

DPW hosted two open house style meetings for the following projects- one meeting on a Tuesday morning and a second meeting on Thursday evenings.

Group One Streets

- i. Alma Street SE- Delano Drive SE to Follin Lane SE
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on "Even" side addresses (North).*
- ii. Birch Street SW- Battle Street SW to Plum Street SW
** DPW vision is for sidewalk on "Odd" side addresses (East).*
- iii. Blackstone Terrace NW- Lawyers Road NW to Holmes Drive NW
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on "Even" side addresses (West).*
- iv. Branch Circle SE- Cul-de-sac to Branch Road SE
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on both sides.*

Group Two Streets

- i. Charles Street SE- Locust Street SE to Branch Road SE
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on "Odd" side addresses (South and East).*
- ii. Cherry Circle SW- Cul-de-sac to Cottage St SW
** DPW vision is for sidewalk on both sides.*
- iii. Elmar Drive SE/SW- Park Street SE to Desale Street SW
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on the West side addresses.*
- iv. Oak Street SW- Center Street S to Birch Street SW
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on "Odd" side addresses (West).*

Group Three Streets

- i. Symphony Circle SW- Cul-de-sac to Melody Lane SW
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on both sides.*
- ii. Timber Lane SW- Tapawingo Road SW to Harmony Drive SW
** DPW vision is for sidewalk on "Odd" side addresses (North).*
- iii. Woodview Circle SW- Cul-de-sac to Desale Street SW
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on both sides.*



Michael J. Gallagher PE, Director

January 29, 2021

Dear Property Owner:

Recently your street was identified for a potential sidewalk project as part of the Robinson Trust Sidewalk Program. Many of you returned questionnaires and offered feedback regarding potential sidewalk on your street. The information was helpful and is taken into consideration by staff in preparing recommendations to pursue projects for the respective streets. Staff is advancing potential projects for future consideration.

The Town believes that sidewalks are an important amenity for residents and the community at large. Sidewalks promote good health and pedestrian safety, connect individuals and destinations in the community and support Town businesses and sustainability goals. The Town recognizes that sidewalks are a beneficial and important component of the right-of-way. Sidewalks are included in the Town Council's strategic plan initiative for a safe and efficiently mobile community, included in the Pedestrian Master Plan vision for an integrated network of pedestrian routes, and included in the Comprehensive Plan for Transportation that advocates connecting and expanding the existing sidewalk network.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) will be hosting two open-house style meetings for the opportunity to express any concerns, answer your questions and receive additional comments for sidewalk projects. Additionally, you may submit question and comments to us via email: sidewalks@viennava.gov in advance of the meeting. One meeting will be on **Tuesday February 16 from 9 am to 11 am** in the Council Chambers located at 127 Center Street South. For your convenience, a second meeting will be hosted in the evening of **Thursday February 18 from 5 pm to 7 pm** also in the Council Chambers. These meetings will have no formal agenda so please feel free to come and go at any time during the two-hour window. In compliance with the governor's public health regulations, masks or face coverings will be required of those in attendance. Physical-distancing strategies also will be employed during these meetings.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Gallagher, PE
Director DPW

Enclosure: Meeting Topics



Meeting Topics for Robinson Sidewalk Projects

I. Public Meeting for Group One Robinson Trust Sidewalk Projects

Meeting 1 Time & Location: Tuesday February 16 from 9 am to 11 am in the Council Chambers located at 127 Center Street South

Meeting 2 Time & Location: Thursday February 18 from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Council Chambers located at 127 Center Street South

- i. Alma Street SE- Delano Drive SE to Follin Lane SE
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- iv. Branch Circle SE- Cul-de-sac to Branch Road SE
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on both sides.*



Meeting Topics for Robinson Sidewalk Projects

I. Public Meeting for Group Two Robinson Trust Sidewalk Projects

Meeting 1 Time & Location: Tuesday February 23 from 9 am to 11 am in the Vienna Community Center Auditorium located at 120 Cherry Street SE

Meeting 2 Time & Location: Thursday February 25 from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Southside Room of the Vienna Community Center located at 120 Cherry St. SE

- i. Charles Street SE- Locust Street SE to Branch Road SE
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on "Odd" side addresses (South and East).*
- ii. Cherry Circle SW- Cul-de-sac to Cottage St SW
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- iii. Elmar Drive SE/SW- Park Street SE to Desale Street SW
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- iv. Oak Street SW- Center Street S to Birch Street SW
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on "Odd" side addresses (West).*

