

## GRANT ROAD/ SYLVAN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD AREA FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Follow-up Responses to Issues Raised at the April 21, 2016  
Council Neighborhood Committee Meeting

Presented below are the City's responses to questions requiring follow-up from the April 21, 2016 Council Neighborhood Committee meeting with the Grant Road/Sylvan Park Neighborhood Area. If you have further questions about any of the following responses, please contact the responsible Department at the phone numbers noted below. General questions can be directed to Vera Gil, Project Manager - Affordable Housing, at (650) 903-6459.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - (650) 903-6306**

1. *Does the City know of any plans for the abandoned 7-Eleven property off of Sylvan Avenue and Moorpark? It has been a parking lot for a tree removal company for years now.*

At this time the City is not aware of plans to redevelopment this site.

2. *There are five City owned trees located on Sylvan Avenue in front of our mobile home park. The City has denied our request for removal. What is the process and steps necessary to get a permit to have them replaced?*

The trees noted in the question are located on private property within the mobile home park. The mobile home park may, at their discretion, submit an application for the removal of these trees. Only those trees that qualify as Heritage trees under the City's ordinance are subject to the application requirements. There is a small fee for the application. Once an application is received, staff will review it and make a site visit to evaluate the tree(s). A decision will be rendered to either approve or deny removal of the trees based on criteria established in the ordinance.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT - (650) 903-6331**

1. *The lights on Sylvan Avenue are wonderful but we cannot benefit from them because of the tree located in the front of the park. Is there a way to keep the light without removing the tree?*

Forestry Division will evaluate the tree and street light conflict. Selective pruning of the tree will most likely resolve the issue.

2. *The Children's fountain at Cooper Park is being used by dogs. If it cannot be replaced could the City please post a sign notifying the public?*

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Parks Division staff will look to see if there is a way to provide a water spigot and dog bowl for the dogs. This should help alleviate dog owners using the drinking fountain for their animals.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT - (650) 903-6350**

1. *Can the Police please increase traffic patrols on Saturday's around Cooper Park? There seems to be a lot of people speeding around this area.*

A request has been made to have directed patrols in the area. It is also helpful to call the Police Department at (650) 903-6395 to report speeding cars and provide a description and license plate. Traffic problems can also be reported on [Ask Mountain View](#) or by calling the Traffic Hotline at (650) 903-6146.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - (650) 903-6311**

1. *Is it possible to restrict the parking adjacent to the crosswalks near schools for more than one car length? I am very concerned in particular about visibility near the cross walk on Martens Avenue and Huff.*

Yes, we have issued a work order for our crew to paint the curbs red. The work should be done in a week or two.

2. *The traffic signal is malfunctioning on Grant Road and Levin. Can the City please have this fixed?*

The signal timing on Grant Road works as a system to adapt to the actual traffic conditions along Grant Road in order to reduce delay and congestion on Grant Road and improve air quality. When the system is working for traffic travelling along Grant Road, it does additional delay for the left turns from Grant Road and traffic from side streets. Since the CNC meeting, we have adjusted the systems programming to begin working later in the morning and end earlier at night during the week and set it to be off on weekends to help minimize left turns and side street delays during those less congested times.

- 3. The corner of Sylvan Avenue and East Dana Street is very dangerous to pedestrians due to trees and shrubs. In the past couple of years some pedestrians have been hit due to poor visibility. Can the City please trim these plants?*

We have requested that the corner property owner trim trees/bushes to improve sight distance and they are working with staff to do so. Also, our crew is going to paint additional red curbs near the crosswalk to improve visibility.

- 4. There is shrubbery blocking street signs on Middlefield Road exit off of East 237. There is also shrubbery blocking the speed limit sign on West 237. What can the City do to correct this?*

Here is a link to the Caltrans Maintenance Service Request customer response feature on their website: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/msrsubmit/>. This is the best way to report issues on freeways and off-ramps and what City staff frequently uses to request maintenance on state freeways. City staff will enter this request and our crews will go out by end of month to see if any of the work can be accomplished along portions that are within our control.

- 5. Can you please install a yield sign at the exit from Huff Elementary School parking lot? I live just beyond the school and not only does the traffic trap me, but many parents leaving this parking lot do not look before pulling out to the street. On a weekly basis I am slamming on my brake, swerving and honking my horn to avoid collisions.*

Please contact the school administration (650) 526-3490 since the request is to install a sign on school property. If the school requests or needs our help, we will certainly try to help.

- 6. New Street lights were recently installed and they are very bright. This seems counter intuitive to the efforts to minimize light pollution. The new lights project downwards but also horizontally and shine into our second story rooms. Can you please comment on the new lights installed and any measures that can be taken to correct the horizontal placement?*

The City is nearing completion of a project to replace approximately 3,800 streetlights with new LED lights. Installation of lights on the City's main streets was completed in 2015, and installation on residential streets will be completed by June, 2016. Replacing the lights will significantly reduce the City's energy use and greenhouse gas production as well as reducing maintenance requirements. Additionally, the new lights meet the compliance guidelines for International Dark-Sky Association approval.

The City has received a small number of concerns from residents regarding light projecting into homes. These problems can be corrected by installing shields on the lights or adjusting the angle of the fixture. Residents with concerns regarding the new lights may contact the City's Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.