 32

To Whom it may concern,

About twelve years ago, my husband and I started searching for our forever home. Married with 2 children and a 3rd on the way, we decided Vienna was where we wanted to settle. We searched for months for the perfect spot to build our home, and when we found the lot on the corner of Windover Ave and Lewis St, we knew that was the one.

Windover Ave is like no other street in the town. The narrow, tree-lined road, peppered with historic homes and appealing newer homes looks like a neighborhood pulled from a movie. My favorite town event is the Walk on the Hill, where residents can meander

up and down Windover Ave and surrounding streets, admiring the impressive gardens and backyards of these beautiful homes, while chatting with neighbors..

As someone who loves walking, I feel that most residential neighborhoods should incorporate sidewalks, as they provide a safe area for pedestrians. However, I am **100% opposed** to installing sidewalks along Windover Ave or anywhere in the historic district. Removing trees and installing sidewalks would completely alter the appearance, feel and charm of the historic district and I am confident that most, if not all, of my neighbors agree.

About six or so years ago, several neighbors were fighting to have sidewalks installed on the block of Lewis St, between Windover and Knoll. As far as I know they were set to install them, but changed plans last minute to save the "historic walnut trees" along that block. I cannot fathom why the town cared so much about those walnut trees, in the non-historic district, and yet they're entertaining the idea of removing dozens of also historic trees all along Windover. I may be biased, but I feel that our neighborhood is the jewel of Vienna and I want to keep it that way. I urge the town to keep the historic district as is, and I strongly encourage you to listen to the voices of those who live here. Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Schofield
135 Lewis St NW

Email 33

Town Council

The intent of the Windover Historic District Ordinance was NO public improvements, preservation of all trees, NO widenings of streets, NO curb, NO gutters or NO sidewalks.

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If the SAME waivers are not granted for 288 Windover Ave., there is no need for the Historic District. The Historic District will be destroyed.

Please grant the same waivers to the 288 Windover Property so the owners can construct a new single family dwelling and not be forced to subdivide.

Jean Ellen
212 Walnut Ln NW.

Email 34

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to oppose any sidewalks in the Windover Heights Historic District, especially around 288 Windover Ave. When the Historic District was originally signed by the Town Council, it was to preserve and protect the district from the situation addressing the Council today. We, the residents, want to keep the environment and atmosphere as it has always been. Any encroachment will harm the neighborhood. The Town Public Works can continue to do their job of clearing the drainpipes and ditches. The Town can manage to help the neighborhood within the boundaries of the Windover Heights Historic District guidelines.

We need to uphold the Windover Heights Historic District rules and policies. It is the reason why the Historic District was put in place. Do not destroy our unique neighborhood.

Your neighbor,
Daphne Sloan
223 Walnut Lane, NW
Vienna, VA 22180

March 15,2024

Email 35

Date: 03.15.2024 To: Vienna Town Council via MClark@viennava.gov

From: Paul Layer, 317 Windover Avenue, NW Re: 288 Windover Avenue in the Windover Heights Historic District

Dear Council Members:

I support the unanimous decision and recommendations of the Windover Heights Board of Review (WHBR) in the memo dated 02/12/2024. The board was legally chartered to protect the Historic character and status of the Windover Heights Historic District (WHHD) as defined by the Town of Vienna (TOV) in 1979, and I ask the Town Council (TC) to vote in support of this unanimous decision and recommendations, which reflect the voice of the vast majority of the WHHD community. Essentially, the WHBR recommendations pertaining to the 288 Windover Avenue, NW property state that no curb, gutter, sidewalks or changes to the width of the current roads are warranted and that reasonable tree restoration and storm water design appropriate to the WHHD aesthetic should be implemented. I also support the recommendations identified in the WHBR 02/12/2024 memo under the "Further Considerations" section related to the implementation of a lower speed limit in the WHHD and codifying an exemption from Town of Vienna curb, gutter and sidewalk standards for the entire WHHD. Additionally, I urge the Town Council to acknowledge and adopt the book, This Was Vienna, Virginia, by Connie and Mayo Stuntz, as the authoritative reference pertaining to the WHHD. Lastly, I urge the TC remove from the Code incompatible language regarding the WHHD that refers to current public improvement standards, and replace it with language that supports and strengthens WHHD in line with its agricultural historic conceptual underpinning.

Sincerely, Paul Layer

Email 36

Dear Town Council members,

I am a resident of the Windover Heights neighborhood at 315 Windover Ave NW. Ahead of the planned hearing on March 18th, I ask for your VOTE TO SUPPORT the unanimous decision and recommendation of the Windover Heights Board of Review ("the Board"). In the memo dated 02/12/2024, the Board recommends NO CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION to protect the historic character of the Windover Heights Historic District ("the Historic District").

