



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

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Resolution in Support of Installation of a Sidewalk on the North Side of Albemarle Street, N.W. from 38th Street to 39th Street

WHEREAS, Significant support exists from adjacent residents and property owners for a sidewalk on the North side of the 3800 block of Albemarle Street, N.W.:

Residents and property owners organized and signed a Sidewalk Petition in August 2012, with 20 of 22 abutting property owners signing the petition in support.

The 3800 block of Albemarle Street has an existing sidewalk on the south side, but the special circumstances of this block are such that a sidewalk on only the south side does not ensure the safety of pedestrians. This section of Albemarle Street has high vehicular and pedestrian traffic due to its proximity to the Tenleytown/AU metro stop, Metrobus and American University shuttle bus stops, Tenley-Friendship Library, D.C. Department of Recreation indoor pool at Wilson, Woodrow Wilson Senior High, Deal Middle School, Janney Elementary School, and businesses on Wisconsin Avenue. Most of these destinations are on the north side of Albemarle.

The many pedestrians walking on the north side of Albemarle to access these destinations have created a footpath in this block, which presents safety risks as it consists of jutting tree roots, tree debris, rocks and uneven surfaces. To avoid these hazards, pedestrians often walk in the street where they are at risk of being hit by vehicles. In order to use the sidewalk on the south side, residents must unsafely cross Albemarle in the middle of the block without a crosswalk.

Because of the foregoing, ANC 3F approved a resolution in favor of sidewalk installation on the north side of the 3800 block of Albemarle Street in October 2012. The petitions and resolution were submitted to DDOT by 3800 block resident Mrs. Heidi Nalven, copying Councilmember Cheh's office and then 3F06 Commissioner Cathy Wiss.

AND WHEREAS, As of January 2, 2013, new redistricting boundaries became effective, redistricting the 3800 block of Albemarle from 3F into 3E, specifically 3E01, and DDOT requested ANC 3E provide feedback on the proposal.

AND WHEREAS, DDOT completed a field evaluation of the 3800 block of Albemarle Street in February 2013, determining that a sidewalk installation is warranted and complies with the provisions of the *Priority Sidewalk Assurance Act of 2010*. The Act specifies that priority should be given to missing sidewalks in school areas, near transit stops and recreational facilities,

and where absence of a sidewalk creates substantial pedestrian risks; this block meets these requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC3E supports the petition of residents and property owners of the 3800 block of Albemarle Street, NW, for a sidewalk on the north side of the block from 38th to 39th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3E requests that DDOT design the sidewalk so as to minimize disturbance to trees and shrubs now growing in public space; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3E urges that DDOT use permeable pavement for the sidewalk to allow rainwater to percolate into the ground to sustain the trees and shrubs in public space and to lessen the amount of water flowing into the storm sewers.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its meeting on March 14, 2013, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 3-0. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Elizabeth Haile, and Tom Quinn were present.

ANC 3E
By Jonathan Bender, Chairperson