



City Manager's Report

*Offices of the City Manager
Elected & Appointed Officials*

5-6-2024

City Manager – Sam Sanders (he/him)

- I was pleased to serve as the Keynote Speaker at PHAR's Intern Graduation on Wednesday, April 17th at CitySpace.
- Greeted representatives of the National League of Cities who were in town on Thursday, April 18th on their 100-city tour in honor of NLC's 100th Anniversary.
- Attended multiple sessions of the Tom Tom Festival - congratulations to Paul Beyer on the 12th anniversary of this significant event for Charlottesville.
- Held our Quarterly Neighborhood Leaders Meeting on Thursday, April 18th (see the attached Q&A Report on various inquiries to city staff).
- Attended a joint meeting of the Airport Authority and Airport Commission to discuss the Future of CHO.
- Attended a meeting with Dr. Gurley and the leadership team at the International Rescue Committee to discuss community planning and supports for those being welcomed to the Charlottesville community.
- Attended a NeighborWorks America Symposium in Washington, DC April 10-12 and presented with Sunshine Mathon on Charlottesville's efforts around equity in housing.
- Joined members of city staff for a special Eclipse Viewing Party at 3:10pm on Monday, April 8th.
- Taped my first On the Spot segment for the return of Inside Charlottesville, our local community affairs program which airs monthly on Channel 10.
- CAT is hosting an alternative fuels fact finding site visit to Champaign Urbana, Illinois to learn more about the deployment of electric, hydrogen, and CNG buses as well as the infrastructure to support it. Invited to attend will include council members, key CAT staff, county leadership, a consulting team, as well as media and members of the environmental advocacy community.

Deputy City Manager for Administration – Eden Ratliff (he/him)

- Streamlining workflow management in the City Attorney's office.
- Reviewing the implementation strategy of single-role Emergency Medical Service which will allow for medical providers in our fire department to exclusively serve on the ambulance opposed to the current operational framework of serving on both fire suppression apparatus and the ambulance.

Office of Communications & Public Engagement (CAPE) – Director Afton Schneider (she/her)

- Don't forget to catch our new Public Affairs TV show, Inside Charlottesville, on local channel 10. The show will include updates from the City Manager, Police Chief and Fire Chief, various City departments, new hires, events, and more.
- Be on the look out for the launch of our community newsletter in the coming months. Any feedback on content you'd like to see included can be sent to communications@charlottesville.gov before May 17th. We will provide a subscription link closer to the launch date to sign up to receive the newsletter.

Office of Sustainability – Director Kristel Riddervold (she/her)

- Climate Program Manager presented at the Tom Tom Festival panel “From Individual Choices to Collective Action: Community Climate Solutions” and the Office of Sustainability had a tabling presence at the Friday Block Party.
- Various staff participated in numerous Earth Day related events including tabling on the Downtown Mall with the Charlottesville Center for Peace and Justice and several Cville100 members and joined UVA at their Annual Eco-Fair on Earth Day itself.
- Over 60 community members attended the [Community Read event](#) the Office of Sustainability co-hosted with the Office of Human Rights, Albemarle's Office of Equity & Inclusion, and numerous community partners. The event consisted of an environmental resource fair and a panel discussion about equity and climate change. The panel was moderated by the Climate Program Manager and Deputy City Manager Ashely Marshall was one of the panelists.
- Climate Program Manager was a guest lecturer for a UVA Climate Justice Class.
- Sustainability Director provided a program update to Cville100 at their monthly meeting in April.
- The Energy and Water Management Program finalized the FY23 Energy and Water Performance Report and made a presentation to the Charlottesville City School Board on May 2nd discussing CCS's energy and water performance and sustainability initiatives. The report can be found on the [Energy and Water Management Program Website](#).
- The Energy and Water Management Program and the Climate Program will be delivering Climate Kits to the entire 5th grade class at Walker Upper Elementary in partnership with the Community Climate Collaborative. Also, EWMP helped some water saving students at Venable Elementary perform a school water audit and update some of their higher flow faucets with water efficient flow rates.
- The City along with the County and numerous community partners are hosting the annual [Rivanna RiverFest](#) on Saturday May 18th from 2pm to 9pm at Rivanna

River Company. There will be opportunities to get on the river, learn about the river, and hear some great performances.

