

Dear Neighbors!

One of the more divisive issues we have is speed bumps. Last Summer I commissioned a group to study the issue and arrive at a proposal for the board. Four of your fellow neighbors, Phil Frederickson, Marge Wolohan, Louis Beck with support from Ron Czar spent dozens of hours meeting, reviewing, studying and developing a plan which was presented to the board in January. We paid to have a professional traffic study completed (available on shortly on the website). Your board then spent additional hours reviewing the proposal, gathering maintenance and storage costs and then discussing the proposal. The board effectively rejected the proposal for removable humps due primarily to costs. The modified proposed system has a similar but less expensive permanent system. The investment requires membership approval. Personally I would like a 2/3 majority, but don't believe that is required.

When I charged the committee, I said that one criteria for acceptance is that it provide at least the level of safety that the present speed bump/chicane does. So long as I am your president, I will not support anything less. Therefore, there are two proposals before you.

OPTION A

Install a series of 6-7 "permanent" ramp style asphalt ramps approximately 3" high, 7' long and running the width of the road, with a taper on the edges (per the attached sketch). These would be spaced along C&O Club Drive as deemed most appropriate. Further a STOP sign would be installed adjacent to the South West end of the Beach area.

This proposal is recommended by your board. The simple logic is that unlike the chicane arrangement, provided you are not speeding, these cause little or no interruption to driving. They are likely also "safer" from a pedestrian point of view, in that walkers and bicycles should be able to go over them comfortably in the dark. In the long term, I expect they will also be less expensive even than the present chicanes and less damaging to our road. It has been confirmed that these can be plowed over and that emergency vehicles can pass over them safely.

Attached is also a photo of a similar speed bump and the following link is a video of our car driving over a similar bump.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kx4fiNt-o6A>

The total cost of Proposal A is approximately \$7000 and we will collect a special assessment of about \$200 per unit once approved.

OPTION B

Should Option A fail to achieve at least a majority, we will continue to utilize the "chicane" style of speed bumps. These may be altered as to location and quantity as the board at the time chooses or delegates. The timing too is subject to the board review and is likely to be somewhat greater than Memorial Day to Labor Day, but will depend on weather, schedules, traffic and who does the directing.

I ask that the members approve Proposal A and send your response to the board members copied above. We will tally the votes May 3rd and proceed accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration

Best regards,

Tom