



Oregon Hill Neighborhood Association

Resolution on Additional Stop Signs on Pine Street

During our 24 November 2020 Oregon Hill Neighborhood Association meeting, the membership supported the addition of an all-way stop on South Pine Street at its intersection with Albemarle Street (currently, only eastbound traffic on Albemarle Street stops).

At this meeting, 23 March 2021, we bring to the membership for consideration a second location: an additional stop sign on South Pine Street at its intersection with China Street (currently only northbound traffic on South Pine Street stops).

At this meeting, 23 March 2021, the membership voted to reaffirm the addition of an all-way stop at South Pine Street at its intersection with Albemarle Street, and voted to support a new all-way stop at South Pine Street at its intersection with China Street.

Following this meeting, a survey will be sent out to the membership to gauge the level of support for each location. The results of each survey will be sent to Councilmember Stephanie Lynch, who will work with the Department of Public Works to secure both of these new stop signs if they receive membership approval.

Adopted 23 March 2021
The Oregon Hill Neighborhood Association

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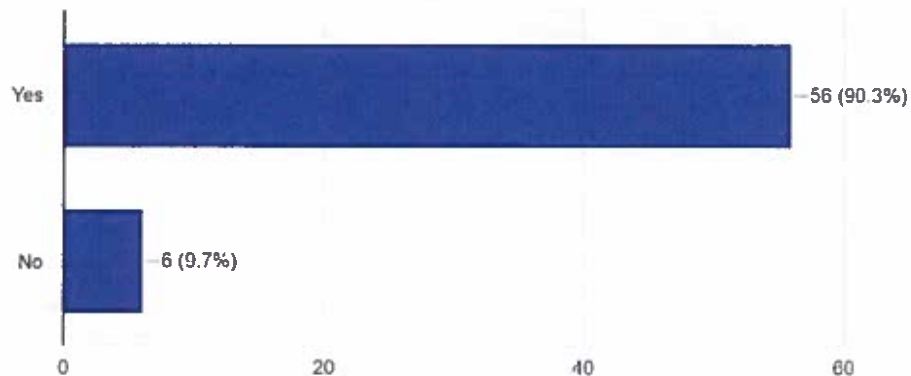
This document includes the results of a survey circulated amongst Oregon Hill residents asking two questions:

1. Would you like to see a stop sign added to the intersection of Pine and China Streets (62 responses: 56 yes, 6 no)

2. Would you like to see a stop sign added to the intersection of Pine and Albemarle Streets (62 responses: 53 yes, 9 no)

Responses were received from 23 March 2021 to 4 October 2021. Additional information questions followed each to seek additional written reactions to the questions. Those responses are included verbatim.

Stop Sign #1: Would you like to the stop sign added to the intersection of Pine and China Streets?
62 responses



Stop Sign #1: Have you had an issue at the intersection of Pine and China that you would like to share? 31 responses

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No incidents, but in such a densely populated neighborhood with lots of street activity, each intersection should provide a pause for automobiles. It would require cars that are speeding, or using the neighborhood as a short cut rather than a destination, to be less of a safety hazard.

My husband has almost been hit twice

Not specifically

No issues

close calls due to poor visibility

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It makes no sense that the through street in this case (Pine) has a stop but China does not. It should be 3-way.

I have never had an issue here.

Nearly hit multiple bicyclists

People stopping for school or thinking a stop sign is there

Many near misses!

It seems counterintuitive to expect drivers and pedestrians, particularly high school students to realize that a car can pass through Pine into or out of a cul de sac without stopping.

As a pedestrian who frequently walks their dog in that area I often see people speed through the intersection with no regard

It is currently dangerous and counterintuitive.

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Stop Sign #1: Is there anything else that you would like to share about the intersection of Pine and China? 23 responses

No

I thought there was one already previously installed at this location for pedestrian safety because of the school, so definitely a good idea.

This is an intersection in front of a Richmond Public School and a business. It should be an all way stop for student safety.

I think speed humps throughout the neighborhood would be more affective.

a small traffic circle (like the ones on Floyd Ave) would be better

It would make the neighborhood more pedestrian friendly.

support 4 way stops at all Oregon Hill intersections

I do not support this. Stop signs are not traffic calming devices. I supported the mini traffic circle Tom Flynn proposed here. I would also support mid block speed hump.

There is already a stop sign on the northbound side of Pine

A stop sign here will reduce the opportunity for accidents by the teen drivers at Open High

Protect the many pedestrians around Open High with painted crosswalks please

All way stop signs are always better than only one street stops. People are confused if they don't know the streets. An all way makes everyone more alert to cross traffic.

Please add pedestrian crossing signage on pavement

We must SLOW down traffic.

Our neighborhood is not a highway. We have kids, pets, and Open Highschool Students. People need to stop and look out for them.

I have never had an issue here.

