

Froh, Robert

From: Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 3:41 PM
To: 'anncchen@aol.com'; Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Cc: Gallagher, Michael; Ervin, Alsinia
Subject: RE: Support for Sidewalk Construction on Alma Street

Ms. Chen:

Thank you for your message in support of sidewalks. We agree that new sidewalks will be great addition to Vienna and will promote health, safety, and community.

If we build sidewalk on Alma Street the project will include restoration that includes the replacement of trees. As always we will try to save trees as much as possible.

Thank You,
Robert Froh, PE

From: anncchen@aol.com <anncchen@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2021 1:25 PM
To: Town of Vienna Sidewalks <sidewalks@viennava.gov>
Subject: Support for Sidewalk Construction on Alma Street

August 13, 2021
Vienna Public Works
Michael J. Gallagher, Director DPW

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

My family has lived on Alma Street since 1992 and throughout the years we hoped for sidewalk construction. We are grateful to Maud Robinson and her generous gift to Vienna in the form of sidewalks. Sidewalks provide connectivity among neighborhoods and safety for pedestrians, especially the most vulnerable in our community. Sidewalks promote healthy lifestyles and socialization among residents. Sidewalks provide safe walking pathways for children to independently go to school, libraries, and visit friends. Sidewalks make walking less stressful because pedestrians do not have to compete with cars. We are happy to have sidewalks added to our street.

We know some people have expressed concerns about losing trees or a sense of privacy, but it is a small price to pay for enhanced safety and connectivity. If we lose trees on either of our properties at 604 or 605, we will replace and replant them in a more suitable place. I am not concerned about privacy because Alma Street is not a main thoroughfare. The people most likely to gain pleasure and enjoyment from the sidewalks are the residents in close proximity to Wildwood Park. They are already using Alma Street and I think it will be better and safer for them to have a sidewalk and the ability to move off the street.

We support the construction of sidewalks on Alma Street. We wished they were built when our children were small, but overall we are happy to see them coming now!

Best regards,

Ann Cavazos Chen
604 & 605 Alma Street
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Froh, Robert

From: Kurt Wenk <kswenk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:30 PM
To: Town of Vienna Sidewalks; Ervin, Alsinia; Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of
Subject: Re: Alma St SE sidewalk project

Hello

I wanted to provide additional feedback, based on the recent Alma Sidewalk Report and proposed design (Concept 1). ***We do not feel that it is useful to have a small portion of sidewalk on the Delano side of our property on 501 Alma St SE.*** We provided similar feedback in response to the questionnaire for the Delano project.

That proposed portion of sidewalk would only be a few feet long at a deadend (see attached photo). As residents at this property for the past 3 years, there is very little parked traffic within this small space, except for our car pulling out of the driveway (which the sidewalk wouldn't help with). It is very likely that pedestrians would skip the sidewalk entirely and take the more direct route to the park. We feel this is a waste of resources/cost and that it would not enhance safety at all. It would furthermore remove more greenery from the community and potentially impact the portion of the hedge in that location, in exchange for no significant benefit.

We hope the town council and designing team will consider removing this portion of the concept. The saved costs can be applied to other current and future projects within the Robinson Trust Sidewalk Initiative.

As always, we thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback! We would appreciate it if you could confirm receipt of this email.

Kurt Wenk
501 Alma St SE
703-231-3024

On Thu, Aug 5, 2021 at 1:11 PM Kurt Wenk <kswenk@gmail.com> wrote:
Hello,

We've previously provided feedback for the Delano Dr sidewalk project, and wanted to provide additional feedback for the Alma St project, given our corner location. We oppose the sidewalk on both streets for the reasons previously stated in our feedback for Delano Dr.

If a sidewalk is still to be constructed (as it appears it will be), we feel the best location would be on the originally planned even side of the street. It has come to our attention that several neighbors on the street have pointed out that the odd side of the street would be better for those going to Wildwood park. However, this doesn't make much sense to us, as anyone coming from Follin Ln would simply continue on another few feet to the closer park entrance rather than turn onto Alma St for the farther smaller side entrance. Regarding young children on the street itself, of which there aren't many, some will regardless have to cross the street to access the sidewalk if it were on our side, and just as many might use it to go to school rather than the park, favoring placement on the other side. Finally, as one of the main goals of the project is to ***enhance walkability/safety***, connectivity and most importantly safety would best be achieved by having the sidewalk on the even side of the street, which would allow easy connection with the planned

Delano Dr, Orrin St, and existing Echols St sidewalks. While there may be slight additional cost for an extra tree or telephone pole on the even side, safety should take priority. The odd side of the street is also within a **resource management area**, and it is unclear if that would affect sidewalk construction/placement/costs. Despite the above points, we overall still oppose a sidewalk on either side, per our prior email.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback! Can you please confirm that our comments will be added/considered?

