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Dear Sanibel Mayor Michael Miller,
Dear Vice Mayor John Henshaw,
Dear City Councilwoman Laura DeBruce,
Dear City Councilman Richard Johnson,
Dear City Councilwoman Holly Smith, and
Dear City Manager Dana Souza,

The Board of the Beachview Neighborhood Association wishes to submit a formal application to lower the speed limit on both Par View Drive and Birdie View Point from 30 mph to 25 mph.

We also formally request that the Sanibel Public Works Department install additional speed limit signage in the Beachview neighborhood. In particular, we feel that it is very important that speed limit signage be installed at the entrance to our neighborhood.

We would like to thank City Manager Souza for his advice and guidance on the process for requesting the lowering of our neighborhood speed limit. At his recommendation, we recently undertook a neighborhood survey on this topic, and the results demonstrate that our Beachview residents strongly favor at least a 5 mph reduction in our neighborhood speed limit, from 30 mph to 25 mph. We summarize the results below.

Our association president contacted the City Manager after residents expressed concerns that they feel less safe both walking and biking on Par View and Birdie View, both of which have large open stretches and lengthy straightaways. Our residents also expressed concern for the safety of the wildlife that moves through our neighborhood's golf course and streets.

Our residents' concerns are based in large part upon the vastly increased volume of large commercial vehicles navigating our neighborhood streets, as well as the increase in vehicles driven by non-resident renters who appear to frequently exceed the speed limit. A particular concern are delivery vehicles driven by workers working on a time-incentivized schedule; as an example, our association president recently followed a Walmart delivery truck which our president clocked going over 50 mph on Par View.

We believe that our neighborhood has some similar characteristics to both The Dunes neighborhood and to Wulfert Road in The Sanctuary, both of which have obtained approval to reduce speed limits. We feel it is in our best interest to do so as well.

As mentioned above, we recently undertook a neighborhood survey on the topic of speed limits.

- We had a very high return rate on this survey, with a total of 95 separate individual residents immediately responding it.
- 88% of the respondents (representing 83 residents) are concerned about the speed of vehicles traveling through the Beachview neighborhood:

Question 1 has 94 answers (Radio buttons) ↓ 📄

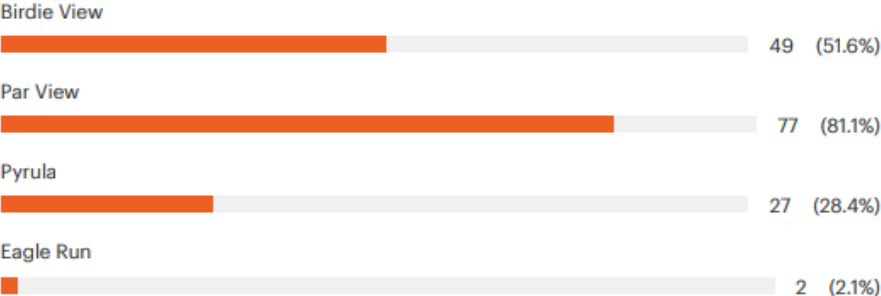
"I am concerned about the speed of vehicles traveling through our neighborhood."



- 81% (representing 77 respondents) and 52% (representing 49 respondents), respectively, have observed what they believe to be speeding vehicles on Par View Drive and Birdie View Point:

Question 2 has 94 answers (Checkboxes) ↓ 📄

"I have seen vehicles going at what I believe to be too high a rate of speed on the following neighborhood streets (please check all that apply):"

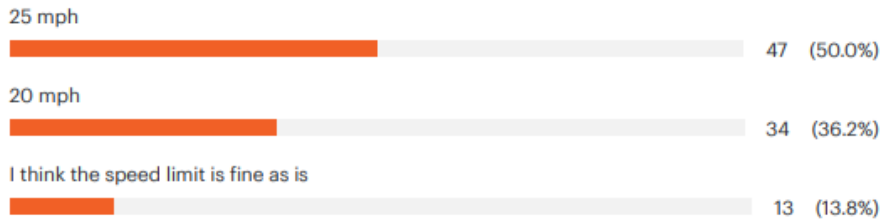


- 86% (representing 81 respondents) would be in favor of lowering the current 30 mph speed limit in the neighborhood, with 50% (47 respondents) favoring a lowering to 25 mph, and 36% (34 respondents) favoring a lowering to 20 mph:

Question 3 has 94 answers (Radio buttons)



"I would be in favor of lowering the current speed limit in our neighborhood from 30mph to:"



Our Board finds these survey results in favor of a reduction in our neighborhood's speed limit to be emphatic.

We understand from City Manager Souza that a likely next step is police monitoring speeds at various locations in the neighborhood. We have some concern about doing this in this off-season as seasonality slowness may lower the effective data accumulation to support our case. We hope the City Council will take that into consideration.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter and look forward to engaging with you throughout the process.

Kind Regards,

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