

From:

John J. Spidi <spidilaw@aol.com>

Sent:

Monday, July 20, 2020 2:46 PM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia

Subject:

Sidewalks

Mr. Gallagher, I live on the odd numbered side of DeSale Street, SW, and I have concern about a sidewalk being put through my yard. My concern is that I have a flagstone walkway from the curb to my front steps. Will the sidewalk go though the flagstone path thus requiring its demolition? Or will it be built around the walkway? I would prefer that the sidewalk not go though the flagstone walkway. If you would be so kind to respond to this email with an explanation, I would be very grateful. Thank you.

Jack Spidi 809 DeSale Street, SW Vienna, VA 22180

From:

Miguel Ordonez <miguel\_ordonez@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, July 30, 2020 1:32 PM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia

Subject:

Fw: Sidewalks

Alsinia,

Thank you for your letter of July 15 regarding potential sidewalk projects on De Sale Street SW.

This is not a new issue and has been going on since January 2020 with several meetings, letters, e-mails and a Town Council meeting and vote.

It is clear that there is considerable opposition to the sidewalk proposals on De Sale Street as evidenced by the comments during the public meetings and the fact that the Town Council by unanimous vote did not approve the projects during the meeting that did approve Holmes Drive, Cabin Road, and Plum Street projects.

During earlier phases of the proposal, residents at 802, 804, 806, 807, 810, and 910 De Sale Street SW signed a petition opposing the De Sale projects. There were also others in opposition who did not sign the petition but spoke out against the proposal during the public meetings. Because of coronavirus, I have not been able to canvass further. This is in stark contrast to the other three projects, which did not receive any negative feedback during public meetings and were thereby unanimously approved by Council.

A lot has changed since then and the coronavirus (and the fact that I live in a super at-risk household) prevents me and I imagine others from attending public meetings at present and it appears well into the future. This in no way diminishes our opposition to the proposed project which for various reasons many people oppose.

Four of the individuals copied on this mail have visited my property at 804 De Sale Street SW to hear my family's and neighbors' concerns and all voted against the proposal when it came before Council. I invite the others who have not visited to do so, respecting social distance of course. If this is not possible, I would encourage those who have visited conditions on De Sale Street to share with the Council members who are newly elected (congratulations and thank you for serving!) what they observed, that is the lack of vehicular traffic (even more pronounced now) and the environmental disruption and dislocation that would occur if the Town forced this project here against the wish of a significant number of property owners (and voters).

As I had advocated in the past and do again now, please do not move forward on this project, but seek out neighborhoods and streets where there is a stronger base of support, as there are limited funds and time, and one size does not fit all.

Respectfully submitted,

Miguel Ordonez Foreign Service Retired 804 De Sale Street SW Vienna, Virginia 22180

From:

Pruitt, Katrina

Sent:

Monday, January 6, 2020 3:30 PM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia

Subject:

FW: Sidewalks

From: Cj Hornbrook < cj.hornbrook@gmail.com >

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 3:27 PM

To: Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of < <u>DPW@viennava.gov</u>>

Subject: Sidewalks

### Hi there

810 Desale St SW here. Got a notice that you're hoping to install a sidewalk through my property. My concern is that I currently have an irrigation system with a few components that would be in the way of a sidewalk. My current configuration would also spray the new sidewalk since there is grass there at present. Would you guys cover the cost of redirecting the in ground components and reconfiguring the system?

CJ 571.288.3829

From:

Pruitt, Katrina

Sent:

Subject:

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 8:11 AM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia RE: Sidewalks

From: curli1 < curli1@aol.com >

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 9:10 PM

To: Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of < DPW@viennava.gov>

Subject: Sidewalks

My husband and I support the proposed sidewalk project on the even side of DeSale St., between Moore Ave. and Tapawingo.

DeSale St. is heavily used by school children, to pick up school buses on Moore Ave.

