

## NEW HORIZONS NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

| Top Focus                  | Concerns  | Goal  | Lead   | Lead Work Status   | City Staff Work Status  |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Traffic/ Safety</b>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Speeding along Summit</li> <li>2. Street light at Summit and Elliot</li> <li>3. Neighborhood Safety</li> <li>4. Policy issues on parking</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review results of Traffic Study.                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-1a. Work with Traffic to provide a “please slow down in our neighborhood” sign</li> <li>-1b. Work with Police to monitor &amp; issue speeding tickets</li> <li>-1c. Look at condition of speed humps</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Work with Streets to resolve street light issue at Summit &amp; Elliot</li> <li>3. Implement Block Watch throughout the neighborhood-Determine Block Watch Captains for each street                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-3a. Look at Crime stats for neighborhood Park</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Examine City Policy regarding front yard parking</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fred Laskowski</li> <li>-Dolly Manungas</li> <li>2. -Traffic Engineering</li> <li>3. Roy L. Pinkerton</li> <li>-Dean Brennan</li> <li>-Joe Petrashek</li> <li>-Julia Falls</li> <li>4. Dean Brennan</li> </ol>                               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dolly contacted Traffic Engineering &amp; requested two traffic assessments &amp; on-site Police patrol. The second Traffic was requested because it was done when the City was performing sewer work along Summit and the residents did not feel it correctly reflected the speeding problem. Also the initial study was only two days and the residents wanted the City to perform a weeklong study (this is not typical for the City to perform)</li> <li>2. Traffic Engineering</li> <li>3. Still Pending-No Implementation</li> <li>4. Long term discussion. No action at this time.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.-On 3/29/2011 Traffic Engineering completed it’s first (two-day) assessment on Summit Place. On 4/22/2011, Traffic Engineering conducted a second speed study and determined the same results. Please see attached document. Attachment A for follow up information on items 1, 1a, 1b and 1, c</li> <li>2.-Traffic Engineering conducted an assessment. Please see Attachment B for follow up information</li> <li>3.-Officer Chavarria provided information at the meeting on march 29, 2011 and is waiting for residents interested in being Block Watch captains and moving forward with Block Watch to contact him.</li> <li>3a.-Officer Chavarria pulled one-year crime stats for the park and found only two calls:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>one for maintenance of the park and</li> <li>one for people loitering after hours</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. No Action: Enforce current policy</li> </ol> |
| <b>Yard Maintenance</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Neighbors need to                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pick up after their dogs</li> <li>-Pick-up fruit in the alley &amp; park</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Encourage to maintain property values</li> <li>3. Residents need information on City regulations and standards</li> <li>4. Help neighbors in need maintain their yards</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider placing “Pick-up After Your Dog” signs in alley &amp; park                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-1a. Remind residents to pick-up fruit through neighborhood newsletter</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Provide Code education &amp; encourage yard maintenance through a New Horizons Neighborhood Newsletter</li> <li>3. Invite Code Inspectors to Neighborhood Meetings</li> <li>4. Develop volunteer contact list</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.-No Lead</li> <li>2. Fred Laskowski</li> <li>3.-No Lead</li> <li>4.-No Lead</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No Lead</li> <li>2. Still Pending-No Implementation</li> <li>3. No Lead</li> <li>4. No Lead</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. City staff is not currently working on these items as there are no neighborhood actions at this time.</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Park/Retention Area</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Park Projects                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Adopt a Park</li> <li>-Dog Waste Receptacle</li> <li>-Add Turf &amp; Trees</li> <li>-Improve neighborhood park wall</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Encourage Neighborhood Park Clean-up through volunteerism</li> <li>3. Improve wall along Elliot &amp; Retention Area</li> <li>4. Need neighborhood events to get neighbors together in park. Develop neighborhood sign topper</li> <li>5. Consider grants for improvements</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with Parks to get involved in Adopt a Park                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-1a. Install Dog Waste Receptacles</li> <li>-1b. Improve park wall</li> <li>-1c. Add Turf &amp; Trees.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Add sign in park-Summit Point Park Neighbors Get-Together Saturday 8:00 a.m.-for park clean-up</li> <li>3. NP to set-up meeting with Public Works to look at condition of wall along Elliot &amp; the retention basin</li> <li>4. NP &amp; resident leaders to set up next neighborhood meeting on a Saturday in the park</li> <li>5. NP to meet with resident and provide an overview of the Grant application process</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.-Parks-No Neighborhood Lead</li> <li>2. Joe Petrashek</li> <li>3. Janice Reilly</li> <li>-Dean Brennan</li> <li>-Dolly Manungas</li> <li>4.-Dean Brennan</li> <li>5. Janice Reilly</li> <li>-Dean Brennan</li> <li>-Dolly Manungas</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No Lead-Still Pending-No Implementation</li> <li>2. Still Pending-No Implementation</li> <li>3. Dolly &amp; Janice coordinated with staff to arrange a meeting with the Transportation Manager on 4/15/2011. Leads attended the meeting on 4/15/2011 and asked for information on the items listed on Attachment D.</li> <li>4. Still Pending-No Implementation</li> <li>5. Still Pending-No Implementation</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.-Parks attended the neighborhood meeting on March 28, 2011 and provided an overview on the Adopt a Park Program</li> <li>1a &amp; 1b.-See Attachment C</li> <li>1c.-Could possibly be done through neighborhood grant. Parks will work with resident leaders to determine feasibility.</li> <li>2. City staff is not currently working on these items as there are no neighborhood actions at this time.</li> <li>3.-Transportation &amp; Development held a meeting on 4/15/2011 with neighborhood leads at the site. Please See Attachment D for full report.</li> <li>4.-City staff is not currently working on these items as there are no neighborhood actions at this time.</li> <li>5.-City staff is not currently working on these items as there are no neighborhood actions at this time.</li> </ol>   |

