

Notes from FHVNA Get-together Of February 16, 2008

Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center

CITY REQUESTS RESIDENT INPUT ON PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES THAT ARE EMERGENCY-RESPONSE NEUTRAL

The City has asked for our input on implementing traffic calming suggestions from the recent traffic consultant's report. The city is painting outlines of the recommended islands and curbouts on the street so that residents better visualize them. Some islands' outlines are already in place. Residents are urged to comment on the proposed devices and locations by emailing info@fhvna.org. It is assumed that the islands will be raised somewhat, but that a car will be able to drive over them slowly.

Question:

Is there a plan to put in sidewalks throughout the neighborhood? There is a plan to put sidewalks or a walking path near the "Y" but not throughout the neighborhood.

COVENANTS

Covenants in FHV cannot be enforced unless they coincide with city ordinances because the covenants are different across the FHV installments. This conclusion is based on a previous court case and the opinions of two lawyers.

In response to a question about who can enforce covenants that are reflected in city ordinances, we have been advised that any resident can complain to the city and ask for relief. Any association can also ask for relief as a collection of residents.

Action:

A group from the FHVNA is trying to determine the existing city ordinances. If the group feels that there are "holes" in the existing city ordinances, the association could ask for legislative relief.

FIRE STATION

The FHVNA is (1) pushing for city-sponsored public meetings and advising residents that if they are interested in this issue to attend these meetings, and (2) pushing for residents to vote and offer comments on the FHVNA website.

Comments from attendees:

Several emergency access gates have been in FH for years, but have never been abused

We can't change the planning of the new fire station; I think we have to concede that we need to make accommodations because of the fact that the station isn't being built for us, and we need to accept the fact that there is growth in this area.

Questions:

Will there be a direct path from Juan Tabo to the proposed fire station, and then from the fire station into Four Hills? Yes, but the path into Four Hills will be through a gate opened only in emergencies.

How can we believe the City will only open the gate in emergencies? Councilor Harris will sponsor an ordinance (see [draft](#)) which would make it law, and so would require the City Council to vote to overturn it.

OMBUDSPERSON

There was discussion that perhaps some residents are being thoughtless about disturbing and inconveniencing their neighbors because they are unaware. Several at the meeting thought it a good idea for the association to appoint an ombudsman, who could visit a neighbor to bring their attention to the possible offense.

Action:

Paul Yarrington and Jim Passmore agreed to look into this idea with an eye toward setting up a process and volunteering to be the point of contacts for residents.

MANY THANKS

We would like to thank Cathy Loveday and Charlene Baldwin for organizing and arranging this meeting.

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