Sincerely, Marie & Chet Ropelewski 803 DeSale St., SW

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From:

Pruitt, Katrina

Sent:

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 7:36 AM

To: Subject: Ervin, Alsinia RE: Sidewalks

From: philip <phil.mccormick2@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:55 PM

To: Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of < DPW@viennava.gov>

Subject: Sidewalks

Regarding your letter of January 3, 2020, we are not in favor of putting sidewalks down DeSale St. SW. We have lived here since September 10,

1962 and have never had a reason that required the use of sidewalks on DeSale St., Vienna has never even resurfaced the street. You should put the money to repaving our streets. Somebody has too much free time on their hands trying to spend other people money. Since we have live here we have never had a problem with cars and pedestrians both old and young on sharing the street. It looks to me like the town has made a mess at Nutty St. and 123 (Maple Ave) by letting the Car wash and Chick-fil-A build business with only one way in and one way out on to Maple AVE. The Elected officials just need to run the day to day business of Vienna and quit raising taxes and spending money. Any monies you have, give it to the Public Works and Police Departments.

Signed me NO SIDE WALK.

Philip MCCormick 920 DeSale St SW Vienna, VA

From:

Pruitt, Katrina

Sent:

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 7:36 AM

To: Subject: Ervin, Alsinia RE: Sidewalks

From: Bill Haugh < <a href="mailto:hhhaughs3@gmail.com">hhhaughs3@gmail.com</a>>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 4:44 PM

To: Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of < DPW@viennava.gov>

Subject: Sidewalks

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

Thank you for the letter dated Jan. 3 regarding the possibility of sidewalk projects in some neighborhoods in Vienna Woods.

I am writing in response to your letter, and am the property owner of 906 DeSale Street, SW, Vienna, Va. 22180. This is the house that I grew up in, and my parents were the original owners since 1953. So, I do have some "roots" there as well as local knowledge of the neighborhood over the past 6+ decades. (I also have some very interesting documents from the original builder - Yeonas - as well as interesting "stipulations" that were requirements back in 1953 when this house/neighborhood was built. Did you know that there was actually a written stipulation that there could be no livestock in the yard other than dogs or cats? You could not sleep in any out buildings....) But those are for another time...

While the letter states that there will be "No Cost" to property owners for new sidewalk construction, there will necessarily be "costs" involved. The letter presents this as a "too good to be true" project; however, I actually have more questions than answers at this juncture:

- 1. How much to you anticipate the property value assessment to rise in 2020 and 2021 <u>due to a new sidewalk?</u> I have noted that property assessments have consistently risen over the years for this neighborhood, but for those nearby that have sold to builders (the primary buyers of this neighborhood), the sale prices have plateaued around the \$600-\$625K level, and for newer builds plateauing around the \$1.1 \$1.3M area.
- 2. With the above question, how much do you anticipate the Town Property Taxes to rise accordingly?
- 3. And, with both #1 and #2 above, same for Fairfax County property taxes? This could essentially become a double-barreled tax hit on property owners going forward.
- 4. What specifically would be the responsibility for <u>ongoing upkeep</u> of the sidewalk? I.E. will the Town of Vienna be responsible for clearing snow, debris, etc.?
- 5. What is the responsibility of the property owner if a pedestrian/bike rider/skateboarder falls and is injured due to the sidewalk in front of the property?
- 6. What is the FUTURE responsibility of the property owner if a portion of the sidewalk (and/or driveway apron) has a problem -- crack, chipped area, etc.) that the TOWN deems needs repairing? Do we presume that the Town of Vienna will take care of this AND that there would be no Special Assessment?
- 7. Has the Town of Vienna run historical costs of sidewalk repairs over, say, the past 25 years? The more sidewalks, I'm thinking the more taxpayer costs for maintenance going

- forward. I can certainly understand the need for sidewalks on the more heavily traveled streets, so no quarrels there.
- 8. Regarding the suggested placement of the sidewalk on the EVEN # side of DeSale Street between Tapawingo and the End, this appears a bit pointless. (Almost a sidewalk to nowhere). The Vienna Woods Swim Club can be accessed at the end of DeSale; however, it would typically be accessed by the ODD numbered side of the street rather than the even numbered side.
- 9. There is typically not much foot traffic or bicycle traffic on this portion of the street anyway, so this on the face appears to simply be a manner for the town to gather more tax revenues going forward.

