Resolution
Garrett Park Town Council
August 14, 2017

Whereas, on October 14, 2013 the Garrett Park Town Council approved a resolution to accept a $561,286 Safe Routes to Schools grant for the construction of a sidewalk and curbs on the south side of Oxford Street from Oxford and Montrose to Oxford and Weymouth, to extend the existing sidewalk and curbs on the west side of Kenilworth Avenue from Waverly to Argyle, and to rebuild the existing sidewalk and curbs on Montrose Avenue from Waverly to Clermont and on Clermont Avenue from Montrose to Strathmore; and

Whereas, in the resolution referenced above the Council directed the Mayor and the Town Manager to take all actions to notify the State Highway Administration of this acceptance, to execute all documents necessary to establish the grant, and to implement the design and construction of said project, subject to a full public review of the project at the completion of preliminary design; and

Whereas, on October 15, 2013 the Town of Garrett Park and the Maryland State Highway Administration executed a Memorandum of Understanding to design and construct the sidewalk project utilizing the Safe Routes to Schools grant funding; and

Whereas, consistent with the original approval, at the completion of preliminary design the Town Council conducted three public hearings, on January 20, 2016, on January 26, 2016, and on February 8, 2016 to receive, hear, and consider the views of Town residents on whether to proceed with the project and possible alternatives; and

Whereas, after considering the testimony presented at the three public hearings and the e-mail correspondence received, as well as substantial input by residents at numerous Town Council meetings, at a special meeting on potential impacts on historic preservation, and in other venues, on February 8, 2016 the Garrett Park Town Council, reaffirmed its decision to design and construct the sidewalk project and authorized the Mayor and Town Manager to implement the project, to cause to be advertised and awarded contracts for its design and construction, and to obtain all reviews, permits, approvals, and concurrences for this project required by the federal, state, and county governments; and

Whereas, as design has progressed to the current 65% drawings, as permits have been obtained and reviews have been conducted by relevant agencies resulting in scope changes, and as funds have been spent from the grant without the approval of the Town of Garrett Park, it is estimated that up to an additional $350,000 will be required to complete the project as approved by the Town Council;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Mayor is authorized to request from the Maryland State Highway Administration an amendment to the original grant of up to $350,000, and to execute a grant amendment and/or other required documents which adjust the cost and scope of the sidewalks project to reflect the additional costs and scope changes; and

Be it further resolved, that the Town shall continue to consult with homeowners who have property adjoining the Town right of way in which the project shall be built in order to ascertain and implement ways to minimize the impact of the project upon their homes and landscaping, consistent with constructing sidewalks and curbs; and

Be it further resolved, that the Sidewalks Citizens Advisory Committee shall continue to assist the Town in the implementation of the project by continuing to review progress and critical decision options; examine engineering work scope(s), plans, and other engineering products; engage with the Historic Preservation and Arboretum Committees, as well as other stakeholders, and to make recommendations to the Town; and

Be it further resolved, that the Mayor and Town Manager shall report periodically to the Council on the progress of this project; and

Be it finally resolved, that the Town shall comply with all county, state and federal historic preservation, disability access, environmental protection, and storm water management requirements in pursuing this project.