

West Highlands Residential Traffic Control Plan Meeting

7/18/2007

Jon - Introduction

Jon - Explained that we will install the signs and then give an opportunity for residents to experience the traffic control before adjustments are made.

Jon - We will retain the 25 miles per hour throughout the neighborhood, including asphalt sections.

Jon – The Sheriffs Office has increased patrols. Zero tolerance on ATV's, 28 citations for illegal ATV activity. They will ticket for sign violations and speeding. They will also provide a speed trailer on heavily traveled roads.

Jereme Brown - There has been crime in some areas. He wants more enforcement.

Jon - There is no Neighborhood Watch. The Neighborhood Watch is a good thing and will reduce some crime.

Jon - Foliage has been cleared to reduce sight distance hazards.

The sign contractor will be replacing damaged or missing signs. We will need to determine if the road is County maintained or not to identify who replaces signs. There have been few signs vandalized so far.

Charles Herbold - Asked how billing for signage will be handled depending on County or local roads.

Jon - Re: Maintenance of the roads – we do not want to grade too often since this will create a dust problem.

Resident - Power line - There has been clearing within their easement.

Charles Herbold - The clearing is way too wide in a lot of instances. Jon - Yes, since we are going from a one lane to a wide two-lane for drainage swales. Asked where the swales will go. Travis said the swales will be located where needed - (not everywhere).

Travis - Residents need to let Todd Buckles know of any problems.

Travis - Contractor is putting in 8 inches of shell and we don't want to grade it, spot repairs will be done.

All other repairs and improvements will be made as requested but may have to limit improvements to avoid spending the allocated money prematurely.

Resident - \$120/ household per year. We are not sure at this point. There is an upper limit of the contract - we want to be conservative to avoid overspending.

Jon - Per George R. we may want to consider millings in the intersections to better stabilize surface.

Charles Herbold - Concerned about sticker shock to residents. The excess money could be used in the future for large ticket repairs. Asked if the money would go into an account and how it would be handled. Response was that we are not sure yet how this will be done.

Jose Ramos - In last week and a half several cars were observed speeding at 60 mph on 13th Street. Will the Sheriffs Office help? Captain Osowski said they will.

Lt. Williams - He will put the deputies out there but this can create a reverse fear. These tickets are expensive and upset residents. Verbal warnings did not work, now they are using zero tolerance. Many tickets were written. Zero tolerance is needed until the residents learn to obey the law.

Jereme Brown - Requested additional stop signs to slow down speeders on main roads (Mainly New York and French Avenues).

Captain Osowski - Everyone needs to pull together, front yards are smaller now due to road widening.

Lt. Williams - If the Sheriffs Office is told when and where to locate their patrols for enforcement nobody is caught speeding. Speeding tickets will cost \$120.50.

Charles Herbold - Maintenance of signs. We already have a maintenance program. Why doesn't County Traffic Engineering do the sign maintenance to save money instead of using the contractor?

Jon - We will look at this (Pros and Cons) and determine if this is feasible.

Kevin Cowling – Regarding vandalism of signs - On the average during the first year there are approximately 25 sign replacements. Discussed emergency response times for downed stop signs. Signs will have to be replaced approximately every 8 years.

Travis - Cutting the grass in the swales is the responsibility of the homeowners to reduce their maintenance costs.

Captain Osowski - Will there be specific contacts within the subdivision? Contacting the Sheriffs Office for downed signs is not the most efficient means. This should not be a responsibility of the Sheriffs Office.

Jereme Brown - Wants to set up critical contacts and discuss with the Captain after the meeting.

Jose Ramos - Can speed bumps be used?

Jon - Courts have ruled that speed bumps are illegal. We are migrating toward speed humps, which cost \$10-\$15,000 but County council doesn't usually accept these either.

Jose Ramos - All of the children catch the bus on Hamilton.

Jon – Hamilton is a major road. In the future, we plan to construct a road from SR 44 South to Highbanks. This road will include Hamilton.

Captain Osowaki - Speeding fines double in school zones.

Jon – We will develop a contact list. Also, a website for West Highlands will be created to include this and other information.

Jereme Brown – It is unfortunate that there was a very small turnout and very little e-mail between Ward Captains. He is concerned that they were disheartened and not pleased with the way it was set-up.

Charles Herbold - Felt the County did what they wanted to initially. Now that it is set in concrete, the County is asking for input.

Dave Millard – If you can get the roads paved you can reduce swale maintenance.

Jon – If you can get a larger group together in the future we will make time to discuss issues with the residents.

Jereme Brown – After we e-mail the list of Ward Captains, he will contact them. Regarding next meeting.

Charles Herbold – Can we collect more money from the residents than required by the contract for a buffer?

Jon - May want to invite Legal to the next meeting to discuss this and other legal issues.

Jereme Brown – Requested that we remove some of the stop signs on the southern end of Bishop Avenue.

Jon – Recap of all important items and issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.