Meeting Topics for Robinson Sidewalk Projects

I. Public Meeting for Group Three Robinson Trust Sidewalk Projects

Meeting 1 Time & Location: Tuesday March 2nd from 9 am to 11 am in the Council Chambers located at 127 Center Street South

Meeting 2 Time & Location: Thursday March 4th from 5 pm to 7 pm in the Council Chambers located at 127 Center Street South

- i. Symphony Circle SW- Cul-de-sac to Melody Lane SW
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on both sides.*
- ii. Timber Lane SW- Tapawingo Road SW to Harmony Drive SW
** DPW vision is for sidewalk on "Odd" side addresses (North).*
- iii. Woodview Circle SW- Cul-de-sac to Desale Street SW
**DPW vision is for sidewalk on both sides.*

Robinson Trust Group 1 meeting notes:

February 16, 2021 9 am to 11 am

Council Chambers – Town Hall

In attendance: Alsinia Ervin TOV, Robert Froh TOV; Angela Sorrell PAC, John Okeefe PAC

Alma St SE – Delano Dr to Folliln Ln:

- 507 Alma St Hordur and Maria Karlsson – Are very much in support of sidewalk on Alma Street. Their support for sidewalk was increased when one day they saw young kids riding a big wheel in the roadway, no adult in site and it appeared that they did not live on the street.

Branch Circle – Branch Road to the end:

- 308 Branch Circle Anar Garibov – Is in opposition to the sidewalk. There was a petition generated and mailed to the Town asking to be removed from the potential sidewalk project list. Mr. Garibov was very concerned about his daughter having to walk to and from the bus stop on Glyndon Street without sidewalk. He feels that Branch Circle is a low traffic street and does not need sidewalk but strongly feels that sidewalk is needed on Church Street. He also feels that sidewalk will be taking up a lot of the front yards on the street. He was the only one who could attend the morning meeting but some other homeowners plan to attend the Thursday evening meeting.

Robinson Trust Group 3 and make up meeting for Group 1 notes:

March 4, 2021 5 pm to 7 pm

Council Chambers – Town Hall

In attendance: Alsinia Ervin TOV, Robert Froh TOV; Angela Sorrell PAC

Birch St SE – Battle St to Plum St:

- Homeowners from 606 and 605 and a couple of others were in attendance. Some of the concerns mentioned. Not comfortable with sidewalk being built so close to the house, kids are safe riding in the street, not a cut through street, very safe. They wanted to make sure that their comments were received and that the comments were going to be presented to Town Council. Robert read the comments received and they were told that the comments would be given to Town Council in summary.

Alma St SE – Follin Ln to Delano Dr:

- 609 Alma Dr does not want the sidewalk on his side on the street. His wife is in favor of having sidewalk in front of their house. He was ok finding out that the sidewalk was proposed for the EVEN numbered side of the street. He is an avid bike rider and bikes all over.

Hillcrest Dr SW – Kinglsey Ro to end

- **Joe Deaton** owns a house on Birch but lives on Hillcrest with his wife. The house on Birch is a rental and he is not as concerned about losing the two shrubs in the right of way. However he is concerned about his neighbor who is of Asian descent and does not speak very much English. He has two crate myrtles in the right of way.

Blackstone Terrace NW – Lawyers Ro to Holmes Dr

- 612 Blackstone Terr **Wendy Cardonz** Does not want sidewalk and is concerned about the impermeable surface and how much it will affect her front yard.

Robinson Trust Group 2 meeting notes:

February 23, 2021 9 am to 11 am

Community Center – Auditorium

In attendance: Alsinia Ervin TOV; Cathy Hardman PAC, John Okeefe PAC

Elmar Drive SE/SW – DeSale Dr to Park St:

- 105 SE **Mr. Tyler Blanchard** – Is in support of sidewalk. Understands that the sidewalk is proposed for the other side of the street but would love for sidewalk to also be installed on his side of the street.

Charles Street SE – Branch to the end:

- 307 Charles Street SE **Todd & Laura Dunbar** – Todd vehemently disagrees with sidewalk on his side of the street. He does not care if it is installed on the other side of the street. Sidewalk will take up a good portion of his front yard. He does not feel that the sidewalk is necessary because no one walks on the cul de sac. He does not believe that there is right of way in front of his house because of an article he read. Three items requested: (1) a plat that indicates where his property line is (2) results of the survey done for Charles Street SE and (3) wants to make sure that Town Council hears his opinion even though he expressed his opinion on the survey. Information can be sent to toddunbar235@gmail.com

