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Attachments: 20241205103535781.pdf; Map of Residents Invited to Meeting.pdf; Letter to Property Owners on Fleetwood Drive - Letter to Invite Property Owners to PI Comm. Meeting.docx; Mailing Address for Fleetwood Drive.xlsx; External: Island talk

Justin,

We had 5 property owners attend the PI Committee Meeting last night and one attended via Zoom (1244 Fleetwood – Andrew Langer). Andy Langer wants the islands removed to provide better access to his property and his neighbor (they have one common driveway for 2 homes).

See attached attendance sheet.

The 5 property owners at the meeting do not want the island removed. They stated that we will ruin the aesthetics if we remove the island. They stated that people speed on Fleetwood already with the island and speeding will be even worse without the island.

I had one property owner text me yesterday before the meeting (Charlene Haug at 1320 Fleetwood Dr.). She wanted to know about how long the project takes and access to her driveway and if it would raise her property taxes. She did not comment about the islands. I talked to her again today and she would be fine with having the islands removed and that it made sense to do so.

So, right now I have 5 property owners that want to keep the island and 2 that would like the islands removed or do not care if they are gone.

We sent letters to 22 property owners along this stretch of Fleetwood Dr. How do the other 15 property owners, that did not show up to the meeting, feel about the island? The letter sort of made it sound like removing the islands was the default or the plan. Is that why they did not show up or call us to comment??

The Committee recommended 4-0 (Ald. Cummings absent) to keep the islands on Fleetwood due to the voice of these 5 residents.

The potential problem is we will likely be over budget with keeping the island since we took \$200,000 out of the budget with the assumption that the islands would be gone.

Do we need to start thinking about which streets/projects would be eliminated, if we are over budget on Fleetwood with the islands? This should probably be brought up in more detail to the Council at the Dec. 16th meeting or before?

Last night, I told the Committee the approved budget at \$1.7M was without the island. If we build it with the islands we may be looking at \$1.9M.

Could we special assess the property owners for the work above and beyond what the City feels is necessary?? Probably a question for our Attorney.

Do you want to have a meeting to discuss this any further? Let us know. Thanks.