



City of Hyattsville

University Hills Street and Sidewalk Improvement Project

Community Meeting

September 16, 2015

UNIVERSITY HILLS COMMUNITY MEETING – DISCUSSION OF SIDEWALK AND STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Location: 6600 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Time: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Introductions/Project Background:

The design plans to renovate and improve the sidewalk and street infrastructure within the boundaries of University Hills has been in the planning stages for several years. The scope of work for this project has been changed several times which has created a lag in the project reaching design completion. The engineering firm Charles P. Johnson and Associates (CPJ) has been working with the City on this project since 2009.

In 2014 Staff and CPJ had to create a new scope of work with the original design and input from citizen comments and Council recommendations. With considerable change to the scope of work and the need for additional funding and numerous meetings with CPJ, it became apparent that we would have to delay this project.

We have begun phase one of the project and will commence with phase two of the project, with Council approval in the spring of 2016. Phase three of the project should commence, with Council approval in spring of 2017.

Council Approved Project Scope

See attached proposal accepted in April of 2013

Where We Are Today: Phase 1

On July 20th 2015, the Council voted to proceed with "Phase 1" of the multi-phased (3 year) streets improvement project. The original entire project scope which included new sidewalks on several streets was approved in 2013 but has evoked recent and considerable emotion, concern, and objection from some of the members of the community. In an effort to move this project forward, the motion approved on 20 July included proceeding with "Phase 1" w/ sidewalk on 3400 block of Stanford only. Proceeding with Phase 1 allows the City to begin the much anticipated work/repairs on the roadways this summer and shows our commitment to the University Hills community. It also gives the Council the opportunity to decide whether they want to proceed with the entire project as originally approved (unchanged), or revisit the sidewalk installation on some or all of the streets. Revising or revisiting phase 2 or 3 of the project should not cause significant delay as the design for these phases is still between 40%-60% complete. Staff is prepared to review policy, community feedback, and previous considerations, in an effort to prepare an updated recommendation to the Council, if desired.

Council Approved Modified Phase One:

Repair base and re-surface 3300 block of Stanford

Repair base and re-surface 3000-3200 block of Gumwood and 3100 block of Rosemary

Repair base and re-surface Calverton

Repair base and re-surface 3400 of Notre Dame

Repair/replace in-kind existing sidewalk, curb, and storm drainage on these specified streets

Install a new sidewalk only on 3400 block of Stanford between Wells and Adelphi along the north side of the street

Review of Sidewalk Policy:

We are currently reviewing the existing sidewalk policy to ensure consistency within the policy. The Policy needs to recognize and uphold the following:

- The existing character of each neighborhood and the practicality and desirability of mandatory sidewalk construction
- Whether new or redevelopment, shall consider the provision of sidewalks and or other improvements to accommodate pedestrian access
- The economic impact on the neighborhood
- The design and installation of sidewalks should consider the impacts to all potential user groups, this should include, but not be limited to those potential users who have sight or other sensory limitations and ambulatory challenges as well as other factors which may not be shared by all users
- The impact on the existing tree canopy
- Consideration should be given to the appearance of new sidewalks so that to the degree that is practical newly installed walks fit in with the appearance and character of existing walks, structures, and improvements in existing neighborhoods.
- The provision for removal of snow should be considered within the context of the adjacent property owner's responsibility for the sidewalks.

Next Steps:

We have begun the phase 1 construction, which will be completed by early winter. Depending on weather some work may have to be delayed to early spring of 2016.

Currently we are operating under the Council approved plan of 2013, this plan includes sidewalks. If residents want to opt out of sidewalks, they need to do what the current policy says which is petition by street.

Open Discussion

3/4/2013

Tim Hunt proposal for University Hills area sidewalk installation:

3400 block Stanford Street: 5' or 6' sidewalk on northwest side of street. No sidewalk on southeast side of street. Main pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfare. By placing the sidewalk on the northwest side of the street, the impact to households is minimal and 2-way vehicle traffic would not be impeded. Sidewalk would be primarily in right-of-way behind curb line though would extend into street a foot or two.

3300 block Stanford Street: Sidewalk as recommended in 30% paving plan. This would be contrary to the petition submitted against sidewalk signed by 53% of affected households. Main pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfare.