To me, my initial curiosity is why would we need to build a sidewalk on the wrong side of the lower portion of DeSale or really, why build it at all?, since the odd # side is the safer access point to the Vienna Woods Swim Club. That said, I will await your comments on my queries above.

Thank you very much for contacting us for comments.

Regards, William J. Haugh 8405 Overlook Street Vienna, Va. 22182 703-362-0589 HHHaughs3@gmail.com

Property Owner: 906 DeSale Street, SW, Vienna, Va. 22180
William J. Haugh & Prapaisri Haugh (trustees, William J. Haugh Trust)

From:

Pruitt, Katrina

Sent:

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 9:24 AM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia RE: Sidewalks

Subject:

----Original Message----

From: Robert Stoner < rstoner2@verizon.net> Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 8:37 AM

To: Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of <DPW@viennava.gov>

Subject: Sidewalks

I am in favor of sidewalks and support the initiative.

As it appears to affect my side of the street I have a couple of questions/comments:

- I have mature plantings along the street including a nice and fairly large tree, I would expect to be compensated if they have to come out.
- I heard the apron work on Tapawingo was done poorly, can you ensure the work is done properly?
- It would be nice if Desale was finally re-paved as well, it's steadily degrading.

Regards,

Robert Stoner 918 Desale St SW Vienna, VA. 22180 714-313-2891

Sent from my iPhone

From:

M Standiford <michael@clayfordllc.com>

Sent:

Thursday, July 30, 2020 3:12 PM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia; Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of; Colbert, Linda

Subject:

Fwd: Sidewalks

Attachments:

No Sidewalk 020620 v2.docx

Hi, Public Works team and Linda,

I will not attend another meeting to revisit the sidewalk issue, but wanted to make sure that I reiterate my family's position in opposition to the sidewalks. See attached (Linda - this is a soft copy of the hard copy version that I handed you on my doorstep when you stopped by during your mayoral campaign. 910 Desale St SW) and a duplicate of that which I sent back on 2/20 to the Public Works team - copied here (with my children's ages updated;)):

I attended the previous session, but will not be attending tonight. I have attached my thoughts in opposition to the sidewalk. I'm still strongly opposed even though the planned sidewalk is actually going to be on the opposite side of the street from me per the latest communication. See attached or below:

Top reasons my family and I are opposed to sidewalk installation. I think many people are only focused on the positives and have not considered the below negatives. This list is not exhaustive, but it is a start. We can provide more if it is necessary:

In general – we like the privacy of our street and are opposed to increased foot traffic even if that foot traffic is opposite our house per the latest plan. Part of the reason we bought our house was because there was no sidewalk and we liked the idea of having privacy and minimal foot traffic in front of our house.

Our bigger concern is dog walkers as my 4 and 6 y.o. currently play in the front yard, but if there is additional foot and pet traffic, then I lose peace of mind and have to regularly check on them. My one daughter is deathly afraid of dogs so that is additional risk to her and our keeping her feeling safe. In addition, dogs that are off leash or escape from their owners invite additional risk of injury to our family members by way of dogs jumping on people and potentially knocking them down, general rough housing that leads to scratches or bruises, or even biting family members.

