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6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1715 Meadowbrook Heights	He is concerned about the speeders going from 250 Bypass to Rio, especially Mon – Fri between 4pm-6pm. The limit is 25 mph, and people speed through going in excess of 50 mph. (981-7912 cell) He lives halfway between Kenwood Ln. and Rte. 250 and would be more than willing to allow police to park in his driveway and would sign any waivers necessary to allow for this to happen. He requested a stop sign, police patrol, and a sign that says minimum \$200 fine.	Tom Tirrell		Ms. Szakos and Ms. Creasy explained the stop sign procedures and the possible downsides. Traffic Engineering has forward the petition materials needed to initiate the study process.	Materials were forwarded.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1609 St. Annes Road	1) The right turn onto the Bypass has become more difficult. He asked for a traffic study and asked if there is anything that can be done for neighbors trying to get out onto 250 from the neighborhood. 2)Transient Lodging ordinance – this comes with a downside of more traffic and unsupervised people in private homes. Homeowners signed on their homes based on current zoning, and if they change the zoning substantially, that would make the contracts null. He said this may have a substantial negative impact on surrounding homes and asked them to request that the City Assessor give his professional opinion on the matter. Please go slow on this; the law of unintended consequences is huge.	Bern Ewert		1) Right of way dimensions will not allow for a separate lane in these locations and a signal is not likely warranted given the proximity of the one at Hydraulic. Staff will review files and if a study is deemed to be warranted, it can be scheduled for Fall 2015. A map noting an alternative route has been attached. 2) Ms. Galvin asked if our City Assessor is looking at this. This was noted to those working on the code language and items which can be addressed were considered. Staff will coordinate this with City Assessor, as council requested this to be addressed in the next report.	1. Staff has scheduled traffic study of Greenbrier neighborhood for October 2015. The study is looking at volumes, types of vehicles and speeds. Because 250 is limited access and close proximity of the light at Hydraulic, I advise against a stop light at this location 2. the Transient lodging ordinance was passed in Sept 2015.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1832 Yorktown Drive	She has two small children, and the speeding through her neighborhood is amazing. All her neighbors that could not attend asked her to address speeding. She lives close to Brandywine, and people come down the hill. There's only a sidewalk on one side of the road, which makes it tough to be a pedestrian. Cars don't slow down, even when they see her with her children and dog. She asked for a crosswalk here. A stop sign on the downhill side would be nice, because it would slow people. Brandywine to Meadowbrook Heights has no sidewalk; it's curvy, there is a blind hill, and there is a lot of growth into the road. She asked for more enforcement for people to trim back their growth. At 1810 Yorktown Dr., the house is sitting and seems like a fire hazard; it's very dilapidated. She asked if it has been condemned and what is happening with it.	Aven Kinley		Creasy: 1810 is on staff's list. The property has been cited multiple times. They are trying to work with the owner, who is looking to sell the property. Inspectors have discussed options, and they have to go through a due process procedure. Huja: I hope staff can move more quickly on that, because it has been sitting for many years. Traffic Engineering has forwarded the petition materials need to initiate the study process. Per Traffic Engineering, a crosswalk is not appropriate in this location. Property maintenance has sited property owners in this area for vegetation overhanging sidewalks. The sidewalk for Brandywine was on the list for consideration in our 2016-2021 priority list, but it did not make it to the top of the list when compared against all the others. The current priority list that will be presented to council is based on a lot of factors, such as proximity to schools, transit stops, office/shopping, parks, etc... as well as connectivity, complexity, size, speed limits, etc... it will remail on the list for future consideration. Szakos: please cite people for growth into the road. She seconded the request for a sidewalk here. Galvin: supports a sidewalk and a crosswalk to help alert auto-users that this is a pedestrian area. Is this on the Streets That Work program? Creasy: this area is included in the framework mapping.	Materials were forwarded.	