Established in 1979 by the Town of Vienna, the Board is legally chartered to protect the historic character of the Historic District. After a number of hearings and working sessions to carefully consider the issue, the board's recommendation reflects the voice of the vast majority of the Historic District community. I fully support their recommendations pertaining to 288 Windover Ave to "allow the applicant to proceed without a requirement to construct sidewalk nor to provide escrow for sidewalk for any of the four lot

sides that front existing streets in WH." Additionally, I support further considerations for the Town Council to include:

- Codifying an exemption from the Town of Vienna and VDOT modern curb, gutter and sidewalk standards that are incongruent with the Historic District's historic aesthetic and character
- Preserving and replanting historically appropriate cedar trees
- Lowering the speed limit within the Historic District

I hope that you'll stand with the Town of Vienna's Historic District community and vote to protect its unique and historic character.

Thank you!

Caren Aronin
315 Windover Ave NW

Email 37

Date: March 15, 2024

To: Vienna Town Council via MClark@viennava.gov

From: Carol Layer

Re: 288 Windover Avenue in the Windover Heights Historic District

Dear Council Members:

As a 30 year resident at 317 Windover Ave., NW, I am writing in support of the unanimous decision and recommendations of the Windover Heights Board of Review (WHBR) in the memo dated 02/12/2024 and with the request that the Town Council vote to support the decision and the recommendations. The WHBR was legally chartered to protect the Historic character and status of the Windover Heights Historic District (WHHD) as defined by the Town of Vienna (TOV) in 1979. As evidenced by resident testimony and letters to the WHBR and to Town Council, the Windover Heights community also overwhelmingly supports that no curb, gutter, sidewalks or changes to the width of the current roads be adopted at the 288

Windover Ave. property and that reasonable tree restoration and storm water design appropriate to the WHHD aesthetic be implemented.

Beyond the immediate issues concerning the 288 property, I also ask the Town Council to pursue the WHBR's recommendations related to the implementation of a lower speed limit in the WHHD and codifying an exemption from Town of Vienna curb, gutter and sidewalk standards for the entire WHHD.

I have observed recent Council worksessions and meetings and recognize the zeal and organized effort amongst some of the members to implement one-size-fits-all standards across the entire Town, even over resident objections, as it relates to public improvements. Please recognize that doing so in the Windover Heights Historic District will destroy an irreplaceable part of Vienna's history and a beloved community and, accordingly, please vote to uphold the WHBR decision and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Carol Layer

Email 38

Dear Town Council members,

I am a resident of the Windover Heights neighborhood at 201 Windover Ave. Ahead of the planned hearing on March 18th, I ask for your VOTE TO SUPPORT the unanimous decision and recommendation of the Windover Heights Board of Review ("the Board"). In the memo dated 02/12/2024, the Board recommends NO CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION to protect the historic character of the Windover Heights Historic District ("the Historic District").

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I hope that you'll stand with the Town of Vienna's Historic District community and vote to protect its unique and historic character.

Thank you!

Bahareh Nikfarjam
201 Windover Ave NW

Email 39

Dear Vienna Town Council,

My name is Naomi Hutchins and I live at 311 Windover Ave. I am writing to you today to convey my desire to have no public improvements, including frontage or sidewalks, be constructed on 288 Windover Ave, or any surrounding Windover Heights Historic District property. It is my opinion that this construction would destroy all sense of the historic aesthetic that exists in this neighborhood, to say nothing of the erasure of a significant portion of the canopy coverage that exists in this part of Vienna - coverage that the town claims to want to preserve.

We all knew exactly what we were getting when we moved to Windover. Indeed, the nature of the neighborhood and the history of it were amongst the principal reasons my family chose it for our home. There is a reason that I have volunteered in the community and have made real roots in Vienna! It now seems the council wants a one-size-fits-all approach for the entire town, and that would be a shame. The Walk on the Hill highlights the uniqueness of our neighborhood, and this construction would seem to negate any need for it at all. I urge you to recommend no public improvements for this site, so that a little bit of old town Vienna might remain.

Blessings, Naomi

Email 40

Please record my comments below. Thank you. LINDY STEVENS

Please support the recommendations of the Windover Heights Board of Review and maintain the character of the Windover Heights neighborhood. Please do not try to change it to become just another one of Vienna's many neighborhoods by invoking current codes and restrictions. Embrace what the Windover area represents, not only to its current residents but what HVI contributes to the character of the Town. The changes currently proposed by Town staff do not represent an "improvement" to the area that has been recognized as the historic district.

We support the unanimous decision and recommendations of the Windover Heights Board of Review (WHBR) in the letter dated 02/12/2024. That Board was legally created to protect the Historic character and status of the Windover Heights Historic District (WHHD) as defined by the Town of Vienna (TOV) in 1979. We emphatically urge the Town Council (TC) to support this unanimous decision and recommendations which reflect the voice of the vast majority of the WHHD community, and vote accordingly.