3200 block Stanford Street: Sidewalk currently exists. Repair or replace as necessary.

3400 block Rutgers Street: Sidewalk as recommended in 30% paving plan. No petition against sidewalk submitted.

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3400 block Purdue Street: Sidewalk as recommended in 30% paving plan. No petition against sidewalk submitted.

3400 block Pennsylvania Street: No sidewalk absent redesign of plan. 70.6% percent of households signed petition against the sidewalk proposal on the 30% paving plan. This includes at least 2 households that would like a sidewalk (full disclosure: including my own) if one could be proposed that would not remove a lane of parking. It is unclear if that would be acceptable to the majority of residents.

3300 block Pennsylvania Street: Sidewalk as recommended in 30% paving plan. Petition submitted against sidewalk does not meet signature threshold required.

3400 block Notre Dame Street: Sidewalk behind curb line as recommended in 30% paving plan. Petitions submitted against sidewalk do not meet signature threshold.

3300 block Gumwood Drive: Sidewalk as recommended in 30% paving plan. Petition submitted against sidewalk does not meet signature threshold.

3200 block Gumwood Drive: Sidewalk on south side of street. No sidewalk on north side of street. This would be contrary to the petition submitted against sidewalks signed by 53.3% percent of households. 30% paving plan includes sidewalks on both sides of street. Having one sidewalk installed can be a compromise between the will of the majority of residents against sidewalks and the possible benefit of having a sidewalk connecting the 3100 block with the 3300 block of Gumwood.

3100 block Gumwood Drive: Sidewalk as recommended in 30% paving plan. Sidewalks currently exist. Repair or replace as necessary.

3000 block Gumwood Drive: Sidewalks currently exist. Repair or replace as necessary.

Hitching Post Lane: No sidewalk, curbs or gutters per petition submitted by 83.3% of households.

3100 block Rosemary Lane: Sidewalks currently exist. Repair or replace as necessary. Construct proposed cul-de-sac.

3300/3400 blocks Rosemary Lane: No sidewalk, curbs or gutters per petition submitted by 80% of households. No widening of roadway from intersection of Bridle Path westward per petition submitted by 75% of households.

Bridle Path Lane: No sidewalk per petition submitted by 78.6% of households.

Pony Trail Lane: No sidewalk per petition submitted by 91.7% of households.

Claymore Avenue: Sidewalks as recommended in 30% paving plan. No petition against new sidewalks submitted. Repair or replace existing sidewalks as necessary.