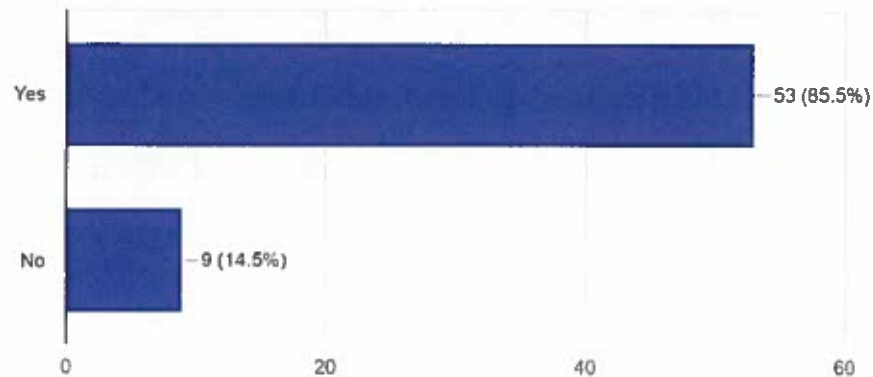
I live there.

See above

Crosswalk markings at this intersection please

Stop Sign #2: Would you like to the stop sign added to the intersection of Pine and Albemarle Streets?

62 responses



Stop Sign #2: Have you had an issue at the intersection of Pine and Albemarle that you would like to share? 27 responses

No

no

I live on the 300 block of pine and every day turning on Pine to come home I pause trying to anticipate if the person approaching on pine from the 400 block knows there's not a stop sign or if I'll end up in an accident! It's so scary!!!!

I have come close to being sideswiped at this intersection multiple times.

No, nor do I believe this proposed stop sign alone will discourage through traffic. However, it would be one more stop to discourage through traffic.

The traffic patterns in Oregon Hill have become utterly inconsistent. This would make it even worse. I would support a reversion to how they were prior to the addition of stop signs on the North-South streets.

Some people already stop on Pine thinking it is an all-way stop.

Adding a stop sign will make it more consistent

No

Same comment as #1.

No issues

Pine and Albermarle are parallel they do not intersect

Yes, people on Albemarle stop and then go believing that the Pine St driver will also stop. They think it is an all way stop. This happened to me a few times and now when I'm on Pine I slow way down prepared to stop at that corner to let the Albemarle driver go ahead when he/she pulls out in front of me.

Several near misses both as a driver and as a pedestrian.

Near misses

Yes. Car racing down S Pine hit my parked car when a car pulled out from Albemarle. Pine ST is a "raceway" for traffic.

Our neighbors live here. We support 4 way stops. Traffic engineering should listen to us -instead of assuming all traffic patterns are the same everywhere. Richmond isn't Detroit. Look at our street scapes as you would individuals- stop generalizing and listen to people who care.

Yes, the biggest issue is that east bound traffic often turns right and heads the wrong way down Pine. This happens at least once a day. The one way sign is not visible enough.

I have never had an issue here.

None

Very hard to see cars approaching on Pine when turning left from Albemarle

Yes, cars and motorcycles speed through there frequently and I have had many close calls. There is also an issue with visibility depending on what types of cars are parked towards the Intersection so it makes it even harder to see.

I live on S Pine Street in the 300 block. Not only is it confusing for cars coming from Albemarle crossing or turning onto Pine, but cars (and trucks!) typically blast through this intersection and approach Idlewood at dangerously high rates of speed, well above the limit. People walk, bike, and use scooters and skateboards to travel on our block; there are pets. It's just a miracle no one has been killed yet.

Stop Sign #2: Is there anything else that you would like to share about the intersection of Pine and Albemarle? 23 responses

No

I am so grateful it being resolved!!

Visibility is often very limited turning left onto Pine from Albemarle, so I think a stop sign added on Pine will really help eliminate potential for accidents.

no

a small traffic circle (like the ones on Floyd Ave) would be better

It would make the neighborhood more pedestrian friendly.

I would also support mid block speed humps. Curb ramps at all of our intersections should be higher priority than this (Holly and Pine [needs crosswalks too), Laurel and Holly) . Building a sidewalk on the north side of Idlewood to Belvidere should be higher priority. I will work on a list of infrastructure needs.

Pine and Albermarle are parallel they do not intersect

One expects there to be a stop sign here. It will help to slow traffic.

Sight lines with parking up to intersections warrant stop signs. Easier to add stops than lose parking spaces.

Half the people think there is already a stop sign there and stop already. This causes confusion and I think added the sign would benefit greatly.

We must do something to SLOW traffic. SO dangerous.

We live right at that intersection, so I worry that cars driving by with booming bass will only stay longer. Yes it's true that many northbound cars on Pine already stop at that intersection, but that's no reason to add a stop sign.

I have never had an issue here.

See no reason for it. A solution looking for a problem

Not about this particular intersection, but I would be open to expanding this to Laurel as well Safer that way.

Cars frequently drive very fast on the 300 block of S. Pine. I feel a stop sign at Albemarle might help slow traffic down.

This block has fewer trees than blocks south of Albemarle, and it thus appears more open to drivers, who speed up accordingly. We need speed bumps as well.