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6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1411 Gentry Lane	Born and raised in Charlottesville and has a lot of pride for the City. National Flag Day is in three days, and we could take advantage of the talented members of our community to design a flag with great symbolism that we could rally under.	Michael Lake		Huja: we have had one before, and we should look at this again.	No action taken at this time	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1711 King Mountain Road	She thanked the City for providing separate recycling. The City is losing money on its trash collection, because stickers don't match the gallon size of the trash containers. Also, there are a lot of leaf bags people have left out recently with no trash stickers, and pick up was April 6.	Lee Scott		Szakos: with recycling and composting, you can save a lot of money on garbage, especially if you use tags instead of stickers	No action required	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1920 Blue Ridge Road	1) He said they wish they had a 60 foot right-of-way. When one lane is blocked, the other has to carry two-way traffic. There are two hairpin turns on Blue Ridge Rd. One creates a single lane with a blind curve when a car is parked there. 2) Also on the corner of Rugby heading east on Blue Ridge, there is a house on the left that has 12-14' high hedges, so the site line is zero around that corner. 3) The City has required them to keep their hedge trimmed down to a reasonable level, but since Blue Ridge is coming downhill, the hedge is still higher than the road. If cars are parked on either side of the road on Blue Ridge, even if they are staggered, the interval between them makes it impossible for a large vehicle to get through. Signs saying "Park on One Side of the Road" are by and large observed, but not always. You can enter Blue Ridge and see one sign, then not see another for several hundred feet. Getting a fire engine in with the staggered parking would be impossible. A sign was recently removed by a landscaper on the corner of Hilltop and is lying on the ground. There should be no parking signs on the curb. Gardeners should not be allowed to park close to the intersection, because it creates a blind curve. 4) There should be no parking within a certain distance from the intersection.	Bob Epstein		Huja asked staff to look into these suggestions. 2) Staff checked the hedges and found them to be in compliance. They meet the current height requirements for the site distance triangle and there isn't currently anything extending into the public right of way. Staff then met with Mr. Epstein in the field and he highlighted his concerns. There are no compliance issues at this time and we are hopeful that the traffic signage will address the concern. 4) There should be no parking on the entire road. We are replacing (2) old "no parking on the side" signs with our standard no parking signs, turning them so they are parrallel with the road, and installing 3 additional signs in this location. Once these signs are installed, please contact us if there are additional concerns.	Hedges are in compliance and signs were replaced	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1334 Rugby Road	He seconded the concerns about the corner of Blue Ridge and Rugby. Coming off the Rugby Rd. hill from the Bypass, there's an abrupt right turn after you pass Hilltop, which has been cleared up pretty well, but it is allowed to grow back from time to time and affects site lines.	Stanley Hazen		Cited the property owner at the corner of Hilltop and Rugby for vegetation into the right of way.	Property was brought into compliance	

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6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1706 Yorktown Drive	She said the deer in her neighborhood numbers over 30 and is increasing. This morning her son was walking the dog, and the dog was attacked by a deer. The deer approach her in her hard and stamp their feet and snot at her. She is worried that small children would be in danger in this situation. She asked if there is any type of program to decrease the numbers. This is a health hazard and a danger to neighbors. We do not have the food for them, and they become sickly and diseased.	Belinda Bruce		Huja: opposed to killing the deer, but supports birth control. Szakos: we are killing them now, on the Bypass with cars. Galvin: we looked into birth control measures a few years ago, but they were extremely expensive. Szakos: you don't want to have hunting in the City because of the close proximity, but there are plans where you can have stands installed and hire professional bow hunters to shoot straight down so there is no danger of hitting people or pets. Fenwick: asked Southern States if they carried birth control for deer, and it is not as simple as it sounds. There should be a way we can do this. Smith: interrupting the reproductive cycle can actually make things worse. Galvin: we need to explore the professional hunting option.	No action taken at this time	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1300 Welford Street	We do not want sidewalks on our street. It makes the street narrower and makes the space for traffic narrower. We have a lot of walkers in our neighborhood, and they won't fit on the sidewalks so they'll be in the street anyway, walking along parked cars. It seems to be perfectly fine the way it is.	Willow Gale		Smith: the concept of shared streets has been shown to make streets safer. Not scheduled for a sidewalk at this time.	No further action required	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1621 Bruce Ave	Intersection where Barracks and Rugby meet. If you're headed out Rugby straight through the intersection is buried in the trees, and you cannot see the light. We need to trim around it.	Maggie Ober				
