

## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Committee members present were Dave Lackey, Jim Seta, Bill Little and Kevin Futryk. Also present, from City Staff, were Steve Lutz, Rob Rice and Dave Betz. Others in attendance were Dan Wiencek (City Council member) and resident Karin Leonetti (402 Vinwood Lane, Board Member, Woods of Sawmill HOA).

### **The Committee discussed the following topics:**

- 1) Traffic Calming Request – Woods of Sawmill, Pathway at Vinwood Lane (near Lot 1569):

On October 16, 2003, City staff received a traffic calming request from residents along Vinwood Lane. The concern was the portion of pathway that abuts Vinwood Lane (near Lot 1569) and its relative obscurity, as viewed from motorists on the roadway, as well as pedestrians filtering onto the roadway. The pathway is located on the north side of Vinwood Lane, on the outside of the first horizontal curve east of the intersection of Vinwood Lane with both Eagle View Court and Rosewood Court. The path is further obscured by evergreen landscaping at the point where it meets the roadway.

Ms. Leonetti relayed various concerns of the residents signing the petition - including her observations that the majority of incidents that have created the residents' concerns have occurred during the summer months.

Discussion ensued as to how best to begin to resolve the matter. First, it was determined to investigate the locations of the landscaping to identify which portions were perhaps inside the public right-of-way versus on private lots (although inside of an existing easement). Secondly, the consensus was to begin with the installation of a pedestrian-sized stop sign, for those using the pathway, in order to draw their attention that they are intersecting with a roadway and to exercise precaution accordingly. The implementation of warning signs directed toward motorists was discussed, however; it was determined to not implement this measure at this time.

Inasmuch as the current landscaping would interfere with the effective installation of the pedestrian-sized stop sign, the landscaping issue will need to be resolved first. The removal of certain landscaping, or removal and replacement with more appropriate landscaping, could also create better visibility for both pedestrians and motorists. (Were the City to install the pedestrian-sized stop sign at this time, the landscaping would partially obscure the sign, which would need to be placed too close to the pathway in order to be seen at all).

A separate, although related, discussion that evolved out of the Vinwood Lane issue was to investigate all locations in the City where pathways intersect with streets. The object is to identify and determine if there are locations where measures could be proactively implemented, if deemed appropriate, to increase the level of safety. It was agreed that staff would identify all such locations and present them at a future committee meeting(s).

2) Cement Fiber Siding:

The discussion began with various questions as to how to approach the issue of the City's policy toward the use of the material: Should the City allow it? Should the City seek to limit its use? Should the City "globally" accept it?

It was noted that the material has been used and/or approved within the Historic District, various condominium projects, Rutherford Estates, Powell Place, Golf Village and other isolated locations in a few subdivisions.

Discussion then centered on the need to adopt standards related to installation methods, maintenance, storage and handling of the material. It was noted that most concerns regarding the aesthetics of the material involved its installation and maintenance and not necessarily the material itself. It was the consensus that the material was superior to vinyl and aluminum sidings, although the City's preference is still for "natural" materials (such as wood, stone, brick). Mr. Wiencek commented that cement fiber siding is still a relatively "new" product and has not had the benefit of being time-tested.

It was determined by the Committee that staff would prepare an Ordinance to go before Council which would adopt a revision/addition to the Building Code to incorporate standards for the storage and handling of the material. These standards would be similar to those adopted during the approval process for Rutherford Estates as contained in a document entitled, "Rutherford Estates – Cement Fiber Material Conditions".

During future meetings, the Committee will continue to develop recommendations for various parameters for the installation of the material.

**Adjournment:**

The date and time for the next Committee meeting is to be determined (tentatively around mid-December 2003).

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.