- Supported by the Office of Sustainability, LEAP's annual [Solarize program](#) is celebrating its 10th year. The program opened on April 1 and continues through June 30.

Office of Community Solutions – Director Alex Ikefuna (he/him)

- Blue Ridge Area Food Bank (BRAFB): Working together with other city staff and the BRAFB team, OCS sought out a win-win solution in which \$215,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding was recommended, and Council approved to fully fund a new commercial cooler and associated electrical improvements. This improvement would enable BRAFB to acquire a new, larger, and more-energy-efficient commercial cooler for their Charlottesville distribution center so they can expand the amount of fresh produce they can deliver to their partner food banks, pantries and other community organizations. Planning for demolition of existing cooler unit and materials acquisition are currently underway.
- Staff presented at the March 2024 HUD All Grantee Entitlement Meeting in Richmond, sharing the City of Charlottesville's recent partnership with the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank to expand their freezer capacity through use of CDBG Funds. The information was warmly received.
- The 2024 – 2025 CDBG/HOME Funds Application: CDBG Taskforce has completed the review of the 17 applications submitted for funding considerations. The recommendations will be presented to the Planning Commission on May 14, for review and subsequently to the City Council on May 20 and June 3, for final consideration. A 30-day public comment period will begin on May 1 through May 31, 2024.
- Pollocks Branch Trail Bridge at Jordon Park. The final site plan has been approved. The benefits of the project include the construction of a bicycle and pedestrian ADA accessible bridge to connect Jordon Park to the developing Moores Creek trail between Avon Street and 5th Street. This project is funded with \$171,655.34 in CDBG fund.
- BEACON Commercial Kitchen: On March 18, 2024, the City Council approved \$89,896.51 in CDBG fund for New Hill Development Corporation for facility Infrastructure enhancement. Construction work is underway. When completed, this shared-use commercial kitchen would provide sustain space that would serve as “a vibrant community hub where food entrepreneurs can connect, share ideas, celebrate each other’s successes, and draw inspiration from one another’s culinary talents.”

- HUD Timeliness Spending Compliance: The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has confirmed to OCS that the city has met its timeliness compliance obligations for the current program year. A shout out to Anthony Warn, OCS Grants Analyst for working tirelessly alongside our subrecipients to submit and process invoices to ensure we met the May 2, 2024, deadline.
- The Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF)/Housing Operation Program Support (HOPS): The City Council approved the recommended awards on March 18. Four agencies were approved for CAHF funding and eight for HOPS. Award letters for FY24 CAHF and FY25 HOPS recipients have been disseminated, and staff is working on the grant agreements for the projects.
- Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) Manual: Interdepartmental coordination between Office of Community Solutions (OCS) and NDS to implement and integrate the ADU Program Manual and forms is now complete. OCS staff has already met with 5 prospective applicants to the ADU program, which indicates a potential production impact of approximately 35 added ADUs and 113 added market rate units so far.
- Housing Equity and Anti-Displacement Toolkits (HEAT): Two essential component programs of the City's Housing Equity Anti-Displacement Toolkit (HEAT) – Tax Abatement/Performance Grant and Land Bank are on target for a rollout in early July and late summer for council consideration.
- National Park Service - Chesapeake Gateway Grants Program (\$49,976): OCS staff hosted with Launch Consulting, the second in a three-part series of workshops for the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility grant awarded by the National Park Service to gather local data to support future funding needs. The grant was awarded to the city to develop neighborhood level, spatially accurate data on underrepresented and underserved populations in vulnerable communities to enable inclusive initiatives with an equity lens. The resulting data and mapping will be used to better inform community engagement efforts and better support state and federal funding applications. The mapping database will be a public product that will not only help city grant writing but also assist community non-profits with their grant applications. The completion date is August 24, 2024.
- South First Street, Phase 2: OCS staff is negotiating terms of the funding agreement with CRHA. Plans for demolition is underway. The City's Office of Sustainability and OCS are coordinating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife on the required environmental review process.
- Sixth Street, Phase 1: Staff is working on the funding agreement for this phase of the project. The City's Office of Sustainability and OCS are coordinating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife on the required environmental review process.

Treasurer's Office - Treasurer Jason Vandever (he/him)

- The Treasurer's Office has completed the reconciliation and billing of 2024 1st half personal property and real estate tax bills. Residents should expect to receive tax bills in the coming days. The Treasurer's Office encourages residents to take advantage of the free services on the City's website such as paperless billing, pay by text, and e-check payments.