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1334 Rubby Road	On West High Street, coming up from Preston, there's a light at 1 st Street, and in winter the visibility is fine, but in summer with the foliage, you get too close to be able to see the light and cannot stop. The trees need to be aggressively trimmed to make it a safe intersection.	Stanley Hazen		The owner has a contractor schedule to address. Completion by the end of June 2015.	No further action required.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1602 Del Mar Drive	Her husband appreciates the bike/ped trails and is eagerly anticipating the 250 commuter trail. Her husband thanked the City for the mechanism to note concerns; he gets prompt replies. However, if it is possible to give submitters a message that their message has been received and is being routed to a certain department.	Jennifer McKeever		Gensic: this should be under construction by November, and we have a grant that extends the trail as well.	In process	

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6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1509 Grove Road	Traffic is dangerous, and volume is a main concern. Grove Rd. is a great way for commuters to get to the John Warner Parkway. Take down signs directing people through Grove Rd. to get to CHS; let them use the Bypass/Parkway instead. Panhandlers at the medians – walking the trails between the bypass and the neighborhood, he has seen tents. They are rather hard looking characters, and he wonders if the City is aware of this issue. Are drugs or mental illnesses the issue?	Henry Wiencek		Murphy: the City is involved with TJACH, and we have outreach folks who can come out to the area you are describing. We have put a lot of energy towards housing. We encourage folks to call the police if they feel unsafe, and the police can direct TJACH service people to these individuals. Fenwick: there is a lot of misinformation going around about these individuals. He said there is an interview at cvillicitizen.com, where he's posted an interview he did. Smith: there was an article a few months ago in the Cville Weekly that gives back stories. Galvin: are police aware of the encampments? Officer: we are aware if we are told about it. We do go to find out if they have permission to be on the properties, and if not, they are asked to leave. Traffic Engineer has forwarded the petition materials needed to initiate the study process. Removing signs is not recommended. Wayfinding signs do not impede sight distance and help prevent unnecessary traffic caused by people getting lost, looking for the school.	Traffic petition was mailed out and wayfinding signs will not be removed.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1429 Westwood Road	He said there are burdensome taxes and wasteful spending that goes on around the City. What is the reason for the resignation of the Director of the Office of Human Rights? We have wasted thousands of dollars on that office, and shouldn't we do away with wasteful programs that have been proven not to do anything. Be more frugal with our money and look at ways to save money before you keep raising taxes.	John Heyden		Szakos: the reason the Director resigned is a personnel issue and won't be discussed here. The amount of prosecution is not its primary purpose, so I don't see it as a waste. Galvin: The City Manager has been tasked with reviewing cost savings and efficiencies for every department.	No further action on Human Rights. Council has not voted to engage a consultant for an efficiency study at this time. City Management staff are investigating	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1624 Mason Lane	The light at the corner of Mason Ln., Barracks and Rugby – the pedestrian light is an issue. Coming from Mason Ln. going across Rugby Rd., the pedestrian light only works well if you are a runner. People going towards the University get the green light 2 seconds after the pedestrian light comes on, and pedestrians get caught in the crosswalk. The best time is if it coincides with the left turn light as you're coming up Barracks.	Penny Ward		Public works was informed of the concern on June 16. Staff tested the pedestrian light June 17 th , 2015 and it worked correctly.	Resolved	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1508 Grove Road	School buses and delivery trucks come through creating a lot of traffic. Is there a noise ordinance in the City? There are many motorcycles that come up and down through the Bypass, then through the neighborhood and through the school, and a silver truck does the same thing. It gets really noisy. Kids who sit at the stop sign and blast their music rattles her windows.	Sue Hart		Szakos: call the police if someone is circling as quickly as you can, but other times it's difficult because by the time the police come, there's not much they can do. Ms. Hart said the police can put sound equipment in her house if they'd like. Fenwick: you can download an app on your phone and at least tell the police when they arrive of what the decibel level you measured is, even though it's not admissible.	No further action required.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowborook Hills/Rugby	1704 Concord Drive	What is the traffic study and reasoning behind new traffic lights at the Park St. bridge? Traffic flowed smoothly with the new bypass, and now that the lights have been turned on, it backs up and doesn't flow.	Ned Michie		Szakos: a concern was that traffic backed out onto the bypass trying to turn onto Park St. Creasy: the lights were required as part of the bypass project; it was a federal regulation, and the City wasn't able to have a say. Studies are available. The lights just came on yesterday, and there are quirks; these are anticipated, and engineers are out now watching sequencing to see what tweaks need to be made. This will take a couple of days, and it will not be perfect for a while. Please call NDS with concerns.	The lights have been adjusted throughout the project as needed.	

