

# VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Public Meeting

December 10, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Four Corners Room/Community Center

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

Brian Parsley, the UCPD officer assigned to the Village who usually gives us the safety and security update, has been put on a committee that meets at the same time as our VRA meetings and will no longer be able to attend.

Regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> street entrance: the VRA performed an online survey. Residents voted to keep 6<sup>th</sup> street open. Since then, however, there have been multiple requests to test whether there is a connection between the street and crime. There is a definite perception and anecdotal evidence that crime rates are higher near 6<sup>th</sup> street. To test this, the Village Office will close the entrance for a period of time and see whether there is a decrease in crime. Afterwards the crime data will be reanalyzed and we will send out a survey again.

## SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE THE VILLAGE BETTER

*We had a low-key structure to this meeting, allowing residents to make recommendations about how to improve the Village. The following are the suggestions that came up:*

- I preferred the previous bus route and am nervous about kids playing outside when there is a bus going around. Could we put the bus route back where it was?
- I see the sprinklers going sometimes when it is raining. This wastes water. Could we avoid this? (*Tavie Tipton's response: The grounds crew does know when to sprinkle, but the trick is getting the sprinkler systems to cooperate.*)
- The hallway lights are on during the daylight in my area of West Village, wasting electricity. (*Tavie will check into it.*)
- Could we designate a smoking area where they want people to put cigarette butts? That might cut down on people throwing their butts on the ground where children can pick them up.

Prepared by:  
Maile Urbancic  
Mar 3, 2009