Office of Economic Development – Director Chris Engel

- The Office of Economic Development would like to congratulate to the newest graduates of the City's Growing Opportunity (GO) programs.
- Eight students graduated from the 16th Cohort of the GO COOK program on March 21, 2024 at CitySpace in front of family, friends and community stakeholders. Two of the eight students were part of the Albemarle Charlottesville Regional Jail's Home Electronic Incarceration (HEI) program, an alternative sentencing program. Five of the eight graduates have already accepted employment offers with an average wage of \$18 an hour. One student who had already been employed, received an increase in wage upon graduation.
- Nine GO SOLAR students graduated on March 29, 2024 from FLIPP Inc.'s North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Photovoltaic (PV) Associate Certificate training program. A celebration was shared where local employers Sunday Solar and SunTribe Solar were in attendance to congratulate the new grads. The NABCEP Associate Program recognizes individuals who have demonstrated knowledge of the fundamental principles of the application, design, installation and operation of Photovoltaic energy systems. It prepares people for careers in the renewable energy industry with six different pathway options: PV Installer Specialist, PV Design Specialist, PV Installation Professional, PV System Inspector, PV Technical Sales and PV Commissioning & Maintenance Specialist.
- In addition, OED is pleased introduce our latest tool to connect aspiring entrepreneurs and established businesses with resources designed to assist with transforming your business dreams into reality. Whether you're at the conceptual stage or ready to take your ideas to the next level, the Entrepreneur Resource Directory is designed to help you navigate through different phases of your entrepreneurial journey. Resources like GO Start-Up to kickstart your vision, while programs like Community Investment Collaborative's Entrepreneur Workshop can provide the foundational insights necessary to move your business forward with confidence. The Entrepreneur Resource Directory includes additional resources for those who would like to better understand the financial resources available to entrepreneurs and emerging businesses in our

community, as well as information about networking groups and opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals.

- To receive a copy of the Entrepreneur Resource Directory email Keith Grooms, OED's Entrepreneurship Program Specialist, at groomesk@charlottesville.gov or call (434) 970-3514.

Circuit Court Clerk's Office – Clerk of Court Llezelle Duggar

- As of April 8, 2024, my Team is complete!

Commissioner of Revenue – Todd Divers

- The deadline to apply for Rental Relief for the Elderly or Disabled is May 1. To qualify for the rental relief grant you must meet all the following conditions:
 - You or your spouse if you reside together must be age 65 or older or be permanently and totally disabled as of December 31st of the previous year.
 - Your combined income during the previous year of you, and all relatives living in the same home must not exceed the sum of \$61,650. If you or your spouse is permanently disabled, the first \$7,500 of your income shall be excluded from your total household income.
 - You and your spouse, if applicable, must have a combined net worth of \$125,000 or less.
 - You must have paid rent for a dwelling within the City of Charlottesville during the previous year and were a resident of the city on December 31st of the previous year.
 - The first \$8,500 of income of each relative other than spouse shall be excluded.
- Please call the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office: 434-970-3160 or email TaxRelief@Charlottesville.gov for more information.

Finance Department – Director Chris Cullinan

- City Assessor's Office - The Assessor's office has completed their administrative review of reassessment appeals. The Board of Equalization (BOE) is scheduled to meet on May 14, 15, and 16. Currently there are 16 appeals scheduled to be heard. A more detailed accounting of 2024 assessment appeals will be provided after the Board decisions are made.
- Risk Management - The replacement and expansion of the City's Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) in City facilities has been completed. 68 existing

units were replaced with an additional 33 units added. The project was paid for with American Rescue Plan funds.

- Procurement - The kickoff for the implementation of the City's new e-procurement system will be May 14 with a projected go-live date of the week of June 10.
- Finance Administration - Applications for the Comptroller position close May 3rd.

Office of Social Equity – Employment & Financial Opportunity Manager Roy Fitch

- Downtown Job Center - present for the 1-year Anniversary Celebration of the UVA Pipelines and Pathways Program. The event was held Thursday, April 11th at the Hillsdale Conference Center.
- Home To Hope - participated in the 2024 Tom Tom Festival Reentry Summit and Simulation held at the Vault and Carver Recreation Center respectively.
- Downtown Job Center - present at the UVA Career and Community Fair April 24th at the John Paul Jones Arena.