Additionally, we are curious as to whether we can find out how many residents on our street provided feedback, and how many were in favor/against the sidewalk? Is that publically available?

Kurt Wenk
501 Alma St SE
703-231-3024



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Froh, Robert

From: Paul Leighton <paul.leighton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 7, 2021 9:20 PM
To: Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Cc: Paul Leighton
Subject: Robinson Trust Sidewalk Project - Alma Street SE

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

Thank you for your letter dated August 4 providing an update on the status of the Engineering Report for the Robinson Trust Sidewalk Project as it relates to Alma Street SE and notice regarding the upcoming meeting on August 18, which I plan to attend. I am happy to hear that you will be making the Engineering Report available for review at least 7 days before the meeting on August 18, as I plan to thoroughly review the report and also have at least 1 licensed civil engineer review the report and provide me with his professional opinion on it.

I also was pleased to hear that the criteria for determining what side of the street to place the sidewalk on Alma Street SE will include the impacts on trees, grading requirements on (and disruptions to) private properties, location of utility poles, connectivity to adjacent sidewalks, trails, parks and costs. As I'm sure you and the other Council members are aware, you have a legally binding fiduciary duty to proceed with these sidewalk projects in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible, as well as a manner providing the greatest safety to residents. I look forward in particular to reviewing the detailed cost component of the proposed project to confirm its cost-effective approach.

One question I have is whether I am permitted to bring a licensed civil engineer to the meeting on August 18 in order to hear your presentation and participate in asking questions and providing feedback for the other participants to hear. I think it would be beneficial to everyone involved in this process if we had the benefit of an independent civil engineer involved in that meeting. I look forward to the meeting on August 18.

Best regards,
Paul

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502 Alma Street SE

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Froh, Robert

From: Blake Rushin <jbrushin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 11:15 AM
To: Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Subject: Sidewalk meeting Monday - Blackstone Terrace NW

As a resident of Blackstone Terrace NW, I am writing in support of placing the sidewalk on the even side of the street on Blackstone Terrace as outlined in concept one.

I will not be able to attend the meeting on Monday.

I feel that the preservation of the street trees should be a primary consideration.

I hope that you will decide to go with concept one which sounds like the best plan overall for our street.

J. Blake Rushin
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Froh, Robert

From: Anne Ross <across@acrosscounseling.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Subject: Sidewalk meeting Monday re: Blackstone Terrace nw

As a resident of Blackstone Terrace NW, I am writing in support of placing the sidewalk on the even side of the street on Blackstone Terrace as outlined in concept one.

I am unable to attend the meeting since I will be out of town.

I feel that the preservation of the street trees is of the utmost importance. Also on the odd side, 609 Blackstone would lose a significant portion of their front yard.

I hope that you will decide to go with concept one which has the least overall impact.

Thank you,
Anne Ross

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Froh, Robert

From: David Nielsen <nielsend63@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 5, 2021 9:02 AM
To: Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Subject: Question about sidewalk placement on Blackstone Terrace NW

Hello,

I'm writing with a question about the proposed placement of the sidewalk on Blackstone Terrace NW. I live on that street and I'm looking forward to the new sidewalk. I'm just trying to learn why the town picked my side of the street for the sidewalk placement.

The plan calls for the sidewalk to be constructed on the even side addresses of Blackstone Terrace NW from Holmes Dr to Lawyers Rd. Could someone from the town please let me know the factors that led to picking the even side instead of the odd side?

An extended spur of sidewalk on the odd side of Blackstone already exists. The sidewalk comes from Lawyers Road and ends abruptly at the property line for 603 Blackstone. It would seem to make sense to extend the sidewalk from that point. There is no sidewalk spur on the even side.

Why was the even side selected for a new sidewalk instead of extending the existing sidewalk on the odd side?

Thank you,

David Nielsen
624 Blackstone Terrace NW

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Froh, Robert

From: Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 1:19 PM
To: 'Maryanne Ward'
Cc: Ervin, Alsinia
Subject: RE: Charles Street

Ms: Ward:

The report has 2 concepts for the sidewalk. The concept for your side of the street, Concept 1, does not affect your driveway. Your driveway will not be demolished or rebuilt. As for the other driveways on your street we are providing driveways of the same width as existing. If a property has an 18' wide driveway, a double driveway, we are providing an 18' wide driveway.

A questionnaire was sent late last year to the owners on Charles St. The responses were for the odd side owners 3 in favor and 1 against.

The responses were for the even side owners 1 for and 4 against.

I hope this addresses your concerns. If you have additional questions please let me know.

Thank you
Robert Froh, PE
Vienna DPW

From: Maryanne Ward <mward@cricketholdings.com>
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 12:41 PM
To: Town of Vienna Sidewalks <sidewalks@viennava.gov>
Subject: Charles Street

Good afternoon ???

