

Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program

FINAL DESIGN MEETING MINUTES



PROJECT NAME: N. Vacation Lane Street Improvement Project

PROJECT #: N550

DATE: May 15, 2017

MEETING GOAL: Present owners with final design for street improvement project and address any questions.

TO: Anne Wilson, DRCA President/Alternate NC Representative
John Seggerman, NC/Block Representative

FROM: Angela Marshall, Neighborhood Planner/Project Manager

ATTENDANCE:

County Staff: Angela Marshall, NC Project Manager
Jill Yutan, Landscape Architect
Gino Squarciafico, DES Engineering Supervisor
Virginio Rollamas, DES Design Engineer

Residents:

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE AND/OR EMAIL
1	Whitney Montgomery	4285 Vacation Lane	703-717-9927
2	Gretchen Robertson	2317 N. Stuart St	703-527-8959
3	Ken Lewis	4284 Vacation Lane	202-3021721 kennylewis@aol.com
4	Katherine Ryan	4284 Vacation Lane	508-505-1270
5	Matthew Bastow	4100 Vacation Lane	202-738-8490 mbastow@gmail.com
6	John Seggerman	4260 Vacation Lane	703-403-2844
7	Anne Wilson	DRCA – President/Alt NC Rep	anne@drca.org
8	Amy Engel	4279 Vacation Lane	703-528-6716
9	Jim Engel	4279 Vacation Lane	703-528-6716
10	Cressida McKean	2401 N. Stuart St (phone attendance)	571-218-9542 cressidamckean@gmail.com

BACKGROUND:

The Vacation Lane project was qualified April 30, 2014 and approved for funding on September 20, 2014 by the Arlington County Board. The project passed two petitioning process, thereby receiving support of greater than 60% of the linear footage of the affected property owners.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FINAL DESIGN PLAN:

Pedestrian safety and street improvement project on Vacation Lane between N. Utah St to N. Stuart St. Installation of corner bump-out nub extensions at the intersection of N. Vacation Lane at N. Utah St and N. Stuart St, and replacing the current substandard sidewalk with a 5' sidewalk on the west side of N. Utah St up to the driveway apron at 4400 Vacation Lane. Parking will remain on both sides at N. Utah St. A stop sign will replace the existing yield sign at the NE corner of N. Stuart St and parking will be removed at the SE t-intersection completely.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING A WATERMAIN PROJECT:

(The County will be starting Phase I of a backup water main project on Vacation Lane as soon as school is out, with the hope of completing it during the summer vacation period. Phase I will involve the part of Vacation Lane between Military Road and Lorcom Lane, beginning at Military and working toward Lorcom. This will involve some disruption of the street, and staff has been working with our residents in that area to minimize any inconvenience to them. If you have any questions about this project, please contact the Project Manager, Amani Eisa, at (703) 228-6495 or aeisa@arlingtonva.us.) – THIS PROJECT WILL NOT AFFECT THE NC STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting began with an introduction from County Staff and a welcome from Angela Marshall, NC Project Manager, who provided an overview of the project. Gino Squarciafico presented the details of the final design, demolition and construction plan. The goal is to commence construction in the fall 2017. Jill Yutan, NC Landscape Architect provided information on planting of new soil, sod and native trees. Tree planting will occur after the hardscape is complete.

Approximately one week prior to the beginning of construction, staff will schedule a preconstruction meeting for the affected property owners, which will be held on-site and include the County's Construction Manager, and representatives from the construction contractor.

QUESTIONS & OBSERVATIONS FROM THE PRESENTATION:

Most of the resident's primary concerns were the safety of children and school buses having enough street width to navigate through both intersections of Vacation Lane, as well as concerns with back-up congestion primarily near Taylor School down to the new stop sign, particularly during the hours of 8:45am and 3:45pm (pick-up/drop-off times). This intersection, Vacation and Stuart St is extremely heavy with foot, vehicle and bus traffic. As part of the final design, the existing yield sign will be replaced with a stop sign as a result of the new T-intersection at Vacation Ln and N. Stuart St. Gino indicated that the sight distance gets better and with the narrowing at the intersections should have an impact of slowing vehicles as they travel through the intersections. The bump-outs also shorten the pedestrian crossings. Residents/DRCA welcomed the proposed stop sign, however, they will explore other safety measures with Transportation at a later time. Specifically, several neighbors recommended that traffic entering Stuart St from Vacation Lane be prohibited during the morning and afternoon peak school traffic hours so that the block of Stuart St between Vacation and 25th St would be one way during those times.

Resident at **2401 N. Stuart St** is handicapped and therefore, will need access in and out of his home for appointments/travel, as well as accessibility for caregiver to park.

What type of crosswalks and where will they be located? Thermoplastic crosswalk, either laddered or double lined will be installed at both N. Stuart St and N. Utah St.

Resident at **4284 Vacation Ln** wants consideration of the existing parking sign, located near his house/driveway, and which currently faces up Vacation Lane be replaced with a new one saying "No Parking from here to driveway" with an arrow down Vacation Ln toward his house.

Maxine Cholmondeley, County's Real Estate Specialist will be contacting property owners to obtain Temporary Easements & Construction Agreements (TE&CA) in the coming months. Maxine's email is MCholmondeley@arlingtonva.us if you have any questions regarding the easements. The easements are null and void after the completion of the project.

Angela and Gino provided next steps, construction and completion timeline; it is likely that the project will take about 6-8 weeks to complete.



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Cc: All property owners within the project limits
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