City Manager's Office – ADA Coordinator Paul Rudacille

- I am writing to provide you with an update on the progress of our ADA Transition Plan, as well as some pertinent information regarding recent developments.
- Firstly, I am pleased to announce that our ADA Transition Plan is now 75% complete. This significant milestone reflects our ongoing commitment to ensuring accessibility and inclusivity within our community. We remain dedicated to fulfilling the remaining objectives in a timely manner, prioritizing the needs of all our residents.
- However, I must bring to your attention a discrepancy that has come to light regarding the buildings included in the Request for Proposal (RFP) and those owned or rented by the city. We have identified inconsistencies between the buildings outlined in the RFP and our current inventory. Rest assured, we are actively addressing this issue to ensure accurate documentation and planning moving forward. Your understanding and cooperation in rectifying this matter are greatly appreciated.
- Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our ADA coordinator in handling grievances and complaints. To date, our coordinator has diligently addressed one grievance, demonstrating our commitment to resolving issues promptly and effectively. Additionally, they have responded to a total of 35 complaints, reflecting the importance of maintaining open lines of communication and accessibility for all members of our community.

- As we continue to progress with our ADA initiatives, I encourage ongoing collaboration and feedback from all stakeholders. Your input is invaluable as we strive to create an environment that is welcoming and accessible to everyone.
- Thank you for your attention to these matters, and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Neighborhood Leaders Meeting

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Questions and Answers

Kellytown Neighborhood Association

1. When will the stop light at Rose Hill and Rugby Ave be installed? I see that the pedestrian lights are in, and some wires have been moved, so it looks like the main signal light will go in soon but would like to get confirmation.
 - a. Response: The light is in now and will be energized and running by the end of the month. Staff is working to get a hard date for when the paving will be done which will complete the intersection work.
2. When will work begin on the Rugby Ave – 250 underpass? Also, could you provide a link to plans for realigning the intersection of Sherwood, Westwood, and 250-East On-ramp so that these traffic movements are safer and pedestrian crossing can be safely accomplished in this area?
 - a. Response: The bid for construction of the shared use path from Westwood to the railroad bridge at McIntire Park goes back out end of April, work should begin by June and be completed by end of summer.
3. When will work begin on the pedestrian ramp at the end of Madison Ave down to Washington Park. I think this project was put out to bid but failed. Do we have a plan to get it bid successfully?
 - a. Response: Washington project should be back out for bid in 2 weeks.
4. We also have concerns in our neighborhood about stormwater issues arising from heavier flows on Kelly Creek behind Amherst Street. Almost two years ago Andrea Henry (the Water Resources Protection Administrator for Cville) came out to look at the situation. Two homes are at high risk of flood damage according to First Street models and a storm drain under the street backs up in heavy rain. We were told that the city was trying to get a grant to study the Schenks Branch watershed and that the Kelly Creek tributary would be noted as a concern so that it could be studied if we got the grant. Did we get the grant? Is the study in progress? Ms. Henry noted some particular public infrastructure issues on our sites (a deteriorating and eroding storm drain culvert between 1615B and 1617A, and the overgrown and deteriorating condition of the culvert that runs under Amherst Street at 1603 Amherst) and promised to get these issues on the list addressing once funds are available. Are these issues on the list? How far down are we?
 - a. Response: The Department of Utilities is now responsible for the Stormwater Utility/Water Resources Protection program. Utilities staff is unaware of a grant submittal for a Schenks Branch watershed study, but the City did receive a grant to develop a 2-D model for the

Rivanna/Meadowcreek watershed that will encompass the Schenks Branch area, and work has started on the modeling. Utilities staff will evaluate the storm drain culvert between 1615B and 1617A and coordinate with the adjacent property owners. The stormwater pipe that crosses the street at 1605 Amherst was rehabilitated in 2011 and is in satisfactory condition. By the way, Ms. Henry is no longer with the City and the new Stormwater Utility Administrator, Donald Schragar, started April 8th.