Oak Street SW – Birch Street to Center Street

- 107 Oak St SW **Dale Griffiths** – Mr. Griffiths spearheaded a petition of his neighbors. The result being in opposition to sidewalk on Oak Street. The petition result are significantly different from the survey information sent in. Mr. Griffiths is a retired federal government worker and knows how government works. He has lived in Vienna for over 30 years, knows all of his neighbors and says that this project has pitted neighbor against neighbor. He feels that the sidewalk is not necessary. He has an old tree in his front yard that provides shade to his front porch and has already been cut by Virginia Power and does not want the Town to cut the branch that hangs over the Town's right of way, cutting the branch will kill the tree. He is paying an arborist to keep the tree alive and is not interested in the opinion of the Town's arborist. Mr. Griffiths feels that this process is inadequate, that plans should have been sent provided to show where the sidewalk will go. He does not want the "speed hump/caution children at play" sign moved to be in front of his house. Feels that the "stop" sign at the corner of Oak and Cottage has caused an increase in traffic on Oak Street and wants to know if it can be removed. Mr. Griffiths feels that this process for proposing sidewalk on Oak Street should have stopped once he submitted the petition. He also feels that a different question should have been asked on the survey "do you support sidewalk on your side of the street". He does not agree with the town's number of addresses surveyed. Mr. Griffiths provided reasoning for installing sidewalk on the other side of the street but is not recommending sidewalk on the other side, the project should be cancelled. He feels that a zoom meeting should have been offered instead of the face to face meeting. He is immune compromised but was comfortable attending because of the small number people in attendance.
- 109 Oak St SW **David Degatis** – is a lawyer. He lives with his wife and 7 year old daughter. His daughter and friends plays in the street and it is ok. Neither he, his wife nor daughter want the sidewalk project on Oak Street. Mr. Degatis feels that sidewalk on Cottage Street and Center Street are justified in having sidewalk because they are major streets. Oak Street is a side street

so sidewalk is not needed. He does not want his driveway to be removed and replaced. He also has planted landscaping in the Town's right of way. Mr. Degatis provided reasoning for installing sidewalk on the other side of the street but is not recommending sidewalk, just pointing out that it is possible. As a result of the petition results gathered by Dale Griffiths, Mr. Degatis feels that the sidewalk project on this street should not be built.

Robinson Trust Group 2 meeting notes:

February 25, 2021 5 pm to 7 pm

Community Center – Auditorium

In attendance: Alsinia Ervin TOV; Robert Froh PAC, Angela Sorrell PAC, John Okeefe PAC

Charles Street SE – Branch to the end:

- 205 Charles Street SE- **Cheryl and Scott Holmes** both support sidewalk on both sides of the street. There is existing sidewalk extending across their property, then it ends abruptly at the neighbors' property. They recall that pedestrians have an odd reaction when they come to the end of the sidewalk, then must walk into the street. Mr. Holmes also identified that he has difficulty walking on Branch (west side) where there is no sidewalk, and has difficulty crossing Branch as well. He was encouraged that DPW wants a sidewalk and crosswalks on Branch Rd SE.
- 307 Charles Street SE **Todd Dunbar** – Todd vehemently disagrees with sidewalk on his side of the street. He does not care if it is installed on the other side of the street. Sidewalk will take up a good portion of his front yard. He does not feel that the sidewalk is necessary because no one walks on the cul-de-sac. He wants to make sure that Town Council hears his opinion even though he expressed his opinion on the survey. He believes that the Robinson Trust is unfair as it the 1% (Wealthy person- Ms. Robinson) creating a hardship on the average Vienna homeowner. He thinks his taxes will rise in the future when these new sidewalks require maintenance. He recommends the money be spent on other streets and insists that nobody will use the sidewalk. Also, he expressed that a sidewalk on the other side of the street would be more appropriate.

Robinson Trust Group 3 meeting notes:

March 2, 2021 9 am to 11 am

Council Chambers – Town Hall

In attendance: Alsinia Ervin TOV, Robert Froh TOV; Angela Sorrell PAC, John Okeefe PAC

Woodview Circle SW – DeSale St to the end:

- 127 Woodview Circle - **Matt Hass** does not feel it necessary to install sidewalk on Woodview Circle. Not a lot of people walk on this street that would utilize the sidewalk. The sidewalk will take away from his frontage. He very much supports sidewalk on the EVEN numbered side of DeSale Street from Tapawingo to the end. He presented a signed petition from all of the homeowners in opposition to sidewalk on Woodview Circle SW.
- 128 Woodview Circle – **Nancy Riddel** Does not want sidewalk on Woodview Circle. She feels like it is not necessary. She is a long time resident of Vienna, and a former employee of the Town. She agrees with what Matt Hass said.