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### July 9th City Council Agenda Item # 7 - Direction on Addresses

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Please include these in the public comments in addition to this topic on Tuesday...for your consideration and items to be addressed if possible as/if this moves forward.

As you know, I remain personally and definitely a **non-supporter of implementing standard addresses** in our Village, as a part of our 100+ years legacy, custom and character.

AND for right now with so very many city priorities, **this project is not a high priority**, in my opinion. We have the Police Station, Housing, AS 413 parking impacts to name a few that are significantly more time urgent for now.

However, I will support the majority should this move ahead. Please address these still open items.

1. Should we "green light" go ahead with standard addresses, (knowing we must have community majority agreement first), what is the **estimated elapsed time** until:
  1. when will the numbers would be issued to each property
  2. what would the requirement be for each property to "post" their address numbers - knowing that our village cares very much about visual clutter etc. (e.g. without standard "curbs" which we don't want or need, this is a bigger challenge)
  3. when will the post office (as the single source of truth) provide almost of the online/website sources the new address details. <-- the USPS is the single source for address details that other online systems, mapping etc
2. What happens to someone's USPS routed/carrier package or standard mail - IF it was ERRONEOUSLY sent to the standard address? Will it get returned to the sender? Will it get thrown out?
 

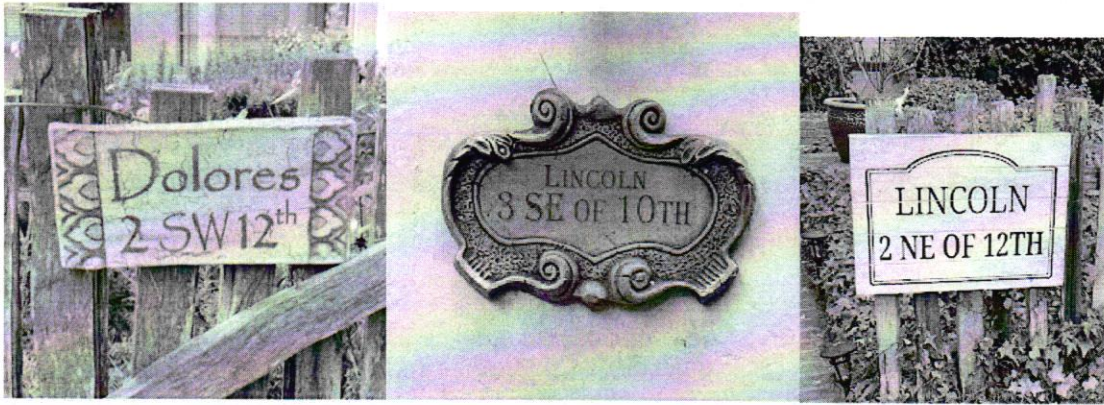
*(Note: I understand that if it was sent with only bulk postage, the item will likely be discarded, as returning to sending is not included in this type of postage rate)*
3. Finally (for now) - assuming we have agree to implementing addresses, to the needs of the majority, this project will take in excess of one-two years. If my time estimate is correct, why aren't we considering having the **city implement standard signs with descriptive address** with these thoughts in mind:
  1. Nudge/push etc - all property owners to use these descriptive addresses that the city standardizes *(e.g. today not everyone uses their front door as the first word of their descriptive addresses, not everyone always counts the corner property (assuming a corner) as the first property when their property to count their location in the middle of a block - regardless of if that corner home faces their street or the perpendicular street, or as you see fit)*
  2. provide 3 or 4 recommended vendors (that might give us a deal because of the volume) that property owners could use to create a pleasant, visible sign within line of sight of their property from the street (with 3 or 6 design options).
  3. in this approach - downtown businesses may need a different consideration on guidance on making their address visible.

This #3 on descriptive addresses (and sub points)- applies for a short term and for many of us as a long term solution assuming we are NOT implementing standard addresses. If we are consistent in our signage, it will streamline any possible challenges someone will have in location - for emergency services, for utilities, for visitors, for everyone. (see existing Village examples as images attached)

Thank you,

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Resident Carmel-by-the-Sea

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This is to ask the City Council to address the noise caused by Pickleball play at the Forest Hill Park (FHP) courts. Noise was never an issue when these courts were used for tennis. Unfortunately Pickleball is much louder and its noise has become the signature of the neighborhood. We would like the Council to bring back the quiet environment that Carmel residents value and is stated as a goal in the Noise Element section of the General Plan.

**Pickleball is known to create a loud and annoying sound**

Compared to tennis, Pickleball creates a louder and higher pitch sound. This is a well known issue that has triggered complaints and litigations nationwide wherever Pickleball is played on courts located in residential areas. The extreme proximity of the Forest Hill Park courts to residences makes the matter worse.

**Pickleball noise level exceeds the limits of Carmel's noise regulation**

According to publicly available data, Pickleball generates about 70 Decibels at about 100 feet from the strike of the ball. This exceeds Carmel's noise regulation maximum level of 55 Decibels a for sounds that occur more than 6 times during a one minute period (Noise regulation 6-158).

**The noise at Forest Hill Park is nearly constant from sunrise to sunset**

FHP has become a very popular destination for Pickleball. This is likely caused not only by the popularity of the game but also by the appeal of the location and the limitations that other adjacent cities have put on Pickleball play. Furthermore up to four doubles game can be played simultaneously on the courts multiplying the amount of noise.

**Adjacent communities have placed restrictions on Pickleball play**

Responding to residents complaints Pacific Grove has restricted play to 3 days a week on the Morris Dill courts. It should be noted that these courts are located next to larger streets with more traffic noise than FHP. The impact of Pickleball on the character of the neighborhood is therefore higher at FHP than at Morris Dill courts. As mentioned above, it is likely that players that used to frequent Morris Dill courts are now coming to play in Carmel.

**Pickleball severely impacts the residential character of the neighborhood**

Preserving Carmel's overall quiet environment is stated as a goal in The "Noise Element" of the General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan. Near constant Pickleball noise coming from FHP has unfortunately become the signature of the neighborhood. You hear the noise as soon as you open your front door or a window. You hear it as soon as you open your car door when returning to your home. When coming back from a walk through the quiet streets of Carmel, you hear the noise from 2 blocks away. It's like having a permanent building site next to your home.

**The concerns outlined in this note are shared by over 30 neighbors.**

We ask that the City Council address this issue and bring back to the neighborhood the peace and quiet that one expects in Carmel.

From Didier Diaz