

Safety Committee Meeting 7/14/21

Brooke Bovard, Steve Harcourt, Chris Junk, Simon Hamermesh

Guest: Carol Larson, Steve Panini (Civic)

The committee approved the minutes with the addition of note that Chris Junk convened the meeting.

The Safety Committee and representatives from Civic discussed an issue with the lease transfer of a property at the corner of Millers and Hillside. Safety must approve the transfer.

There are four issues:

1. The fence and plantings create poor visibility at a potentially dangerous intersection. There is no stop sign on Hillside
The poor sight lines at this intersection are demonstrably dangerous. At the last lease transfer the purchaser promised to cut down the plantings but no action was taken.
2. The fence seriously encroaches on village land on both streets
For several transfers the purchasers received a "revocable license" from Civic to allow the fence variance. The distinction between the private leasehold and public village land with the responsibility to pay tax based on leasehold area is fundamental to the Arden village system.
3. Who has responsibility for enforcing the village right of way
The trust transferred public lands to the village. The responsibility for maintaining the right of way is delegated to Safety by Ordinance 11.
4. What is the authority of Civic's previously issued "revocable license"
The village retains the county to enforce applicable county codes. Civic has no authority to unilaterally issue a variance.

A motion to require a written commitment for removal of the fence and plantings before lease transfer passed three to one.

A motion to establish a four way stop at the intersection passed unanimously.

The committee discussed maintaining rights of way in the village as a whole.

Going forward the committee will inform residents that they are responsible to maintain the right of way on roads adjacent to their leasehold. We will document leaseholds that do not comply. These leaseholds will be served with a written notice of non-compliance. After thirty days we will contract to have the work done and charge the leaseholder.