

VAN NESS STREET COALITION

Dedicated to Preserving the Residential Character of Van Ness Neighborhood

RE: BZA #17703A Sidwell Friends Lower School

On February 23, 2016, the District of Columbia Department of Transportation (DDOT) issued a report on the Sidwell Friends application which recommended that changes be made to the concrete barriers at Wisconsin Avenue/ Upton Street and to the intersection of 37th Street/ Upton Street. These recommended changes included the removal of the diverter at Wisconsin/ Upton and a raised crosswalk at 37th/ Upton.

At the hearing, the Van Ness Coalition (VNC) asked the BZA to support the DDOT recommendations, in recognition that the exceptionally high incidence of crashes at Wisconsin/ Upton demonstrated the urgent need for mitigation. The VNC also supports the installation of crosswalks or other protective measures at 37th/ Upton, because the intersection presents a hazard to neighborhood children and parents walking to Hearst School on 37th Street.

In response, Bryan Garman, Sidwell's Head of School offered an additional \$100,000 to fund projects listed by DDOT but not agreed to by Sidwell before the hearing. This amount is insufficient to cover all eight proposed projects. It is essential that an ordering rule be adopted to ensure that funds are devoted first to those that are most important to residents' safety --- the Wisconsin/ Upton intersection and the 37th/ Upton intersection.

We, the members of the Van Ness Coalition, strongly support these recommendations and ask that the BZA's final order include a Condition giving priority in the allocation and expenditure of the \$100,000 fund to the Wisconsin/ Upton and 37th/ Upton projects.

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Tue, Mar 8, 2016 at 10:23 AM

Is it possible to sign the petition in absentia. I am currently at my CT cottage and unable to be present to sign one, but very happy to add my name!

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Fwd: ACTION REQUEST/ Sidwell Friends Lower School Traffic

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Wed, Mar 9, 2016 at 6:50 PM

We would be most pleased to sign the petition bit we are in Georgia until this weekend.

Kaye and Andrew

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Hi Brenda,
Thank you again for all your efforts on behalf of all of us who live on Van Ness!
Though I'm still not physically able to take a petition door to door, I look forward to the opportunity to sign one.
Thank you again.
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