#### Additional items of concern:

- -Ruins the greenspace reduces curb appeal of the property and potential reduction in property value
- -Loss of countless smallish trees around which sidewalks will not be re-routed
  - resulting in a loss of privacy and greenery
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- -Reduces usable driveway space per not being allowed to park vehicles in such a way that the sidewalk is blocked.
- -Forces additional snow removal additional time, effort, money
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- -Force additional powerwashing of the increased concrete additional time, effort, money
- -Unwanted foot traffic

-More foot traffic means more passersby: dog walkers, walkers, joggers, bicyclists so much less privacy with views into my garage and front window particularly with the loss of the trees.

-Additional foot traffic also allows for criminals to casually walk by some 15 feet closer to the house and garage than they might typically consider without the sidewalk in place - and see what they might like to steal or more easily assess entry points for home invasion and burglary.

-Not everyone cleans up after their dog so we have pet waste in the yard that my daughters could be exposed to — health hazard and generally unappealing smell and sight.

To force all of the above into our lives is unreasonable.

Thank you,

Michael

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Michael Standiford <michael@clayfordllc.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 20, 2020 at 5:36 PM

Subject: Re: Sidewalks

To: Ervin, Alsinia < Alsinia. Ervin@viennava.gov >, < dpw@viennava.gov >

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Michael

On Fri, Jan 10, 2020 at 2:23 PM Michael Standiford < michael@clayfordllc.com > wrote: thank you. i would also add that i would likely lose 2 trees and my immediate neighbor would as well. also something i would like to avoid.

On Fri, Jan 10, 2020, 2:21 PM Ervin, Alsinia < Alsinia. Ervin@viennava.gov > wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for submitting a comment regarding the sidewalk project. Your objection will be shared at the Town Council meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Alsinia Ervin

Project Manager

Department of Public Works

Town of Vienna

#### 127 Center Street S

## Vienna, Virginia 22180

From: Michael Standiford <michael@clayfordllc.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 6:46 PM

To: Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of < DPW@viennava.gov >

Subject: Sidewalks

## Good evening,

I live at 910 Desale St SW (and also have my consulting company registered as a taxpaying entity in Vienna). My wife and I are opposed to installing sidewalks in our yard on our side of the street. Our front yard is minimal as it is and I don't want 5 feet of concrete further reducing our greenspace.

Thank you,

Michael & Ellen Standiford

Michael Standiford

Chief Executive Officer, Clayford LLC

703-314-4749

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Michael Standiford Chief Executive Officer, Clayford LLC 703-314-4749

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From:

Briceno, Beatriz < BEATRIZB@iadb.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:42 AM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia

Subject:

Sidewalks

Importance:

High

### Good morning,

Hope you all are doing well during this crazy virus situation...

We just sent our answer to the sidewalk question over the mail.

I just have one additional inquiry. How are you going to determine if the project is going to be completed? My question is because not all the streets have the same number of houses per side, therefore, the result may not be fair.

Our street, for example, has one vacant land, one owner that is a senior citizen that may or may not even answer the request and one rental house that may not care about what is done.

How is the final decision going to be made?

Thank you,

Beatriz Briceno 907 Desale St SW.

From: Sent:

yan zhou <yanzhou\_98@yahoo.com>

Sunday, February 16, 2020 11:52 PM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia; Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of

Subject:

Sidewalks

#### Hi there,

I am the homeowner at 913 Desale Street SW in Vienna. As I will not be able to attend the Feb 20 citizen meeting, I would like to provide my thoughts about sidewalk installation. I am concerned about installing the sidewalk on the odd side from Tapawingo Road to end. The sidewalk should be installed on the even side throughout the Desale street (from Moore street to end) as originally planned. If the sidewalk will be installed on the odd side from Tapawingo Road to end, it would be very confusing and not very safe for the pedestrians (especially children) to cross Tapawingo road. If the sidewalk is installed on the same side (even side), the pedestrian would be able to cross the Tapawingo road without switch sides. Therefore, I strongly disagree with the current proposal of installing the sidewalk on the odd side from Tapawingo Road to end.

