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STOP SIGN ISSUE... A RESPONSE FOR INCLUSION IN THE BEEPS SITE

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Beep4bumps is now guilty of playing the same games as the group whose misleading statements of fact (and subsequent supporting actions) led to the installation of the speed bumps against the will of the greater GHA community.

Beeps has gotten involved with an individual in Shorewoods who is adamantly opposed to the stop signs that the Shorewood's community petitioned Shorewood's lot owners to approve... so that the county would have them installed. This in itself might not be so problematic were it not for the fact that the individual in question has been putting out a volume of false and malicious information about individuals in his community, and... in regards to the process that was involved to get those stop signs installed. This still would not be a big issue if it were not for the fact that I personally advised John the Beeps leader (the person running this WEB Site) that: this man was providing miss-leading information, and thus I suggested that for the benefit of the anti-bumps movement it would be wiser to stay focused on the bumps and to stay away from this individual's personal miss-guided vendetta against these stop signs. Sadly, John, you have chosen the low road and are actively participating in the spreading of false information regarding an "alleged problem" that is not affecting you or anyone outside of Shorewoods, and in doing so you are eroding support for the anti-bumps movement and degrading your personal integrity as a leader of the anti-bumps movement. You have taken it upon yourself to attempt to counter the wishes of a neighborhood that you do not live in. You are speaking for a community with whom you are not associated and you are trying to ram your point of view down their throats by publishing miss-information regarding facts and people, this to support the personal wishes of the man you call your friend who is creating all this miss-information. It would seem that you have let the power of the process that you are involved in overcome your better judgment at the expense of the process. It was this very problem of putting "personal power over process" that led to the installation of all these speed bumps that the majority of the GHA community did not want, and which in turn generated the anger from which you are now drawing power... the power which now seems to have gone to YOUR head. You are simply completing a circle of an abuse of power, again to the detriment of the GHA community, this time because you are

undermining the efforts of many others to undo the last round of abuse of power.

While I am here... let me correct just a few of the pieces of miss-information floating about:

1. Contrary to your article John, there are exactly two people in Shorewoods who are angry over these stop signs to my personal knowledge... one is a person who got a ticket for running the stop signs, and the other is Doug Librant who is one of about 8 or 10 folks who live in Shorewoods who would not, after years of requests by neighbors, drive sensibly up/down Ponderosa Blvd. It was his actions and the actions of his ilk that were grossly endangering the children who daily walk up/down this curving steep hill on a narrow road with no shoulders... going to/from their school bus stop which is located at the intersection where the stop signs were installed. Mr. Librant has for years been one of the worst violators of speed and I can personally attest to his unsafe driving behavior as I myself have had to jump in the ditch to avoid being hit by him on Ponderosa. Since the stop signs were installed, he is one of the now very few neighbors using Ponderosa who regularly does not at least slow down to a near stop before rolling through this intersection, in fact I have personally seen him blow this 4-way stop intersection at well above the speed limit numerous times. This man has no business even talking about laws - or the supposed "illegal" actions of others - until he first starts obeying the rules of law himself.
2. There is now a lot of anger in our neighborhood about the stop signs, as Mr. Librant has been spreading gossip and miss-leading information about his neighbors who support making this road safe for kids to walk on. The anger has little to do with stop signs, and a lot to do with the miss-leading statements and actions of Mr. Librant.
3. Although I would proudly like to take responsibility for the installation of those stop signs, that project was tackled by a group of 4 Shorewood's residents who, after getting the blessing of the community board to create a committee to do so, contacted the county (this was at my suggestion) and were told by the county that if 70% of the Shorewood's lot owners who either: live near the intersection and might be impacted by noise increases from the starting and stopping, and/or who on a daily basis go through the intersection to access their home, and/or who have children who walk on Ponderosa who would be affected by safety improvements... approve of the petition... then the county would apply an exception process, (which has been applied multiple times in the county under this rule set over many years), to install traffic control devices (in this case stop signs), where the county normally would not install them. 72 eligible "impacted" lot owners (by county definition) were physically contacted

- and just over 60 of those lot owners signed the petition, (which was reviewed and approved by the community board prior to distribution for signatures). The petition was presented to the County Commissioners, and based upon that petition, the stop signs were installed. This group was given a specific process by the county to follow, this group involved the community it represented both at the board level and on the individual petition level to produce a request for action, which, following its own precedent, the county acted upon. Mr. Librant did not have his point of view represented in the final tally of this petition process, and has had sour grapes every since. He is now angrily fighting the wishes of the majority in his community and crying foul because the majority ruled against his perceived right to endanger others with his unsafe driving behaviors. He is using the tactics of the half-truth, the lie, and the personal attack on his neighbors to achieve his ends. It saddens me greatly that he is doing this, but even more so that the leader of the Beeps anti-bumps group is supporting him in these actions.
4. Neither the GHAAC (which was not even formed at this time), nor the GHA roads committee had anything to do with these stop signs. In fact, the roads committee took a vote on this issue, and decided that “getting involved with a neighborhood only issue was not appropriate – especially given the much more serious issues affecting the greater GHA community”.
  5. There are reported cases of pedestrians being hit and run on Ponderosa Blvd...but to date with no serious injuries.
  6. If a petition is not found that does not mean it never existed... it only means it was not found. 4 people collected signatures, 3 Shjorewood’s residents and a county commissioner can verify the petition did exist, was presented, reviewed, and acted upon. This missing petition is not the first, (nor will it be the last), document apparently lost in the county file system. The logic of this complaint by Mr. Librant is clearly without merit in the light of the facts of the situation, and he knows this as the parties involved have personally told him of these facts. This “missing petition issue” and the above are just some of the many twists of fact that Mr. Librant is using to try to “legalize” his speeding in our neighborhood... (at least in his mind).

It is my sincere hope that the Beeps group can get back on task and refocus on the project that brought them together, rather than self-destructing by getting involved in one man’s personal vendetta.

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