

Brief History of Centralized Mailboxes in Villas West

4/18 Newsletter

CBU Survey included in Newsletter

10/18 Manager's Report

Results of Survey

88-Yes (39%) 138-No (61%)

8/11/2020 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Jim Becker to have volunteers form an ad-hoc committee to study centralized mailboxes. Maureen Fry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10/13/2020 Board Meeting

Centralized Mailbox Committee – Jim Becker for Coleen Hay • Jim indicated the volunteer group met recently to determine the feasibility of centralized mailboxes and whether we should go forward with studying the issue – all committee members agreed. • Chairperson of the committee is Coleen Hay - committee will make a proposal to the Board at a later date after studying the issues. Sometime soon the committee will be meeting with the Post Office along with the General Manager to look at possible routes and locations for boxes – not happen overnight – post office has to budget for, etc. Jim again mentioned that the initial committee meeting was just to decide should we consider centralized again and what next steps to getting there would be.

1/12/2021 Board Meeting

Centralized Mailboxes. – The Board determined to table a decision on this project for more detail and options.

2/19/2021 Special Board Meeting on Mailboxes

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss improving Mail Delivery at Villas West. The Goal of this committee and the Board is to determine a method of delivering mail at Villas West that assures security and privacy with the minimum of cost and effort while maintaining reasonably easy access to the mail.

The Directors commented on the very good and thorough job that Collen Hay did in preparation of the Mail Delivery Committee Report. The consensus of the Directors was that we needed to be prepared to make a change as it was inevitable that we were going to have to change the mail delivery process. It was also a consensus of the Directors that we needed to maximize convenience to homeowners and residents. The Board in total agreed we needed to meet with Post Office authorities to totally understand our options.

Owner Input (via Zoom meeting or email) – Yes-22 (55%) No-18 (45%)

Jim Becker made a motion to remove mailboxes off of the patios and determine a method of delivery of mail that assures security, privacy and convenience to residents. Motion seconded by Tim Schaid and Unanimously carried by the Board.

03/09/2021 Board Meeting

Centralized Mailboxes. – The Board determined to table a decision on this project for more detail and options. Meeting is planned with United States Postal Service. Jim Becker Colleen Hay and JD Sotelo will assist the meeting for the end of March.

3/30/2021 Meeting with USPS

Questions for Postal Service:

1. Would USPS dictate changing mail delivery to Villas West to improve efficiency of delivery?

The postal service would not dictate any change in the mail delivery process. Their main concern or direction is they would like to improve the efficiency and security of mail delivery.

2. What is the feasibility of moving mail boxes to back porch or front of patios?

There is a concern here for maintaining security as the back porch is less secure than the current system and is not any more efficient than current method of delivery. Also, the front of the patio is not secure and efficient and does not allow for issues with landscape items.

3. If a decision was made to do nothing and maintain the status quo, what is the Postal Service take on that?

The Postal Service would continue with whatever we want, however this is once again a security and efficiency issue along with privacy concerns.

4. If a final decision is made to utilize CMU's, what are the requirements from USPS for locating the units.

The Postal Service only requires easy access and maintaining an efficient route for organizing and delivering mail.

04/13/2021 Board Meeting

Tim Schaid moved to prepare an Owner Survey on the Mailbox issue and include it in the Annual Package in order to reach all Owners. Chris Fisher seconded. Motion passed 4-1 (Marcella Erler dissenting)