Best Regards, Yan Zhou

From:

Briceno, Beatriz < BEATRIZB@iadb.org>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 7:49 PM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia; Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of

Cc:

Juan Fronjosa

Subject:

Sidewalks

Importance:

High

To whom it may concern,

This note is to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated February 11, 2020 (and subsequent correction letters) regarding the proposed sidewalk for DeSale St.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to attend the meeting. As property owners for nineteen years, we consider there is no need for a sidewalk on DeSale street. There are many other main streets in need of sidewalks and lighting that may use these funds. In addition, the odd side of the street does not present the right conditions for a sidewalk without disturbing the landscape.

Feel free to contact us should you have any question.

Sincerely,

Juan and Beatriz Fronjosa

907 Desale St SW

From:

Eric Fennel <ericfennel@gmail.com>

Sent:

Saturday, February 8, 2020 1:26 PM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia; Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of

Subject:

Question re: sidewalks on Desale Street SW

I am a Vienna resident at 916 Desale St. SW. I had intended to attend the information session the other evening but had a last minute work conflict that prevented me from getting there.

I am generally supportive of sidewalks and making the neighborhood safer for walkers. My main question and concern is just with regard to impacted landscape etc. and how that cost is covered. We have a tree that will likely be in the way and need to get moved. It's newer, but has been growing for 4 years and it must be replaced due to canopy requirements (our house was newly built 4 years ago). We also have a French drain on the side that runs up to within a few feet of the street. The drain would need to be altered to move the exit spout further back. Are these costs that the town will cover? Or are we responsible for the impacts of installing the sidewalk?

Thanks in advance for your response.

Best, Eric

From:

Reema & Humayun <rsandhh@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, January 16, 2020 11:04 PM

To:

Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of

Subject:

Sidewalks

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

We reside at 800 Desale St and are in favor of sidewalks on our street and throughout the town. Our house is a relatively new construction and a sidewalk was constructed in front of it but the rest of the street (even side of Desale St) does not have a sidewalk.

Since the corner of Desale and Moore is a school bus drop off point, we have noticed that children have to walk in the street on their way to or from home. A sidewalk would get them off the road and improve walkability in the area for everyone.

I did want to highlight that Cox and Verizon have buried coax and fiber along where new sidewalks would be installed. Please coordinate with them both to have their crews available on short notice in case construction was to inadvertently sever a cable. Quite a few people in the area, including us, work from home. Loss of internet service will be disruptive.

Best regards, Humayun and Reema

From:

Joe Kelty < jkelty22101@gmail.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 3:52 PM

To:

Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of

Subject:

[Released by User] Sidewalks

Hello Director Gallagher,

We received your letter with information about potential new sidewalks near our home in Vienna. Our house is located at 915 DeSale Street SW, south of Tapawingo Road.

There is a good amount of foot traffic on DeSale Street throughout the year.

Many people are jogging, walking their dogs, or using the neighborhood "cut through" at the end of DeSale to get to Kingsley Rd or Cottage St.

The Vienna Woods Swimming Pool is located at the end of DeSale Street SW, so in the Summer Months there is even more foot (and bicycle) traffic by people coming and going to the pool.

We very much support adding a sidewalk to the Even Side of Desale Street SW south of Tapawingo Rd. And we also support a sidewalk on the Even side of Desale Street SW from Moore Street to Tapawingo.

Thanks very much, Joe Kelty (Susan Laham Cohen)

915 DeSale Street SW Vienna VA 22180

From:

Sigler, Jennifer

Sent:

Friday, January 17, 2020 8:34 AM

To:

Ervin, Alsinia

Cc:

Gallagher, Michael

Subject:

FW: Sidewalks

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sigler Administrative Assistant/TSC Clerk

127 Center Street S Vienna, VA 22180 jennifer.sigler@viennava.gov 703-255-6382 viennava.gov

----Original Message----

From: Reema & Humayun <rsandhh@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 11:04 PM

To: Public Works, Town of Vienna, Department of <DPW@viennava.gov>

Subject: Sidewalks

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