Essentially, the WHBR recommendations pertaining to the 288 Windover Avenue, NW property include that no curb, gutter, sidewalks or changes to the width of the current roads are warranted and that reasonable tree restoration and storm water design appropriate to the WHHD aesthetic should be implemented. We also support the recommendations identified in the WHBR 02/12/2024 letter under the "Further Considerations" section related to: implementation of a lower speed limit in the WHHD; exemption from Town of Vienna curb, gutter and sidewalk standards for the entire WHHD; and use of rights-of-way throughout the WHHD to preserve and enhance the District.

Furthermore, we urge the Town Council to acknowledge and adopt the book, *This Was Vienna, Virginia*, by Connie and Mayo Stuntz, as the authoritative reference pertaining to the WHHD. In addition, we urge the TC to remove from the Code incompatible language regarding the WHHD that refers to current public improvement standards and replace it with language that supports and strengthens WHHD in line with its agricultural historic conceptual underpinning.

Tom & Lindy Stevens

Email 41

Dear Madame Mayor and Town Council members,

3/15/2024

I support the unanimous recommendations of the Windover Heights review board, WHRB (the board that was legally created to protect the Historic character and status of the Historic District) as defined by the TOV in 1979, and I emphatically urge the Town Council to support that unanimous decision (that additionally, overwhelmingly supports the voice of the community) and vote accordingly:

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Reasonable tree restoration

Appropriate storm water devices

Reduction of speed.

Section § 46.2-1300 of the Code of Virginia allows a local governing body to reduce the speed limit to less than 25

In the long run, removing in the code incompatible language regarding the WHHD that refers to current standards, and replacing it with language that supports and strengthens it in line with its historic conceptual underpinning.

Sincerely,

David Medwedeff

309 Windover Ave. NW.

Vienna, VA 22180

Email 42

I am in the historic district and I do not want sidewalks.

Tom Peterson

261 Windover Ave, NW

Email 43

Dear Town Council members,

I am a resident of the Windover Heights neighborhood at 201 Windover Ave NW. Ahead of the planned hearing on March 18th, I ask for your VOTE TO SUPPORT the unanimous decision and recommendation of the Windover Heights Board of Review ("the Board"). In the memo dated 02/12/2024, the Board recommends NO CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION to protect the historic character of the Windover Heights Historic District ("the Historic District").

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Thank you!

Ruhollah Farchtchi

201 Windover Ave NW, Vienna VA 22180

ruhollah.farchtchi@gmail.com

Email 44

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Thomas Stevens.

Email 45

March 15, 2024

Young Ho Chang
222 Lovers Lane NW

Vienna Town Council members,

First of all, thank you for your time serving the Town.

My name is Young Ho Chang and along with my wife Sandy reside at 222 Lovers Lane. We have lived here for four years although, we have been in Northern Virginia for over 50 years so we are very familiar with the Town and the quaint nature of the Windover Heights Historic District. We were thrilled to find a place here to build our forever home.

We support the Windover Heights Board of review's unanimous decision and recommendation to not include curb, gutter, sidewalks or change the width of the current roads as related to the approval of 288 Windover Avenue.

The Windover Heights Historic District, according to the Town of Vienna Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance, was designated to recognize its special value. And I quote, "To provide for the preservation of that district and sites therein, the Town Council recognizes that the district is a single-family residential neighborhood which has changed little since the turn of the century, which consists mostly of older homes, open spaces, and meandering streets lined with mature trees and shrubs which constitutes one of the original residential sections of historic old Vienna..." Installing curb and gutter and sidewalk would require additional right of way and destruction of these mature trees and shrubs, destroying the very essence of the area, and simply fly in the face of the town's own statement about the Historic District.

We walk along Lovers, Short and Windover frequently and feel very safe. I also see plenty of folks also enjoying strolls along these streets. Cars on these streets know that there are pedestrians and are more attentive. Our fear is if any of the build options are realized, the speed will increase because the drivers will feel the roads can handle higher speeds. Traffic engineering professionals know that drivers will drive at the speed that they feel comfortable. You may also see an increase in traffic volume from cut thru traffic from people trying to avoid Maple Avenue because they think they can drive faster on Windover Avenue. And what you will then get is a need for traffic calming devices and police enforcement. It will be impossible to undo this decision once you start down this path.

Furthermore, we strongly support carving out the entire Windover Heights Historic District from the Town's sidewalk requirement.

I do want to point out one area that we disagree with the WHBR recommendation. There was a recommendation to consider one-way traffic in the district for traffic calming. It was discussed without a clear understanding of the problem it was trying to solve. We believe a one-way traffic operation would actually INCREASE speed and even more problematically, create a safety problem from confusion of motorists.

Thank you.

Email 46

March 15, 2024

Sandy Chang
222 Lovers Lane NW

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Email 47

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Thank you!

Kristin Stapleton
307 Windover Ave NW
Vienna, VA 22180

Email 48

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307 Windover Ave NW

Vienna, VA 22180

