

DRAFT, April 16, 2012

Introduced By:

RESOLUTION #2012 - xx

Takoma Junction Streetscaping and Sidewalks

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Takoma Park established a Takoma Junction Task Force and appointed members, asking the Task Force, among its primary purposes, to create work plans addressing pedestrian safety concerns.

WHEREAS, the Takoma Junction Task Force, in its March 5, 2012 presentation of priorities to the City Council, recommended that the City “complete a portion of Phase II of the Carroll Avenue streetscape project (deferred for fire station construction) from the west side of the fire station at Philadelphia Avenue to the west edge of the City-owned parcel, along the south side of Carroll Avenue; and upgrade the Columbia Avenue sidewalk between Poplar and Sycamore to ADA standards.” (Ref. <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/agenda/items/2012/030512-4.pdf>)

WHEREAS, community outreach by the Old Takoma Business Association and the Takoma Junction Task Force has identified parking, and the perception of parking availability, as ingredients of a healthy Takoma Junction business climate.

WHEREAS, the Takoma Junction Task Force observed that the continued existence of a second City-lot driveway, created for the temporary fire station that was located in the lot and marked “temporary” in plans, has diminished the parking capacity and usability of the City lot.

WHEREAS, resident Wolfgang Mergner presented a petition calling for address of dangerous sidewalk conditions, between the fire station and the City lot.

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has made a priority of accessibility in conformance with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and also wishes to implement near-term Takoma Junction improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1) The Council directs the City Administration to close the marked-temporary vehicle entrance to the Takoma Junction City-owned lot and to restripe the lot in a way that increases available parking, to be accomplished no later than June 30, 2012.
- 2) The Council directs the City Administration to upgrade the Columbia Avenue sidewalk between Poplar and Sycamore Avenues to ADA standards, to be accomplished no later than June 30, 2012.
- 3) The Council directs the City Administration to address pedestrian safety and sidewalk ADA-compliance issues, and to extend Carroll Avenue streetscaping, along the stretch between the fire station and the west edge of the City-owned parcel, namely, in front of the Healey Surgeons and Takoma Auto Clinic (“Johnny’s) properties, to be accomplished no later than September 30, 2012.

ADOPTED THIS xx DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk