

Report to Dorsey's Search Village Board – September 8, 2021

- There were no Board meetings scheduled for August, although there were closed meetings during that month to deal with various legal issues. There was an extra meeting added to the July schedule in order to address issues that could not left until September for resolution.
- CA has been participating in the County-run HoCo by Design program that is preliminary to the creation of the new County General Plan. The CA Board has issued a position statement to protect the vision and values of Columbia during any future redevelopment.
- Village budget caps were discussed, and it was agreed that any money being returned to CA by the villages will be spent on environmental projects within those villages. This does not affect Dorsey's Search, since we are not returning any funds.
- Membership trends have been positive and approval ratings are high.
- The CA Board went through several planning exercises to help Staff develop proposed FY23 budget drafts. Staff will develop draft budgets for review based on three possible planning scenarios.
- Staff presented a review of CA's tot lot program. Highlights are:
 - CA has 175 tot lots in Columbia, five of which are in Dorsey's Search, and 97 tot lots are over 20 years old. The typical lot is about 2,000 square feet.
 - The goal is to have tot lots within a ten-minute walk of residential areas.
 - The total annual tot lot maintenance budget is \$1,003,300 or about \$5,733 a lot.
 - Older tot lots are constructed of treated wood, but treatment formulas have changed over recent years for safety reasons and are unfortunately less effective, so CA is switching to prefab metal units that have a 25-year life span as opposed to the eight-year life of wood units
 - Cost for replacing older tot lots runs to \$68-73,000 each. The total annual replacement cost is budgeted at \$1,430,000/year.
- The Board and President have agreed on a schedule of goals/objectives for the year and a measurement protocol