

P.O. Box 419
Clifton, VA 20124
August 1, 2017

Town of Clifton
Town Council
Clifton, VA 20124

Dear Town Council,

This is my fourth request for a sidewalk between Clifton Creek Dr. and the current end of a town sidewalk in front of Weaver House, with letters previously sent in 2005, 2009 and 2013.

The current unimproved path running along Main St. remains a pedestrian safety hazard and is frequently used by residents, including children, dog walkers, joggers, and those pushing baby strollers. Inclement weather makes the path particularly hazardous as snow, slush and puddles force walkers into the street. A solution remains long overdue.

While the Town's Comprehensive Plan (2009) calls for a sidewalk, construction of which was included in the existing Streetscape Plan, progress seems to have completely stopped on this improvement. The Town is jeopardizing the health and protection of citizens and visitors, in direct conflict with the Town of Clifton Charter, which states:

§ 4. Insofar as not prohibited by general law, the council of said town shall have all of the general powers vested in it by the general laws of this State, and shall also have the power to mark the bounds of existing streets and to widen or narrow, lay out and graduate, pave and otherwise improve streets and public highways within said town, to remove obstructions therefrom, and shall also have the power to pass and enforce all by-laws, rules, regulations and ordinances which the town council may deem necessary for the government of the town, the management of its property, the conduct of its affairs, the peace, order, comfort, convenience, morals, health and protection of its citizens or their property, or do such other things, adopt any ordinance that may be necessary or proper to carry into full effect all power, authority, capacity or jurisdiction which is or shall be granted to or vested in said town, or in the council or officers thereof, or which may be incident to a municipal corporation. (1938, c. 186)

I beseech the sitting Town Council to act on behalf of Town citizens and build a sidewalk that connects Clifton Creek Dr. with the rest of the Town. As in previous letters, I offer my assistance in making this a reality. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Stoney
12847 Redbird Ridge
Clifton, VA 20124

Copy to: Fairfax County, Dept. of Transportation Pedestrian Program

Attachments: Ltr dtd July 14, 2005, Ltr dtd July 24, 2009, Ltr dtd April 2, 2013

P.O. Box 419
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April 2, 2013

Town of Clifton
Town Council
Clifton, VA 20124

Dear Town Council,

This is my third request for a sidewalk between Pope's Head Creek and the current end of a town sidewalk in front of Weaver House, with letters previously sent in 2005 and 2009. The current unimproved path running along Main St. remains a pedestrian safety hazard and is frequently used by residents, including children, dog walkers, and those pushing baby strollers. Inclement weather makes the path particularly hazardous as snow, slush and puddles force walkers into the street. A solution is long overdue.

After my last letter request, I worked with the Planning Commission to incorporate sidewalk improvements into the Town's Comprehensive Plan. I understand building this sidewalk is part of the current Streetscape Plan, but progress seems to have slowed considerably, maybe even stopped.

So, what can I do to move this project forward? Do you need a grant writer? A project manager? Do you need research completed? What seems to be the hold up? Please let me know because I'd like to help overcome any roadblocks that may be in the way of progress. It's important to me and every other resident that uses this path.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Stoney
12847 Redbird Ridge
Clifton, VA 20124

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P.O. Box 419
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July 24, 2009

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Dear Town Council,

Attached is a letter from 2005, requesting a sidewalk between Pope's Head Creek bridge and the current end of the sidewalk in front of Weaver House. I don't believe any action has yet been taken on this request that would safely connect the main part of town with the families on Redbird Ridge and Wesley Tyler Rd. and visitors to Clifton Elementary School. **Lack of a sidewalk remains a pedestrian safety issue of significance.** Request you take action to build a sidewalk for safe pedestrian passage during the 2010 fiscal year. I believe this same issue impacts families on Clifton Heights.

Second, please update the Town's web site. The last posting of TC minutes is 1/6/2009. It is impossible for residents and the greater public to know what has transpired in Town government without having access to minutes of TC proceedings. I believe there is a town resolution to post TC minutes in a timely manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Stoney
12847 Redbird Ridge
Clifton, VA 20124

P.O. Box 69
Clifton, VA 20124
July 14, 2005

Mayor & Town Council
Town of Clifton
Clifton, VA 20124

Dear Mayor and Town Council,

I respectfully request the town build a sidewalk between Pope's Head Creek bridge and the current end of the sidewalk in front of the Clifton Coffee Mill. My family and I walk into town almost daily to get mail, visit friends, or go to Clifton businesses. Because this stretch of road has no sidewalk, we must walk dangerously close to Clifton Rd. (Main St.). This is particularly dangerous when it's raining/snowing or has recently rained/snowed and there are mud puddles or ice/slush on the gravel shoulder. In these cases, cars and trucks splash us with muddy, gravelly water or slush and we are forced to walk in the street to get around the larger puddles or mounds of snow. I am forever "watching my back" to ensure motorists are paying attention and see me and my family walking along the road. It is always an anxious walk.

My neighbors, although not all residing inside town lines, have expressed the same concerns. Two of them have younger children, which makes this situation even more concerning.

Please let me know if this letter suffices to get "building a new sidewalk" on the agenda for a town council meeting (if that is the right process for requests like this). If not, please let me know how to officially get this issue recognized and processed.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Stoney
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