5. We'd like to hear about the City's plan to save trees in our neighborhood from strangulation by vines (invasives). Goats were brought into Washington Park to eat undergrowth and vines, but other trees in adjoining areas are suffering in similar ways. There is a grove of trees behind where Madison Ave dead-ends, between public housing and some houses accessed from Preston. And then there is the entire row of trees along Madison Ave. I believe the land is owned by Albemarle Public Schools, but some trees are probably on City right of way because of the creek that flows in this area. Can we get ACPS to allow goats or other action to prevent these trees from toppling as they are strangled
 - a. Response: We are very aware of the issue of invasive vines, trees, and shrubs within the City. We initiated a plan last summer to begin the clearing, restoration, and re-planting of several wooded areas. As of last fall we have cleared over 13 acres and re-planted with over 900 native trees. Several projects this spring cleared another 4-5 acres and have already been re-planted with over 400 tree seedlings. We have a capital budget for these invasive projects, but currently the needs and demands for invasive control exceed our budget. The area owned by Albemarle County Schools is not under the management of Charlottesville Parks and Rec.

Greenleaf Terrace Neighborhood Association

6. Intersection at Rose Hill & Rugby. When will the new intersection be functional? What's the hold up? Will there be a warning that it's changed a few days ahead of time to give everyone a heads up?
 - a. Response: The new intersection will be using the light by the end of the month. The hold up is getting dominion to energize the new meter box and paving the intersection. We will do a press release notifying the public when the new signal will be live.
7. Rugby Ave @250 – what's the status of that project? Will there be a community meeting to inform neighbors? Is there still intent to create a 4-way stop at the intersection of Rugby Ave, Westwood Rd, and Bypass on-off ramp? It is terrifying intersection, especially if coming off the Bypass and crossing to Westwood or going left towards McIntire Park. And, related to this, when, if ever, will they add a

crosswalk over Rugby Ave at Sherwood, or some means for folks from that neighborhood to safely cross Rugby Ave on their way to/from the park.

- a. Response: Rugby Trail project will be out for rebid in 3 or so weeks now that council added more funds.
8. There is a good bit of litter on the grounds at Walker School. Is it possible to have the children clean up after themselves? It's been noted by neighbors that many of the trash cans that used to be around the school grounds are gone, which is no doubt part of the issue. Among the items regularly found there are food wrappers, half eaten lunches, shredded boxes from their 'sledding' and more. The food attracts critters and is just unsightly. The amount of litter on the ground around the school definitely sends a sad message about how valued it is.
 - a. Response: This item would likely need to be directed to the school's attention as it seems to be referring to litter generated by students on school property. Public Works will make sure to continue litter pick-ups in the Right-of-Way as part of our litter collection routes.
9. With spring upon us, it's almost time for the sprinkler parks to open. Greenleaf Park is a very popular park in warm weather. This brings several issues to the park. This is the first of several questions regarding the park. It is a very popular park for birthday parties. Most weekend days in warm weather see multiple parties at once. Parents often show up at 7 am to claim their stake. In the past, the neighborhood has asked that the pavilion have a reservation system instead of the current first come, first served. The current system leads to some rather tense confrontations and a reservation system could easily address this. We've been told that because it's a neighborhood park, not a community park, this cannot happen. Given that Greenleaf Park is a pickup point for Walker students in addition to its popularity for parties for not just city residents, but for residents from several surrounding counties (Albemarle, Greene, Fluvanna, Buckingham, Nelson), it's very easy to make an argument that it should be treated as a community park.
 - a. Response: It's clear that with the increasing popularity of the park, particularly for events like birthday parties, implementing a reservation system could help alleviate tension and ensure fair access for all park-goers. While I understand the distinction between neighborhood and community parks, it's important to consider the unique circumstances of Greenleaf Park. As you've pointed out, its usage extends beyond just the immediate neighborhood and includes residents from multiple counties. Additionally, the park serves as a gathering point for students, further solidifying its status as a community hub. This would open up the possibility of implementing a reservation system for the pavilion, which could significantly improve the experience for visitors and mitigate

potential conflicts which can only be implemented next year since our reservations started already.

10. Garbage. Because of the popularity of the park, garbage cans overflow quickly during warm weather. Garbage not picked up daily attracts rodents and insects that don't just stay in the park. In addition, it's starting to become a spot where people dump larger items, like broken strollers and tents. Is it possible to have garbage picked up every day, including Saturday and Sunday, from the park during warm weather?

a. Response: As park usage increases, so does the accumulation of garbage. The custodial operations unit works to clean parks daily, even on the weekends. We are currently hiring for 2 seasonal custodial workers to assist the full-time crew (3 workers) during the busy time of year. Unfortunately, the problem of household trash is a hard one to deal with, and often consumes a lot of staff time to clean up.

