

Community Advisory Committee Minutes
February 4, 2025

Committee Attendees:

Ken Niles, Chair	Cameron Moody
Evan Smith, Vice-Chair	Al Muller
David Churchill	Ethel Pacheco
Stephanie Clipper	Sandy Schwartzbart
Bill Corey	Village Council Member Cheryl Tyler

Not in attendance: Prem Garg and Bill Lewis

The meeting was held in the Village Center and called to order at 6:00 pm.

Stephanie Clipper volunteered to take notes and do minutes for CAC meetings.

The first order of business was the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair positions, the Chair has been vacant since the departure of long-time Chair, Joe Bucherer. Ken Niles will now serve as committee Chair, Evan Smith as vice chair. Voting was unanimous.

In the light of these changes in management, Cheryl Tyler noted that the committee automatically disbands with the May election for a new Council, so these terms are for February, March, and April 2025.

Discussion turned to the Village's New Initiatives Project and a "File for Life" emergency preparedness folder, proposal that was referred for the Committee's review. The folder, which is currently used and distributed by fire departments, would centralize resident emergency and medical information for use by emergency responders entering a unit. The kit is easily recognizable and would likely be situated on a resident's refrigerator. The committee discussed point-totals for the required 6 criteria. There was extensive discussion concerning building-to-building distribution of the proposed item as outlined. There were also privacy concerns raised. The committee give the proposal a total rating of 48 points, out of a possible total of 95 points. This information will be passed on to the Village Manager to be ultimately evaluated by the Village Council, along with any other proposals received for the New Initiatives Project.

The committee discussed recent use of salt in the Village's snow and ice treatments and its effects on wildlife (specifically fish in streams) and the environment. The Village, the county, and individual buildings have their own protocols for treating snow and ice. Some people advocate minimal use of salt, which can also be mixed with sand to reduce the amount used.

Committee members provided reports concerning their own buildings. Cameron Moody reported on changes to building height restrictions in the District along Connecticut Avenue in the area around Livingston to Western Avenue. These changes will certainly affect redevelopment in those areas.

Evan Smith reported police action in 4620 where intruders rifled cars on the G2 level of the garage.

The speed of the digital screens at the Village Center have changed. The calendar feature is now faster and more clipped. The portion including more comprehensive information has been slowed down.

Regrettably, the Committee was unable to find another evening to hold meetings, in an attempt to meet Prem Garg's new schedule, thus he will no longer be able to attend the Advisory Committee Meetings.

The next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Center. As always, residents of the Village are encouraged to attend.