Community Advisory Committee Minutes May 7, 2024

Committee Attendees: Bill Corey, Evan Smith, Cameron Moody, Bill Lewis, Sandra Schwarzbart, David Churchill, Ken Niles, Sheila Footer, Al Muller, Ethel Pacheco, Prem Garg, Stephanie Clipper, Joe Bucherer, Cheryl Tyler – Council Liaison

Regrets: Prem Garg

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 6:00 pm.

Topics:

- Longtime Committee Member Sheila Footer announced that she would be resigning from the Committee as she anticipates moving from the Village in the Summer. The Committee appreciates her many years of service to the Village and her involvement in the community.
- Village Management was commended for action on items raised by the Committee in April.
- Committee Member Observations, among them:
 - Lighting along South Park Ave, Friendship Blvd, and Hills Plaza is very low in the evening hours. The Committee has received input from residents regarding safety due to the low light conditions. The Committee asks for a review of the light conditions and potential remedies noting that safety is as much about perception as resourcing.
 - The placement of the speed humps was positively discussed. Members noted observing cars slowing down, especially service trucks. We look forward to the reflective painting at the cross walks.
- Council Member Tyler updated the Committee on the Page Park permit status, role of the Red House working group and Red House rental status. Continued safety meetings and considerations were outlined, among them the reflective painting of the crosswalks, evaluating lighting conditions, and surveillance cameras.
- Advisory Projects:
 - Off Duty Police Patrols:
 - Committee Members were asked to gather input regarding the presence of the off-duty police patrols. Members have begun to reach out to residents directly or using available intranet tools in their buildings. In cases the release of communication requires special approval, and with the condominium buildings in election or budget planning this will be added to the projects.
 - We learned that residents have begun to send comments directly to the Village Management Office.
 - Early input is that not all residents are aware of the police presence. It is not clear if this is due to time-of-day issues (e.g. not home, working) or location (where they live).
 - Committee Members were asked to collect information over the next month and for development of a consensus report to be presented, likely in July.
 - Development: The Committee is interested in developing scope around development in the Village and surrounding area as an extension of its Village Identity work. This will be discussed and formulated in its June meeting. Recent presentations by the Alliance and a presentation by Brookings were outlined.

The next meeting will be held on June 4, 2024, at 6 pm via Zoom. Village residents are encouraged to attend.