



[CE SBAC] Re survey???

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Dear SBAC members.

I was listening to the meeting tonight - and I am unfortunately not surprised that only 30 % of the mailed surveys were returned. I can't wait to hear the presentation tomorrow night.

I just wanted to forward my email I sent in March in case some people didn't have enough time to read it...(thank you for the time you devote to this committee.) but the issues with the postal service is well known. If you were not aware - you respectfully have not been paying attention.

Also - I hope the cost of this survey is disclosed tomorrow night. We tossed our envelope and I raced to complete it to get it to the town hall but it's my understand the envelopes were stamped w \$1.67 for postage. This would not include the costs to mail it back or log responses in a database. It's unfortunately that so much money was wasted to only receive 30% back via mail. Will a partial refund be requested from whichever party was responsible for the delay? I would assume it's an outside party? Many surveys were reported stamped on April 12 & 15th even though they were dated the week prior - 5th?

I'd like to know who's decision was it to mail the survey to the first person listed on the tax website? Was that done by the committee or by an individual It has recently come to my attention that that info comes from the registry of deeds which sorts names w the male sounding name first. Why was it not considered to address the survey to "dear residents" or "dear voters" at...this likely led to delay in opening the mail and certainly understandably frustrated some residents - myself included.

Sincerely
Melanie Tennyson

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Begin forwarded message:

On Thursday, March 21, 2024, 3:21 PM, melanie tennyson <tennysonmelanie75@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear SBAC members

First - thank you for volunteering for this committee. I have zoomed several meetings - and am especially in awe of the days when you have a morning meeting - followed by a 4pm and then a 6 or 6:30...

I listened to someone of today's meeting and understand the survey that is planned - it was my understanding that a goal is to find out where citizens are at in their knowledge and their attitudes towards the three plans. How are you going to get a good representation of the citizens wo an online survey?

Though - I still don't understand why option G - was dropped so quickly - the plan to have a mail only survey - that will be delivered during school break and also when many snowbird residents won't be back from Florida and other warm locations - is not a good plan. And it definitely isn't fiscally responsible. How much will it cost? Didn't the prior online survey go way over the budget/estimate?

Both nationwide and locally our mail is very spotty - my family has gotten used to checking our mail about once a week - why would we spend the money on sending surveys to the 8500+ registered voters and have them mail it back??! At what cost before you even pay the survey company?

Will there be a location for residents to drop off the surveys - like at the Town hall? This seems like a waste of money...is every envelope going to have a stamp whether it's returned or not? Our mail box is not checked daily by the postal carrier. It can be several days before an outgoing item is picked up and the large blue mailboxes at the Town Hall are also not serviced daily. Just before thanksgiving they were overflowing. Maybe you folks are not aware ?

Additionally - what is the point of sending out a survey if you aren't even going to listen to the feedback from it? What % of the feedback from the replies in February reference G as a first choice? It was barely addressed in any meetings before dismissing it...

I know you've put a lot of time in - but a mail only survey - who will be inputting all the answers in to a database? And how long will that take? Time is of the essence.

The survey regarding the fort Williams master plan was primarily (if not entirely??) done online. What was wrong with that?

Thank you for your time.

Melanie Tennyson

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