

## **Report to Dorsey's Search Village Board: 6/12/2020**

The Hobbits Glen clay tennis courts were scheduled for renovations that were in progress before Covid-19 struck, and construction was halted. CA had made a \$4K deposit to cover the cost of materials, which the contractor had subsequently purchased. Discussions indicate that the contractor may be willing negotiate billing timing in order to allow construction to be completed. The matter will be turned over to staff for further action.

The Board discussed a proposal that would allow items to be more easily added to planned agendas when circumstances dictate. Plan will be voted on at next meeting.

CA will be taking a proactive role in advocating for the Columbia community as the County proceeds with the General Plan updates. The point was made that Columbia is more than just another planned community. It was established with a vision and values that go beyond simple brick and mortar issues. We have a consultant that will help guide the process, and a four-step procedure was outlined. The Board stressed that the villages must have a seat at the table and that the consultant must serve the interests of the Columbia community, which are not always those of County planners.

Two easements will be placed on the consent agenda for the next meeting. Both involve County drainage issues, and as negotiated by CA staff, will be of benefit to the Columbia community.

Development status of the Hickory Ridge Village Center, Erickson senior living complex across from River Hill and the Snowden Crossing expansion were briefly discussed, with no action needed at this time.

Reopening of the Swim Center, Sports Park, tot lots, fitness centers, Ice Rink and the Long Reach Tennis Center is scheduled for June 20. All reopened facilities will be governed by State and County mandated safety regulations. Enclosed areas will be equipped with new UV fans that can eliminate 99% of bacteria and viruses passing through them. Steps will be taken to equip village centers with similar filters and other needed HVAC equipment.

Outdoor pools will not open this summer due to lack of funding – priority is being given to amenities that are either low cost, self-supporting or income producing. Pools each cost approximately \$137K per month to operate, and that money is not yet available. Even if selected pools could open, they would be at severely reduced capacity due to safety regulations.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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