11. The sprinklers run nonstop at Greenleaf Park, even on rainy days. It was supposed to be activated on a motion sensor, but with the constant running, that doesn't seem to be the case. Can the constant running be addressed?

a. Response: Firstly, we will be implementing a controller for the Greenleaf sprinkler system. This controller will enable the system to automatically turn off when not in use, providing a solution to the constant running problem, particularly on rainy days. Additionally, we are aware of the pump priming issue affecting the system's efficiency. Rest assured, we have plans in place to rectify this problem promptly. Once repaired, the system will turn on and prime quickly, ensuring optimal functionality.

12. Security. Currently, the gate at the entrance is padlocked open. For years, this was not the case. The padlock was left open and there was a long chain that was wrapped around a pole to keep the gate closed, but not locked, at night. This was enough of a deterrent to keep people out of the park after hours. There have been several incidents over the years in the park, after dark, that those neighbors who live closest to the park would prefer the gate to be closed. For years, this task was left up to neighbors, as there wasn't always Parks staff to do it. After a rather violent incident a few years ago, we were able to get the padlock open for us to do this, but somewhere along the line, it was locked open. As a neighborhood, we respectfully ask the padlock to be unlocked for us to close the gate at night. Several neighbors are available for a conversation regarding this with city officials. Alternatively, could the parking lot be closed to everything but handicapped and service vehicles at all times?

a. Response: We understand the importance of safety and security within our community. After careful consideration, we regret to inform you that we will not be able to lock the gates or allow residents to lock them. Our current protocol is to keep the gate padlocked open. In the event of any

unwanted activities after 9pm, we encourage residents to promptly contact the police. We acknowledge the history of using a long chain to deter unauthorized access to the park after hours. However, due to various factors including staffing limitations and operational considerations, we have opted for the current approach to all of our parks. Regarding the suggestion to close the parking lot to all but handicapped and service vehicles at all times, we will take this into consideration and explore its feasibility. Please be assured that your concerns are being heard, and we appreciate your willingness to engage in constructive dialogue.

13. At the entrance to the park, there used to be some bollards that created a pedestrian path alongside the car path. At some point they were removed – is it possible to replace them? It can be quite dodgy with children on bikes and the large vehicles that pull in and out, particularly on weekends. There are numerous near misses on a daily basis.
 - a. Response: Certainly, we understand your concern regarding the safety of pedestrians, especially children, within the park premises. We will look into this matter and assess the feasibility of replacing the bollards to create a dedicated pedestrian path alongside the car path. Safety is our top priority, and we will endeavor to come up with recommendations to address the issues you've raised.
14. Can we have more “No Parking” Signs installed along the side of the yards that are at the entrance of the Greenleaf Park? Currently, there is enough room between them for cars to park, which is a regular occurrence, despite the signs. There are neighbors who would be more than willing to meet with city employees to point out where we'd like to see them installed.
 - a. Response: We can look at maybe installing 1 additional sign, but signage is not intended to be placed for every possible vehicle. There are arrows on the signs indicated no parking on that whole side.
15. Is it possible to request that Charlottesville Police make their presence known at the Greenleaf Park on weekend afternoons? Some of the parties get rather raucous, with cars pulled up to the pavilion, music blaring in addition to some tense exchanges between adults over who gets to use the tables and pavilion. Some oversight from the city would be quite welcome in addressing this. Greenleaf Park has a reputation of being a quiet, tucked away park that ‘no one knows about’ which is really not the case anymore.
 - a. Response: The Police Department Patrol Operations Division has implemented extra, directed patrols in this area in an attempt to identify the specific quality-of-life issues. Sergeant Eric Thomas (Community Involvement Coordinator) will identify and contact community leadership

in the area of Greenleaf Park so we can engage with area stakeholders to address the issues together.

16. Is there a plan to mulch the trail behind the park on Rose Hill or otherwise address its state? It's in rather rough shape with a multitude of exposed tree roots due to the heavy traffic it gets now that it's a walking path for Walker students. Additionally, parts stay muddy, especially when the spray ground is open, as the runoff is routed to that trail.

- a. Response: We can look into a solution for that trail that has many roots along it. It may be more like a soil/stone dust mix that brings the trail surface up but doesn't harm the tree roots and stays in place a lot longer than mulch.