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Please find below our draft update to Council. So far, this draft has been met with support. Stay safe and warm today!

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Good morning neighbors!

The following is our suggested response for the December 15th Council meeting and our January 13th SNA meeting identifying our upcoming priorities for the coming year as requested by Council. These priorities are based on our recent officers' meeting and our follow up emails, where we drew upon the recently completed neighborhood plan and the short term goals identified in the plan. We've included our neighbors above to confirm their interest in working together to move the priorities forward. By working together, we can make initial progress on all of the time sensitive priorities we identified as important to us all. We agree a committee should be formed made up of members from the neighborhood plan task force and others. The first duty of this committee should be to make assignments. By doing this, we can get as many people involved as possible. Tentative assignments are shown below based on recollections of who showed particular interests in respective priorities. If we all do a little, we can accomplish a lot!

Current Year Goals & Accomplishments

-Types of accomplishments/challenges:

- Sunset neighborhood picnic (encouraging neighborhood bonds and strengths)
- Clean up day dumpster staffing and payment (preserving aesthetic environment)
- Sunset Neighborhood Plan development (setting a vision for preserving our neighborhood)
- Acquisition and installation of replacement park equipment at Sunset Park (with support of City matching funds and staff assistance)
- Engaging the School District regarding the potential relocation of Sunset Primary School (personal petition, personal letters, engaged SD staff and board, were invited to participate)

Future Year Goals & Plans

-Top priorities:

- Picnic
- Clean up day
- Pursue rezoning of properties at Sunset and Cornwall from general commercial to neighborhood commercial

--Work with City and Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) to determine how to best manage vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic within the overall general Sunset/Cornwall/Lancaster/Parker alignment while respecting neighborhood character and needs as requested by the City Council this past Monday night when they adopted a new Transportation System Plan (TSP)

--Selected short term Neighborhood Plan actions (a few medium that need to get started which are reasonably doable) (Suggested responsible SNA lead) (Goal, Policy, and Action from the neighborhood plan). These items strengthen our neighborhood and set a framework and try to protect perishable resources:

Increasing Involvement by our neighbors (SNA Officers)

- 5,3,A Promote SNA attendance
- 5,3,B Support SNA annual events
- 5,3,D Encourage Sunset participation in city wide events

Participating in evaluation of ability to retain an improved Sunset School (Troy, Doug, Jeanette, David)

- 2,1,A Update neighborhood on school status
- 2,2,A Appoint SNA liaison to School District
- 2,3,A Participate in school improvement evaluation task force

Preserving our natural and historic resources (John, Rob, Troy)

- 1,1,A Identify housing compatibility techniques
- 1,3,A Map/explore historic overlay designation feasibility
- 3,1,A Map significant trees within right of way
- 3,3,A Inventory natural facilities and historical landmarks
- 3,4,A Inventory public vista points
- 3,5,A Increase protection of natural parks

Assessing safety needs (Doug)

- 4,1,A Create sidewalk priority inventory
- 4,1,B Create street lighting priority inventory
- 4,2,A Identify streets with known speeding & significant bikes/pedestrians

Enhancing the Sunset neighborhood identity (Troy, John)

- 5,2,A Consider Sunset street sign add-ons
- 5,2,B Consider installing gateway signs

-Greatest Challenges/Obstacles:

- Obtaining an inclusive process for evaluating the ability to retain an improved Sunset School
- Increased through vehicular traffic at expense of neighborhood character and needs

Tools for Success

- SNA and subcommittee involvement/support
- Staff coordination/support for picnic and clean up day
- City, TAB and consultant support to facilitate management of traffic and potential improvements within the overall general Sunset/Cornwall/Lancaster/Parker alignment
- Staff support to help identify resources and advice for housing compatibility and historic designation activities identified above
- Staff support to provide available mapping and data for inventory activities identified above
- Staff support for updating available mapping to create inventory and priority figures
- Council and Planning Commission support for rezoning of commercial properties above and potentially school property
- School District active and collaborative facilitation and technical evaluation support to retain an improved school at Sunset

- Staff, Council and Planning Commission support to collaboratively work with SNA and the School District to address/support solutions to retain an improved school at Sunset
- Continued City provided financial stipend
- City provided meeting space and support
- Limited materials and staff support to research, purchase and install street sign toppers and gateway signage

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