Health, Education, & Welfare committee

Minutes of 8/8/2014

Attendees: Natalie Wolf (chair), Ed Hattenbach (committee member), Tom Muething (committee member), Ray Warren, Peg Conway, Marcie Cohen, Chief Rich Wallace

Natalie Wolf called the meeting to order and minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

The first order of business was discussion of the WeTHRIVE resolution. A draft was presented by Mayor Muething. It was suggested that the draft resolution did not adequately incorporate the language of WeTHRIVE or incorporate all of the elements of the initiative. The committee agreed to meet again on Monday at 6:15 to review, and hopefully finalize the Resolution in order to present it to Council for approval.

The next order of business was a continuation of the pedestrian safety discussion. The focus of the discussion was 1) How do we slow down traffic, and 2) What measures can the Village afford to undertake to address the problem.

In the past, the police department has maintained an unmanned cruiser in "problem" neighborhoods and streets, but it has been largely ineffective. Chief Wallace presented several examples of speed-controlling devices he had found, which included thermo seal striping for streets, dynamic stop signs, temporary speed humps, and additional signage for areas with a lot of children. The chief indicated that we should use a "3E" approach: "education, engineering, and enforcement." Additionally, hand-held speed devices can be loaned to residents in order for them to clock the actual speed of drivers in their subdivisions. It was also suggested that the Public Outreach committee meet to advance a communication campaign reminding residents to slow down.

Because of the scope of this issue, and the number of complaints from residents about pedestrian safety and speed, the committee will attempt to meet on a quarterly basis and focus on a different area of improvement or section of the Village each time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.