

## Summary of Questions and Concerns Identified during Eastover Gate Community Meeting

These concerns were discussed during the Eastover March 11, 2021 Community Meeting. This also includes concerns submitted via the online commenting form prior to the meeting. These concerns fall into three buckets.

- Questions and issues clarified by known information.
- Questions and issues specific to the Eastover Gates
- Questions and issues regarding gates generally.

For the purposes of a productive community meeting, issues regarding gates generally were not discussed in detail, and instead issues that can be clarified by known information and issues specific to Eastover gate application were focused on. A summary of each is provided below.

### Questions and issues clarified by known information:

- **Concern:** Public access gates would delay fire and police response or change the route or approach of emergency response.  
**Clarification:** The gates are designed to recognize sirens from a distance and preemptively open as a safety feature. There is battery backup that allows the gates to continue operation in the event of a power failure and to default to open prior to losing power. This is actually required by city ordinance.

### Questions and issues specific to Eastover Gates

- **Concern:** Concerns about the ability of the Ridgewood and Eastover gate location to accommodate the traffic load.  
**Response:** The city shared this concern and has required the gate to be set back a substantial distance from the intersection to allowing queuing of vehicles incoming to not back up into intersection. It is also recommended that location remain open during peak traffic times. You can view the gate location design on the city website.
- **Concern:** The Quail Ridge gate could at some point be converted to a one-way in or out gate.
- **Response:** From a city standpoint we do not see this as a possibility due to the number of homes served by streets on both sides of gate. The Greater Eastover Foundation agreed during meeting to write into their application as a stipulation that would be included in the Council order that they would not ever seek to limit this gate to one-way in or out.
- **Concern:** The Quail Ridge gate may cause inconvenience and delay during peak traffic times.
- **Response:** The city recommendation is that this gate should be programmed to be open during peak traffic times. The Greater Eastover Foundation tentatively agreed to this idea with details to be further developed through site plan review process.

- **Concern:** The Quail Ridge gate may be located in a location that may be difficult to see due to a blind approach.
- **Response:** The city will take a close look at this during site plan review and assess on site. If adjustments are required, we will share them.
- **Concern:** Traffic calming alternatives may still be needed in addition to gates to solve the speeding issues with neighborhood traffic entirely.
- **Response:** The city does agree that additional traffic calming measures should be explored. The city is currently updating its traffic calming ordinance to provide an easier process for neighborhoods to get these projects approved.
- **Concern:** The Eastbourne Place gate location may conflict with school traffic at Casey Elementary.
- **Response:** This has been documented and is planned to be handled through leaving the gate open during the hours required for school traffic management. This will be included in Council order if Council chooses to approve that gate location.
- **Concern:** Gates may actually cause additional speeding due to drivers increasing speed after passing through gates.
- **Response:** This is a behavior that does occur after public access gates are installed. We suggest looking at additional traffic calming options to address continued speeding challenges.
- **Concern:** There is no gate location on Meadowbrook.
- **Response:** The city at this time cannot approve a gate on Meadowbrook Drive due to proximity of stop signs, hills, width of street, and traffic volume. We suggest looking at other traffic calming measures for the Meadowbrook location that are more compatible with the physical road conditions.
- **Concern:** Pedestrian and biking traffic and their safety in using gates.
- **Response:** Gates all require a pedestrian walk around, so pedestrians would not be required to use gates.

#### **General Concerns about Gates:**

There are no specific responses to these issues.

- **Concern:** There is no evidence that public access gates would deter crime and that the traffic that is currently speeding inside the neighborhood are the neighborhood residents themselves. They would just make it through the gate and continue speeding.
- **Concern:** Gates will slow physicians who live in neighborhood from urgent hospital access.
- **Concern:** Gates are divisive and send a message the neighborhood wants to be separated from its surrounding neighbors.

- **Concern:** Quail Ridge/East Manor residents should be able to decide if they want to have a gate installed instead of Eastover residents.
- **Concern:** East Manor residents are inconvenienced by the gate location interrupting their access route out of neighborhood. This location currently has a stop sign that is sufficient for traffic calming and would not be improved by gate installation. Other gates on exterior entrances of neighborhood make more sense, but this gate is internal.
- **Concern:** Gating off your neighbors is rude and the residents of Quail Run and East Manor do not constitute a public safety hazard.
- **Concern:** The East Manor Gate will not deter crime as the only individuals using the roads this far back into the neighborhood are residents.