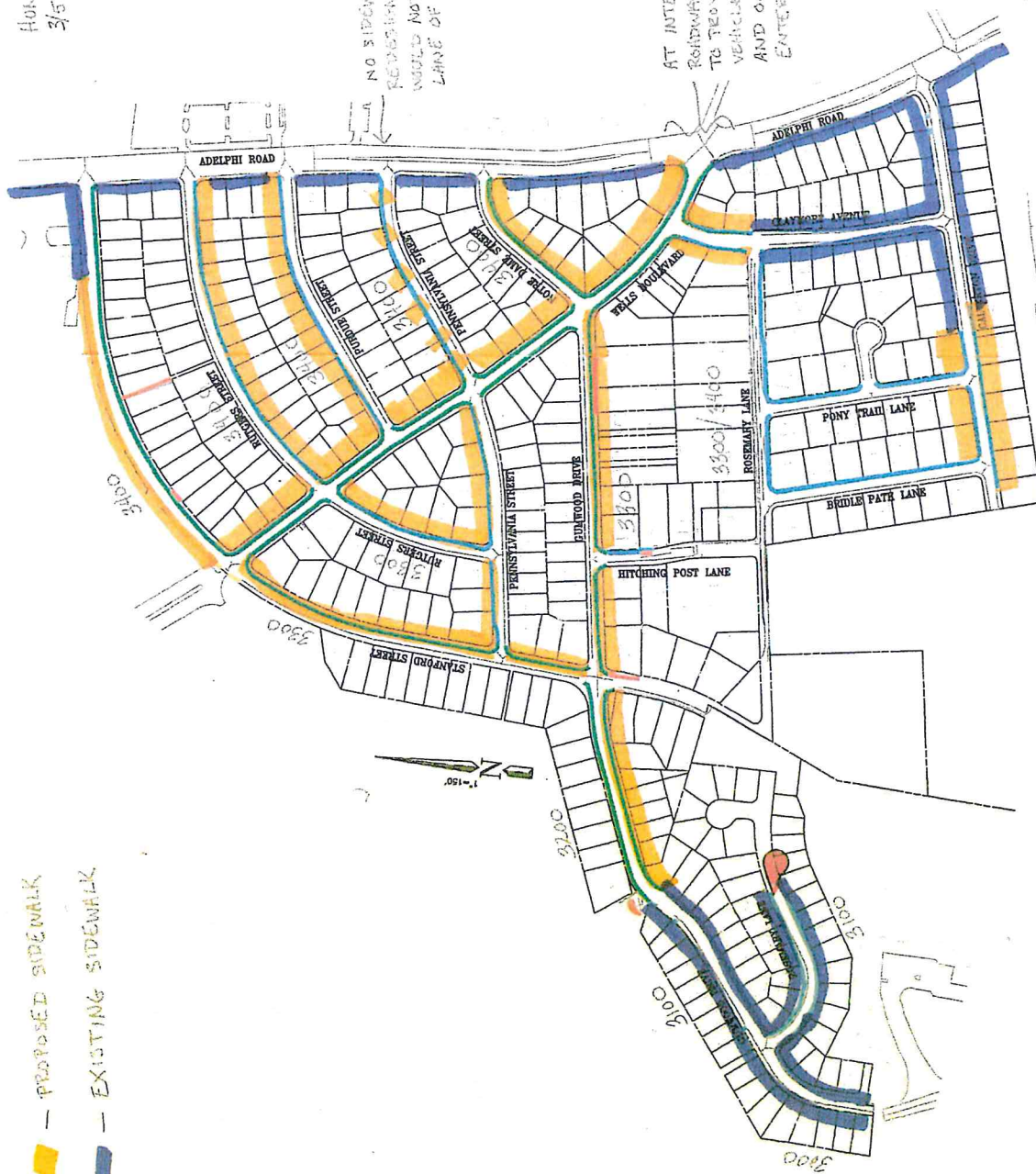
Calverton Drive: Sidewalks as recommended in 30% paving plan. No petition against new sidewalks submitted. Repair or replace existing sidewalks as necessary.

Wells Parkway/Boulevard: 6' sidewalk on one side of street only (either side) with storm water management improvements. Two 6' sidewalks would create an 11' travel lane which is insufficient for a main vehicular thoroughfare. Parking availability should be maintained for both sides of the street (no dedicated bike lane). This is contrary to the petition against sidewalk installation submitted by households on the 7300 block. A sidewalk the length of the entire street can be considered beneficial as this is a main pedestrian and vehicular thoroughfare. At the intersection of Adelphi Road, enough roadway should be maintained to provide for two lanes of vehicles exiting the neighborhood and one lane entering the neighborhood.

Permeable pavement should not be used because of maintenance concerns. Other options should be considered for storm water management. These could include rain gardens in front of storm drains and/or a solution at the storm water outlet into the Northwest Branch.

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— PROPOSED SIDEWALK
— EXISTING SIDEWALK



NO SIDEWALK ABSENT
REASON OF WHICH THAT
WOULD NOT REMOVE A
LINE OF PARKING

AT INTERSECTION, ENOUGH
ROADWAY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED
TO PROVIDE FOR TWO LANES OF
VEHICLES EXITING ONTO ADELPHI RD.
AND ONE LANE FOR VEHICLES
ENTERING THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

LEGEND:

- PROPOSED SIDEWALK ALONG PRIMARY TO SECONDARY ROUTES
- PROPOSED SIDEWALK ALONG SECONDARY TO TERTIARY ROUTES
- EXISTING SIDEWALK TO BE REPLACED IN-ROAD
- PROPOSED TURN ARROUND
- PROPOSED SUBWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY

