

## Tabler Estates HOA – Safety Committee Meeting Notes

12-JUN-2019

### Opening

The regular meeting of the Tabler Estates HOA – Safety Committee Meeting Notes was called to order at 6:30pm on 12-JUN-2019 at 496 Fantasia Road by Greg Sanchez.

### Present

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| 1. Greg Sanchez      | 9.  |
| 2. Jessica Sanchez   | 10. |
| 3. Wally Whittington | 11. |
| 4. Brian Butcher     | 12. |
| 5.                   | 13. |
| 6.                   | 14. |
| 7.                   | 15. |
| 8.                   |     |

### ACTION REQUIRED IF HIGHLIGHTED

### Open Issues / Old Business

**Item 1.** The attending group discussed the idea of implementing stop-signs with red-flashing LED lights and flashing speed-limit signs as part of an effort to get more people to pay attention to traffic signs.

- After group discussions, most attending individuals determined that it would not be a cost-effective technique in the effort for more stop-sign compliance.
- It was discussed that if people don't pay attention to a regular stop sign, the overwhelming opinion was that they will not significantly increase their tendency to obey to a lighted stop-sign.
- This topic may be brought up at any future meetings and could always be voted on by either the board or the community as a whole.

**Item 2.** The attending group discussed the use of speed bumps in the neighborhood as a method to reduce speeds at problem areas of the development that are known for excessive speeding.

- The previous pros/cons were mentioned.
  - Speed bumps would deter speeding.
  - Speed bumps would create hazard for snow plows (portable ones could be removed) and for low profile cars (even at low speeds this can result in damages for some of today's vehicles).
  - Speed bumps (dependent on high violation areas, i.e. Gala, Fantasia Road, etc.) would cause some homeowners to navigate of them dependent on the travel requirements. i.e. homeowners in Section 3 would have to travel over all of them exit/enter. Mr. Potter also cited the hazard for trailers when crossing the bumps.
- UPDATE: Mr. Butcher contacted BCPS and certain speed bumps are ok.
  - 4" limit

**Item 3.** The group discussed Mr. Lombardo's experiences with being passed and it led to some heated discussions about how to resolve this unacceptable and dangerous practice.

- Mr. Lombardo has since been passed multiple times since the last meeting – the issue still exists.
- Discussions of pedestrians being struck was unanimously a concern for all meeting attendees.
- Mr. Sanchez offered to visit reported offenders' homes to tactfully discuss the dangers of this practice in an effort to cease these occurrences.

**Item 4.** The group discussed the use of License Plate reader cameras to be placed at both entrances to capture all vehicles leaving and entering.

- Mr. Butcher explained the benefits but also explained that the 'captures' would only be reviewed as part of an investigation while using two-person integrity for removal of memory cards by the police.
- Discussions on community voting and costs occurred.
- Overall opinions were for the cameras and the next step would be for Mr. Sanchez to bring the idea to the next board meeting.

**Item 5:** Mr. Sanchez introduced the idea of using radar speed signs to combat traffic speeds in the neighborhood. These signs capture the speed of the vehicle and place it on the LED screen suggesting that the driver slows down. Overall compliance with the posted speed limits improves by 30-60%, according to research. While it won't stop the speeders, these signs can reduce speeding.

EXAMPLE: <https://www.radarsign.com/traffic-calming-applications/neighborhood-speed-control/>

- Overall, most attendees did not feel this would significantly reduce speeding considering the overall cost to implement.
- Mr. Sanchez mentioned that we could consider printing handouts for awareness.
- If we were to run radar, are we willing to penalize through fines?
- Will be brought to the board at the next meeting for discussion but would not be implemented without the board or community voting.
- It was also discussed that if traffic remains a significant problem, there is the possibility of enlisting local law enforcement to conduct periodic patrols.

**Item 6:** Mr. Lombardo suggested the use of temporary signs located at both the Gala and McDonald entrance for community awareness of meetings, yard sales, etc.

- Mr. Butcher suggested that he could create 4x4 signs that could be read by drivers.
- All in attendance agreed this would be a great idea. This will be brought up at the next board meeting.

**Item 7:** Mr. Sanchez suggested that we consider placing signs at the entrance of Gala and McDonald that our community is under surveillance. It would be a cost-effective deterrent to crime and possibly speeding in the neighborhood.

- Example: [https://www.ebay.com/itm/Crime-Watch-Neighborhood-Under-24-Hour-Video-Security-Safety-Aluminum-Metal-Sign/153115100702?hash=item23a65f061e:m:mhrcttQnrXg\\_dafRNDepFUw](https://www.ebay.com/itm/Crime-Watch-Neighborhood-Under-24-Hour-Video-Security-Safety-Aluminum-Metal-Sign/153115100702?hash=item23a65f061e:m:mhrcttQnrXg_dafRNDepFUw)
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## **New Business**

**Item 1:** Mr. Sanchez expressed the concern of several neighbors regarding the overpopulation of deer in the neighborhood and it seems to be getting worse every year. The deer are not only an annoyance but can also be considered a hazard with the spread of deer ticks to children and pets. A drive home in the evening is visual proof of the issue. Discussions about the possibility of thinning the heard through hunting occurred.

- Multiple attendees agreed on the deer tick concern citing their children that like to play outside where increased deer population can saturate the area with deer ticks.
- It may be a hard sell for the neighborhood to allow any sort of deer hunting because of liability.
- Timing of the normal deer season is not a concern for this effort
- Homeowners can hunt via archery on their own land
- Several options included:
  - Allowing a DNR registered hunter to hunt in the neighborhood
  - Dave Mohill was the original source of this concern and Mr. Sanchez will reach out to him to see if he is willing to lead this effort.

**Item 2:** It was observed that a female on a motorcycle (From the Fuji Court area) has been continuously speeding in the neighborhood. Female was confronted about her speeding and it escalated to a heated argument. This is for documentation purposes. Future instances will require further action by HOA to control problem.

**Item 3:** Speeding newsletter was mentioned as a good idea to notify the neighborhood about speeding issues. The newsletter would also be used to advise residents that two last resort efforts could be utilized; if needed. If HOA approves, it will be sent out.

- POSSIBLE LAST-RESORT ACTIONS:
  - Speed bumps
  - Hire certified patrol cars to issue speeding fines (not tickets).

**Item 4:** It was mentioned that the HOA should look into creating their own private Facebook page for Tablers Estates.

- Only validated users would be able to join.
- Need to bring to HOA board for approval and vote.

