

Minutes April 4th 2018 Citizen's Forum

A record attendance of approximately 60 residents attended the forum on Wednesday at 6:00PM at Mrs. Mitchell's.

1) Mike McManus, Head of DPW discussed options for traffic issues for Homestead Ave & 202 intersection, Clayton, Ashley & Sunset neighborhood, Apremont Hwy, & Blueberry Hill.

He provided some sketches of possible improvements and then received questions and comments from the many residents in attendance.

It was noted that some choices available include changing the road to one-way, creating a cul-de-sac at the end of Sunset at 202, speed humps etc. A citizen petition was brought to the meeting with many signatures from those in the neighborhood requesting reconfiguration of the streets to reduce traffic cutting through the neighborhood. The petition will be submitted to the City Clerk and be presented to the full City Council at the next meeting. This will initiate the process to try some of the suggestions, perhaps on a trial basis to see how it affects the neighborhood in the Sunset and Ashley area. Mike stayed until the end of the meeting and heard suggestions and feedback.

2) Tax bills/financial issues:

It was noted that the free cash has been certified and residents should have received their tax bills. An overview was given of the procedural issues and the reconciliation of cash that was required. It was noted that consultants were paid \$40,000 to complete this work and they assured that the cash reconciliations have been completed each month so there will not be a problem of this sort this year. Continued work is being done to assure that proper policies and procedures are in place to ensure proper accountability for finances throughout the city.

3) Future meetings:

It was noted that Orla's sons are very active with soccer and she can no longer host our meetings in the evening. She was thanked for hosting our many meetings and an alternate site will be found for the next meeting.

4) Other issues: A question was raised about the shut off of water when sewer bills are not paid. Mike McManus provided an update and let the group know that shut off notices will be sent out starting this month.

A list of approved orders and requests for pot hole and curb repair was sent to Mike McManus. A copy of the list is attached.

Thanks for your interest, ideas and participation!

Submitted by,

Linda Vacon,

Your Ward 5 City Councilor

- 1). This was approved a few months ago. ORDER: that a sign Slow (with a wheel chair symbol) be posted near [513 Whitney Ave](#) apartments so drivers will be made aware of a person in the area using a wheelchair near the roadway.
- 2). Stop sign on Richard Eger at Whitney (I have received many calls on this)-approved last year
- 3) No left turn off Ashley on to 202, unless we try the temporary closure at 202.
- 4) Re-install the speed hump on Evergreen as per Ordinance. Neighbors have requested for over 2 years since road was resurfaced.
- 5) Road requests for re-surfacing: Dale, Whitney, Timber, McClellan, Green Willow, Mason
- 6) Add no parking signs near 10 Sunset on both sides
- 7) Replace missing "no parking" signs on poles on Homestead Ave near field at McMahon School.
- 8) Add "Stop For Pedestrians" sign under the crosswalk symbol at the crosswalk on Homestead Ave.
- 9) Pothole list= Apremont, Rock Valley (at the portion between Southampton Rd and Cook in Southampton), Westfield rd near the slip turn on to Homestead toward the mall and at 69 Evergreen.
- 10) curb replacement: Ross Road, Pynchon Road near 59 and 48, O'Connell Rd (on the side of 23 Clayton Rd.
- 11) Paint crosswalks on County Road and Homestead
- 12) Please place car counter/speed tracker on Apremont Hwy after Mountain Road