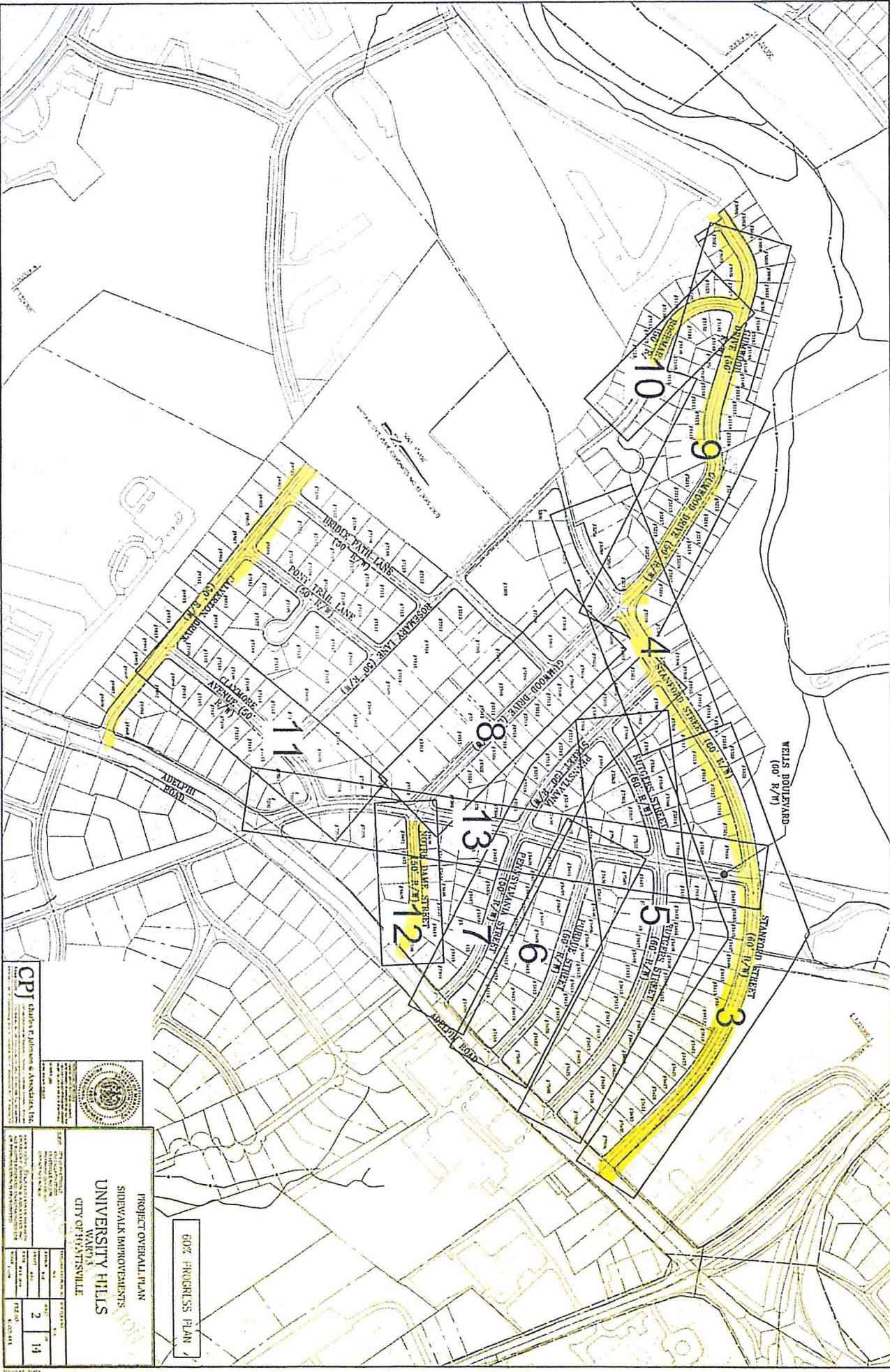
OVERALL
30' PAVING PLAN
GREEN STREETS
UNIVERSITY HILLS
CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

GRAPHIC SCALE
SCALE: 1" = 30'

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Phase I



PROJECT OVERALL PLAN
 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS
 UNIVERSITY HILLS
 WARD 3
 CITY OF HATTIESVILLE

60% PROGRESS PLAN

DATE	DESCRIPTION	BY
11/14/14	PROJECT OVERALL PLAN	CPJ
11/14/14	60% PROGRESS PLAN	CPJ
11/14/14	100% PROGRESS PLAN	CPJ

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