I am a ?? resident at 309 Charles Street that will be adversely affected with the Robinson Sidewalk Projected as I will be reduced to a 1 car driveway. ?? In speaking with my neighbors; it seems that the majority do not want this sidewalk due to the impact on our driveways. ?? However, all the town reports I read comment that the majority of the neighbors are for the sidewalk. ?? What concrete evidence do you have to support the majority of odd side homeowners want the sidewalk?

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Thank you.

Maryanne

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Froh, Robert

From: Emily Korff <emily@korff.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 21, 2021 9:43 AM
To: Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Subject: Charles St Sidewalk project

Hello!

I just found the letter I had received and realized that I missed the public meeting earlier this week about the sidewalks on Charles St. I pulled up the design proposals online and see that the sidewalk for the odd side, which includes my house was recommended. I live at 311 Charles St and I see that my Crepe Myrtle and Leyland Cyprus were at risk with this project. I should mention that our neighbors at 313 Charles would very much like us to remove my row of Leland Cyprus and replace them with smaller plants that wouldn't expand onto their property. We have been holding off on this project because of the cost of removing and replacing the trees, but I wanted to let you know that if the Town would like to consider removing the Leland Cyprus for the project rather than moving the sidewalk to the curb as mentioned in the proposal, that would be fine with us. In fact, if we could remove all 4 plants at the same time that would be great, and then I could replace them with smaller shrubs and we wouldn't have to worry about die-off from the project. This would also give me space to plant the replacement for my pretty crepe myrtle which will need to come down.

Thanks,
Emily Korff
311 Charles St SE

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Froh, Robert

From: Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Andrew Petry; Town of Vienna Sidewalks
Cc: Petry, Anna Tsuchitani
Subject: RE: Inquiry Into Robinson Trust Sidewalk Project (SW Vienna)

Andrew and Anna,

If you would like to inform the Council of your comments, please email them at Council@viennava.gov or feel free to reach out them individually, there contact info is here: <https://www.viennava.gov/your-government/town-council>

Michael J. Gallagher, PE
Director of Public Works



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From: Andrew Petry <andrew.petry@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 10:22 AM
To: Town of Vienna Sidewalks <sidewalks@viennava.gov>
Cc: Petry, Anna Tsuchitani <annatsuchitani@gmail.com>
Subject: Inquiry Into Robinson Trust Sidewalk Project (SW Vienna)

Good Morning,

My name is Andrew Petry and I live at 914 Symphony Cir SW in Vienna. I understand our street is being proposed as a recommended street as part of the Robinson Trust project.

If I am opposed to the construction, what is the recommended way my neighbors and I can make our objection best known to the town and city council?

Thanks for your assistance.

Andrew & Anna Petry
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Froh, Robert

From: Mayor
Sent: Sunday, May 23, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Michael Kalutkiewicz
Cc: Town of Vienna Sidewalks; Colbert, Linda; Anderson, Chuck; Brill, Ray; Patel, Nisha; Potter, Steve; Somers, Ed; Springsteen, Howard; Sergent, John
Subject: Re: Sidewalk plan: Symphony Cir

Dear Mr. Kalutkiewicz,

Thank you for your email and thoughtful remarks. We will consider your comments.

Have a good rest of your weekend!

Linda



Linda Jane Colbert | Mayor

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On Apr 30, 2021, at 6:13 PM, Michael Kalutkiewicz <kaluk8@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Town Council,

As you know, Symphony Cir SW is scheduled to have two sidewalks installed as part of the Town's sidewalk plan. I appreciate the Town's goals to increase the number of sidewalks throughout Vienna. However, I have not spoken to a single household on our small circle which approves of the current design. Everyone agrees that a sidewalk on the adjacent Melody Lane or DeSale St., both of which are busier and car-lined, would further the public safety goals of the Town. Sidewalks on these streets would create safe pedestrian ways for many more children and residents walking to and from Cunningham Park Elementary School - including my 5-, 8- and 11-year-olds. As presented, the addition of two sidewalks on Symphony Cir would not only serve a handful of kids, but would simply spill onto the busier street of Melody Lane. This could actually create situations where cars do not anticipate that kids will need to walk directly into the street and create false sense of safety and understanding from children about what to do. It indeed may result in a situation that is even more dangerous than currently designed.

In situations like this where there may be unforeseen safety concerns with certain projects, the Town should stop and re-examine those projects to ensure that residents' children have a fully connected pedestrian way to key places like schools and community centers. Perhaps the priority should be the identification of key destinations for pedestrians and then working backward to the more residential areas - not starting with the outermost areas and leaving "missing links" on more highly-trafficked streets such as Melody and DeSale. As proposed, the plan to include Symphony Cir lacks connectivity and a cohesive path to our elementary school, creating uncertainty for the children on our

street as they navigate entry onto busier roads that remain without sidewalks and with drivers that may not be expecting this situation.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the current plan.

Regards,
Michael and Kate Kalutkiewicz
908 Symphony Cir.