

Sunriver Covenants Committee Meeting

April 8, 2021

Present: Bob Nelson, Paul Coughlin, Roger Pondel, and Dave Clark

Absent: Pat Hensley

Guests: James Lewis, Chief Darling, Chief Moor, and Jim Tyvand

1. Nuisance Property Rule

- In 5.08 A. of the draft, Roger prefers "Homeowners" to replace "Owners of private areas,". Roger feels "homeowners" is specific and understood by all.
- Patty advised this draft has been approved by Legal.
- James added that if the Board accepts our recommendation, the draft will be on the website for 60 days for owner responses/concerns which will be reviewed and incorporated, as necessary.
- Patty asked when citations are issued and how are they collected.
- James said the officer responding to the complaint has discretion if a citation is given. All complaint calls will be added to the data base that is under development and should be ready for implementation by the middle of May. When a citation is issued, the homeowner/property management company will be advised. If necessary, when fines are not paid, a lien against the property is assigned.
- Pat, via written comment, advised that 5.08C.2 needs a period at the end and to remove ": or".
- Patty asked if the Rules Awareness Campaign could move the "August: River access" under the Seasonal Topics to be Promoted to earlier in the year. James replied he would relay the request to the committee.
- Patty asked if the dollar amounts for each offense should be increased.
- Chief Darling felt the dollar amounts are within reason and the goal of the nuisance rule is to obtain cooperation from the homeowners.
- Patty asked if prostitution is an issue within Sunriver and why it is included.
- Chief Darling responded that, yes, prostitution does occur in Sunriver but the primary issue with enforcement is due to the lack of cooperation from those involved. The person providing the service as well as the person receiving the service are voluntary actors and reluctant to provide statements to officers. That said, we do not make many cases. We know it is happening, we run across it from time to time, the issue is establishing probable cause to make an arrest. The Chief stated he has no issue with removing that particular statute from the rule.
- Chief Darling asked for a clearer explanation of the Penalty phase 5.08 C.
- James replied the intent of this rule applies to citations only and not to complaints. Four citations within 180 days allows for months where no citation was issued. 2 citations in May, 0 citations in June, 1 citation in July and 1 citation in August; the August citation would constitute a Class B offense.

Patty asked if the committee agrees to send the Nuisance Draft as a recommendation to the SROA Board. All agreed except Roger who prefers the term "Homeowners". Patty will submit the Nuisance Property Draft to the Board.

2. Warming Fire Rule

- Chief Moore stated in the last 3 years he has received only one request for a warming fire. Chief Moore stated Sunriver has trees, and dry summers which make for perfect fire issues. He does not want warming fires, or any type of open fires allowed in Sunriver. Also, the SRFD does not have the authority to issue a permit.
- James reminded that permits for special gatherings (i.e. fireworks display) may be issued with input from the SRFD and SRPD.
- Dave commented that construction workers could use propane tanks for warmth if necessary; definitely, not an open fire.
- Roger wants warming fires eliminated completely from the Design Manual.
- All agreed to disallow any open fire within Sunriver.
- Patty will recommend that the Design Manual delete Section 6.02.11.

3. Pathway Speed Limit

- Bob feels posting a speed limit sign as a reminder would be a courtesy but no guarantee of being obeyed.
- Patty reminded that no speed limit for pathways exists at present. Without speedometers on bicycles, a person would have no way of knowing exactly how fast they were going. Also, the bike patrol would need radar guns to determine a biker's speed. Basically, a pathway speed limit is unenforceable.
- Paul suggested adding sandwich boards or Radar Speed Signs at down hills that can be dangerous. Both the sandwich boards and Radar Speed Signs are mobile and can be placed where needed.
- Chief Darling stated there is only one area where speed has been an issue: the Abbot Tunnel. The Chief also stated that there is no way to enforce a speed limit, the bike patrol officers only encounter and educate bikers.
- Paul agreed that the Abbot Tunnel presents an issue of safety. Suggested adding bendable plastic markers to remind folks to stay on the correct side, keep pedestrians safe.
- Keith asked about installing cameras at either end of the tunnel. James responded cameras would be over \$5,000 each.
- James suggested adding pavement language (Stay in Lane) as is used along curvy pathways at present. Perhaps (Slow Down) language could be placed at strategic locations.

All agreed Pathway Speed Limit signs is an unenforceable rule and should not be established.

Patty asked if the committee would like to begin meeting face-to-face or continue meeting via ZOOM. James stated that the number of people attending today would not fit in the Board Room with appropriate spacing due to COVID restrictions. We will continue to meet via ZOOM.

If necessary, our next meeting will be: **Thursday, May 20th beginning at 10:00am**
Please note this is the 3rd Thursday of May.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Smith
Chairperson