

Sunriver Covenants Committee Meeting

July 8, 2021

Present: Keith Mobley, Paul Coughlin, Pat Hensley, and Dave Clark

Absent: Bob Nelson and Roger Pondel

Guests: Cory Darling and James Lewis

The meeting opened with a discussion of dogs being leashed while on pathways.

- Pat advised SROA attorneys are reviewing if the Consolidated Plan allows the Board to enact a rule specifying dogs must be leashed on pathways. A "yea" from the attorneys would preclude having to change the Consolidated Plan which would require a vote of the owners. A new rule must be recommended to the Board, then posted on the website for 60 days for owner input before approval.
- Paul stated he encounters dogs off leash frequently. He has advised those riding their bikes with their dog running alongside that it is not allowed. Paul agrees that dogs should be on leash at all times while on pathways.
- Keith agrees and that a new rule should include "common areas" as well as pathways.
- Dave also agrees. He asked if the "Under 20 Club" has an exception?
- Cory replied nothing official would preclude the Club from abiding by a leash rule on pathways.
- Pat brought up that a Dog Park had been recommended to the Board in 2020 but was not acted upon. Further discussion included:
 - o The expense of property, fencing, cleaning, etc.
 - o Unleashed, aggressive dogs fighting or biting other dogs or people.
 - o Open to lawsuits.
 - o Adding a dog park to Mary McCallum Park, for owners only.
- Pat asked if there is any data from the police or bike patrol as to instances with dogs off leash.
- Cory replied he does track statistics on both control and attack issues involving dogs. He will forward to Patty when compiled.
- Dave asked for an update on the new "rule flyers" being attached to rental agreements.
- James replied, the management companies are in favor of the flyers and the larger companies are including with their rental agreements.
- Pat asked how owners who privately rent their homes can be included. Perhaps adding to the Recreation Plus package would be helpful.
- James said he will look into that option this fall when a review of the Recreation Plus package is conducted.
- Dave stated he is uncomfortable calling police when a nuisance neighbor or someone on the pathway isn't following the rules. He related a recent encounter with renters next door.
- Cory replied, call the **non-emergency SRPD number 541-693-6911**. The police are paid and trained to handle uncomfortable situations. Confrontations by owners are not necessary.
- James updated on a recent conversation with the County regarding interfacing SRPD and SROA complaints for nuisance issues.

- Owners will be sent an email along with the property management company of nuisance complaints.
 - The property management companies should be more inclined to include the "rule flyers" with all rental agreements.
 - Dave asked how best to advise of nuisance issues that are more minor.
 - James replied call or send an email to both the police and SROA. Go to the SROA web page, click on SROA Board, and leave a message. James is the first responder for all messages.
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- Paul commented he did not hear or see any fireworks during July 4th.
 - Cory said the 4th rocked, no issues this year. He felt both Bend and the County helped by bombarding the airways with "Any fireworks is strictly prohibited due to extreme fire danger."
 - Pat added SROA's message regarding fireworks was terrific !!
 - James stated SROA will continue to push email blasts during the busy season.

Note:

Patty spoke with James earlier today regarding Class 1 E-bikes and if there is a need to revisit the Consolidated Plan 3.12c. James stated Class 1 E-bikes are not considered motorized (they require pedaling to start) and no changes to the Consolidated Plan are required.

Patty will forward to each of you Cory's status report of dog issues when received.

We should receive a response from SROA attorneys regarding adding a new rule requiring all dogs on leashes while on pathways and common areas. This topic will be revisited at our August meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 12th beginning at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Smith
Chairperson