

# **Minutes, Ideas and Recommendations from the South 80 Trails, Gardens, and Park Advisory Board: Joe Stelzer and the Committee welcome any additional ideas from the Mariemont Community**

## **South 80 Trails, Gardens, and Park Advisory Board**

March 11, 2014 Meeting Notes

Meeting time and place: 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Village Council Chambers

**Attendees:** Mark Erhardt, Joe Stelzer, Doug Welsh, Tim Duever, Jason Brownknight , Andrew Seeger, Mark Glassmeyer, Chris White, Rob Wingert

### **Meeting Notes:**

The meeting opened with a discussion on parking in the gardens area. The specific rules for parking are not well known or posted. Mariemont resident Michael Kintner addressed the Board and expressed his concern for the safety of users of the South 80 and Gardens due to cars traveling up and down the narrow drive and through the tunnel under the railroad tracks.

The Board discussed his concerns and agreed to recommend to the Mayor and Chief of Police a number of ideas to improve traffic flow and clarify parking rules for the South 80 and Gardens (attached).

Doug Welsh provided an update on his work on organizing the Public Gardens; great progress continues to be made. Joe Stelzer, Mark Erhardt and Mark Glassmeyer provided a report on the site visit by a representative of Jersey West Drilling. There appears to be no issues with proceeding with having a well drilled in the gardens area for watering purposes only.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

### **Attachment to March 11, 2014 Meeting Notes:**

Recommendation to Mayor Policastro and Chief Hines on vehicle access and parking in the South 80 and Mariemont Community Gardens

Recommendation # 1: Vehicle Access and Parking Restrictions

- Vehicle access and parking should be limited to the following:
    1. Individuals who have paid for Mariemont Community Gardens plots for that calendar year. Gardeners will be provided with a paper pass to post on their dashboard. Gardeners should park near their plot(s) if possible.
    2. Vehicles with handicap tags or signs; or with a pass issued by the Village
    3. Vehicles registered with overnight campers
  - All others should park in the pool parking lot or on the street near the pool
- Recommendation # 2: Rules Postings and Signage

- Full vehicle access and parking rules should be posted on the South 80 bulletin board and once a year in the Mayor's Bulletin
- A sign should be posted at the top entrance to the South 80 road stating "Authorized or Permitted Vehicles Only – general parking available in the pool parking lot"
- Stop signs should be posted at both entrances to the tunnel along with signs that says "Turn on lights and honk horn before entering"

Recommendation # 3: Safety Mirrors

- Mariemont Police should determine if one or more "bubble" mirrors be installed at the turn before entering the tunnel or at either end of the tunnel to improve visibility for walkers, cyclists and drivers

Recommendation # 4: Patrol and Enforcement of Parking

- As Mariemont Police are patrolling the area, they should periodically check vehicles parked in the gardens area to ensure that they meet the authorized vehicle criteria detailed in Recommendation # 1
- Ticketing of unauthorized vehicles should be left to the standard policies of the Mariemont Police Department

Recommendation # 5: Formal Policies

- Additional vehicle access and parking recommendations may be suggested by the Advisory Board based on community feedback, but the Mayor, Mariemont Police and Village Council should establish any formal rules or policies based on overall community safety needs