

Town of Fort Sheridan Master Homeowners Association

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Re: Fort Sheridan Master Plan

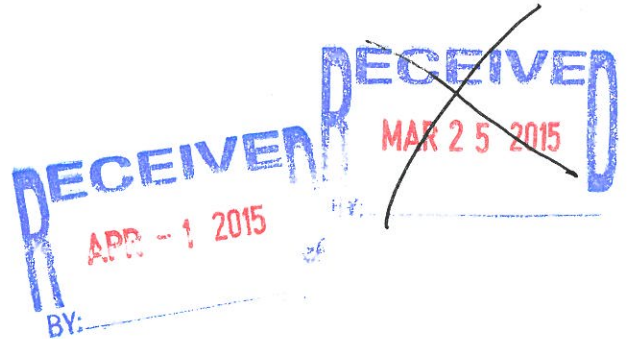
Dear Ann:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the considered thoughts of the Board of Directors of the Town of Fort Sheridan Master Homeowners Association regarding the LCFPD Master Plan concepts presented recently to the Planning and Restoration Committee. We are pleased that the LCFPD continues to strive to enhance our community in new ways that are consistent with the traditionally high standards and historic compatibility of both the LCFPD and TFS Master Homeowners Association. It is with this common goal in mind that we offer the following thoughts for your consideration.

The Board of Directors has completed an extensive and lengthy review of the presented options known as "Concept A" and "Concept B" with the unanimous conclusion that, of the two concepts presented, "Concept A" best serves the on-going interests of our community and residents.

This decision hinges on one primary issue the closing of Gilgare under "Concept A" to non-residents of Cliff Road and non-emergency vehicular traffic in favor of a gated access. Whereas the more recent parking restriction ordinances along Leonard Wood North have helped to ameliorate the situation, non-TFS resident vehicular traffic via Gilgare presents traffic, parking, safety, noise and littering issues for our community. Given that, we envision that these issues will only become greatly exacerbated if Gilgare remains open to non-resident vehicular traffic after redevelopment of the north property.

Please understand that this is not a commentary on the question of maintaining, or restricting, or otherwise modifying any LCFPD parking locations. Rather, this is a commentary solely on how non-residents will be able to travel to the LCFPD north Fort Sheridan property to whatever parking locations (or relocations) ultimately get installed. We strongly believe that access to the north LCFPD property must be directed through George Bell Road and/or via direct egress from Sheridan Road not through the quiet, residential and historic streets of TFS.



Said differently, our primary issue is not with where to park, or even how many non-residents are able to park on LCFPD property; it is with making sure to direct that traffic through LCFPD property as opposed to our residential community.

Taking this one step further, one perhaps oversimplified solution might involve LCFPD paving not only portions of the trails from the George Bell area to the beach access as planned, but also widening that paved path to accommodate narrow vehicular access to closer parking areas. It does not appear to be too far of a stretch to suggest that such a plan might even be done in such a way so as to be minimally incrementally invasive for area bird habitats as well.

It is also worth specific notation that Mayors Rotering and Picaro of Highland Park and Highwood respectively wrote to you recently to voice their concern regarding any plans to restrict/close access and parking to the lakefront. Upon detailed analysis, the opinion of the TFSMHA Board of Directors does not appear to be in direct conflict with that posture. We just believe that it is urgent to direct visitors to LCFPD parking via LCFPD property, and not through the TFS residential community.

Thank you for your consideration of our many TFS homeowners.

We look forward to discussing this vital matter with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Ernie Brown
President
TFSMHA Board of Directors

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