

# 2020 LRCA COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

## SHORT TERM PRIORITIES (0 - 6 mth)

1. Long Reach Village Center:
  - a. Advocate for the continued maintenance, upgrades, and stabilization of the Village Center.
  - b. Advocate for a tenant mix that is beneficial to Long Reach residents and for exterior alterations that enhance the aesthetics and improve the overall image and perception of the Village Center.
  - c. Ensure the County continues to prioritize measures to increase safety in the Village Center.
  - d. Request the County create a tracker that be kept updated to inform both residents and Board of current tenants, proposed tenants, etc.
2. Community Communication:
  - a. Provide basic and consistent information about the status of the Village Center.
  - b. Inform residents of the Village Board's role within the community and the Village Center redevelopment process. Specifically, distinguish the pieces of the Village Center that the Board has control over versus those pieces that the Board only plays an advisory role.
  - c. Provide guidance to residents on how they can best advocate to the Village Board and County to support the future of the Village Center.
3. Work to address food insecurities and basic needs for residents without reliable transportation.
4. Completion of the traffic circle at Tamar Drive and Old Montgomery Road.
5. Establish a process to notify the Village Board of any proposed exterior alterations for commercial properties, which include the Village Center.
6. Village Elections:
  - a. Investigate the use of an electronic voting option for the FY22 village elections.
  - b. Review the signature requirements and look for alternatives, such as meeting attendance.
7. Perform an audit of all signs, light poles, and utility boxes in poor repair within the village. Create a task list and work with the County and other businesses (BGE, Verizon, etc) to address the fixes.
8. Educate residents about local organizations (County, Columbia association, Village) and what they do. Create a *Who does What?* document to share with the community.
9. Work to streamline and update the existing Long Reach Architectural Guidelines to better assist residents with exterior alterations and covenant issues.

## **MEDIUM TERM PRIORITIES (2 yrs)**

1. Long Reach Village Center:
  - a. Request that the County, with input from the Village Board and residents, provide a long-term plan for the Village Center.
  - b. Advocate for a high quality Village Center that meets resident needs.
  - c. Consistent communication from the County regarding Village Center changes.
2. Request the County review the existing traffic patterns to ensure maximum functionality and safety for the arterial roadways within Long Reach.
3. Review the existing By-laws to determine if changes need to be made with regards to the annual meeting and village election protocols.
4. Monitor neighborhood center uses and continue to advocate for maintenance and upgrades to those facilities.
5. Continue to advocate for alternate transportation connectivity plans, including strengthening the connections along the Snowden River corridor, extending the multi use pathway beyond Blandair Park, as well as the CA proposal to allow electronic bikes and other personal mobility devices on pathways.
6. Fund a temporary Property Standards Evaluator position in Long Reach to assist with the enforcement of Village Covenants.
7. Request the County, within a year, provide a full demolition plan for the Village Center. (Demolition doesn't have to be completed within that time frame.)
8. Perform an audit of CA Open Space located within Long Reach, with particular focus on play structures. Work with CA to identify underutilized tot lots and those with high usage to best manage the maintenance and funding of open space areas.

## **LONG TERM PRIORITIES (4 Yrs +)**

1. Long Reach Village Center:
  - a. Request that the County has either begun or completed the redevelopment of the Village Center.
2. Continue to advocate for maintenance and upgrades of neighborhood centers to ensure they are in good repair and continue to be a revenue source.
3. Advocate for the replacement or substantial renovation of Stonehouse and the Art Center.