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**Attachment A**

**Traffic**

**First Traffic Study Conducted on March 29-30 (Two Days)**

The speed evaluation was conducted over two days, which is the common length of a speed studies.

- There were only 29 vehicles observed during the two days that were driven at speeds likely to be ticketed.
- There were 1592 cars on those to days and the 29 violations is 1/10th of 1% or .01 of the total vehicles using this stretch of Summit.
- The average speeds were found to be 25 MPH southbound and 27 MPH northbound.

Traffic Division went out and sat in at Elliot and Summit Friday morning from 4 AM to 6 AM on Friday 4/22/2011 to measure the delay for southbound vehicles and to see if motorist were in fact running the red light when making a left turn. Staff used unmarked vehicles to conduct this observation.

Below are the findings

- 29 total vehicles - 14 lefts / 15 rights
- Max delay before getting a green light - Left turning vehicles was 73 seconds / Right turning vehicles was 19 seconds.
- Average delay before getting a green light - Left turning vehicles was 36.5 seconds / Right turning vehicles was 7.44 seconds not including the six that rolled through the turn
- ONLY ONE left turning vehicle ran the red (5:15 AM). This vehicle pulled up and looked quickly and then went. It was not due to the signal timing or a delay issue. Traffic Division asked Police to send an unmarked car between 5 and 5:30 AM to cite the individual that ran the red light.

Motor Sergeants were provided with a spreadsheet that show the times of day that each of the 29 motorists are likely to be ticketed. After the weeklong study another list was provided to them.

**Second Traffic Study Conducted on April 22-28 (Five Days)**

The results were found to be similar to the traffic study conducted on 4/29/2011 in that the average motorist is driving between 25 and 26 MPH and the highest number of motorists in a 24 hour period likely to receive a ticket was 29 on Saturday (average 20, lowest 13 on Sunday).

Comparing the new speed results with those collected prior to the installation of the speed humps in June of 2002, we find the following:

- 4 MPH drop in average speed from 30 MPH to 26 MPH
- 36% reduction in the number of motorists exceeding 25 MPH
- 90% reduction in the number of motorists exceeding 35 MPH
- 45% reduction in the average weekday traffic volume

A review of the data shows that enforcement would be most beneficial if conducted between 1 PM to 2 PM and 5 PM to 6 PM during the week, and between 9AM to 11 AM and 2 PM to 4 PM on Saturdays.

A copy of the speed results were forwarded to the District Lieutenant along with a request for additional enforcement during the periods of time mentioned.

### **1a. Work with Police**

**Police spent a number of hours working Summit Place and noted the following:**

- Low speeds. The highest noted was 35, but officers (including the District Lieutenant) noted most speeds between 24-28 mph. Lt. indicated that part of the issue may be related to Spring Break, so they planned to revisit the area again.
- High number of work trucks. These vehicles, partially due to their size and bulk, appear to be speeding and sound noisy, but they are actually traveling at or near the speed limit.
- Lt has offered to attend a future neighborhood meeting to discuss this further.

### **1b. Neighborhood Signage**

**Provide "Please Slow Down in our Neighborhood" signs**

- Traffic Division will not install these type of signs nor are they effective. There currently is a northbound 25 MPH on Summit North of Elliot and one east of Alma School. These signs are official speed limit signs that are enforceable. The other sign would have no enforceability.

### **1c. Speed Humps**

**Look at the condition of the speed bumps-Consider new speed bumps**

- Speed humps were checked, April 20, 2011 and were found to be in good condition.
- Speed humps are normally replaced when the street is overlaid as part of the pavement maintenance program.
- There is no current need to rebuild any of the speed humps. The results from the recent speed evaluation shows they are working as designed and functioning well.

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**Traffic Light**

Resolve street light issues at Summit & Elliot-Traffic Light is too long and many neighbors are making left hand turns on a red light early in the morning (between 4 and 5 am).

Traffic Engineering provided the following information:

Between the time of 10pm to 6am we are running a 80 sec. cycle. The side street (Summit) has a 30 sec. max time. If a motorists misses the trigger point he/she will wait 69 seconds for a green indication which is normal for a street with this amount of volume.

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**Dog Waste Receptacles**

Dog waste stations are currently made by the Parks Division. Residents leaders will need to coordinate with Parks staff to get these installed.

**Park Wall**

Parks determined that upgrades to the park wall will have to be budgeted for in future improvements and staff will also need to determine if this improvement is appropriate and agreeable with the majority of the residents. At this time there is no plans to raise the wall, but Park staff is willing to work with resident leaders and continue to look at the idea if it is something that the majority of the residents would like to see changed.

Parks determined that a gate to keep the dogs in was also not feasible and not in accordance with the Parks design and a small neighborhood dog park is not appropriate for the neighborhood.

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**The Wall**

- City will look at the cost of paint for the wall and determine if it is a feasible project for the City.

The Project is feasible and the City will paint the wall at no cost to the residents. The project will begin as soon as resident agree on a paint color. There are 4 sample colors for the residents to decide upon for a wall color at the well site at the Northwest corner of Alma School and Summit. Neighborhood Programs staff will work with the lead residents on determining the best way to get feedback on the color from the neighbors living in the New Horizons Neighborhood. It was determined by the City Landscape Architect that it was best to choose a lighter color for the wall adjacent to the existing wall. This is to offset the color of the new wall adjacent to the New Horizons Neighborhood wall.

The City cannot repair or replace the current New Horizons Neighborhood sign. However, the residents leads will coordinate with the City to remove the sign prior to the City painting the wall. The leads also agreed to do very light repairs to the sign. It was determined that the look and feel of the existing sign should remain the same. The repairs will only entail removing slight dents in a few of the letters.

- City will look at the funding availability for a few insets similar to those adjacent to the New Horizons wall

Funding is not available but it was also determined by the City's Landscape Architect that the insets would not have been appropriate for the existing wall and would have clashed with the new adjacent wall.

- City will look at the cost of adding two more trees in the retention area. The tree boxes would be 46 to 48"

The City will add at a minimum two trees and more if necessary to fill in the gap in the landscape and maintain the landscapes intended pattern.

- City will look at Possibly placing a meandering rock landscape alongside the New Horizons wall and move the sprinklers down to avoid damage to the wall

The City will move the grass away from the wall along with the sprinklers. Both will move approximately 4' to 6'-0" away from the wall. Staff will be working with consultants and the project is scheduled to be completed by the Fall 2011.

- City will make sure that cracks are repaired, the expansion joints are working properly and all the pilaster caps along the wall are properly secured.