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6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	1401 Welford Street	He seconded no sidewalks on Wellford St. Last fall, Council requested a letter from the YMCA stating what would happen if they go insolvent, and he would like an update on whether that letter has been received. He is worried about the Y. The park is not the same as it was when the Y was accepted. There are great plans for the botanical gardens, and there is not parking in the west side of McIntire for the Y. The parking institute wants 490 parking places to accommodate the square footage of the Y, unshared. This will devastate little league, girls softball, botanical gardens and the skate park. Private clubs do not belong in a park. If they go insolvent, there's a 90% buy-out. Council needs to state clearly in the contract that if they go insolvent, the City gets the building, no questions asked. Otherwise his neighborhood streets will become a parking lot.	Randy Page		Smith: the lease is ambiguous, and she worked with the City Attorney to try to make the language clear that if they go insolvent, the City will not have to pay	YMCA vote was taken on 9/21/15 and ground lease amendments were approved 3-2	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	1509 Greenleaf Lane	McIntire Park has no rectangular athletic field. This is supposed to be a shared park, and she heard Council took it out because of politics. Three athletic fields studies done by Parks and Rec show the dearth of fields in this community. We do not have enough fields to support the number of children who need to play. This was put into the 2007 and 2012 Comprehensive Plan. At one point, the number of fields lacking was given as 7. Council would be justified to put a rectangular field back in and would have every justification.	Camille Wilson		Galvin: asked Daly what the justification for the park design was. Szakos: we've added a rectangular field at Davis and Tonsler. Citizen said the Davis field was already used in the study. Daly: described the two master planning efforts for McIntire Park, one for the west side to cite the YMCA footprint and do some other adjustments in 2006, and included at the time the Y footprint. Subsequently, Council decided to retain the existing diamond fields on the west side of the park since the Y footprint shrank. On the east side of the park, the City's master planning process guided that and all master planning for parks since then. This was adopted by Council in September 2012.	No further action required.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	1334 Rugby Road	Coming off the bypass going east at both Park and Locust, those bridges were built long ago. They are concrete, and when you get to the top of the hill and want to make a right turn, it's so visually solid that you cannot see southbound traffic coming. Something should be done to improve visibility.	Stanley Hazen		The intersection is built up, and there is unfortunately nothing that can be done to improve sight distance. Staff did not see any vegetation that needs trimming or any site furniture that could be removed.	No further action required.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	2021 Hessian Road	Traffic is a failure of the arterial road system in Charlottesville. Afternoon commuters especially use neighborhood roads instead of the arterial roads. He recommended a 15 mph speed limit in residential neighborhoods, which requires enabling legislation from the state. Any residential streets that don't have sidewalks should have the 15 mph limit. Barracks Rd. leaving town has enough space to have two outgoing lanes, which would keep outbound cut-through traffic on arterial roads. This would be at Preston Ave. as it comes down to Barracks.	Michael Masters		Smith: Preston was intended to be four lane, she thought Traffic cuts through this road in the afternoons We are unable to prevent vehicles from cutting through public roads. Would like to see a 15 mile per hour speed limit for any street in the City without a sidewalk There are no City roads in Charlottesville with a speed limit lower than 25mph. The only exception at this time is in school zones during drop off and pick-up hours. Preston to Barracks Road (west) – make this 2 lanes – keep cars on the arterial so people don't cut through neighborhood streets – remove parking on Preston/Barracks In order to make Preston 2 lanes, we would have to remove turning lanes, which help to get traffic off of Preston while someone	No further action required.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	2304 Angus Road	She said she is concerned about the park proposed for Angus Rd. It is one thing if it were just for the children, but Angus Rd. has speeders. Most of the residents there are retired. We don't want a park here.	Kathleen Hutchinson			No further action required.	

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6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	2303 Angus Road	How can the City put a park between two houses?	Eula Allen		Smith: we have been trying to find an appropriate space for a neighborhood park. Gensic: we got a request from the neighborhood association to find a lot for a park. They found the forested lot came up for auction, and it is the only lot left in the neighborhood without a house on it. It's new to seek urban pocket parks. We are not planning to go to the auction at the moment, because adjacent neighbors object.	No further action required.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	1504 Grove Road	Traffic – volume and speed – is an issue on Grove Rd. In July 1995, there were no stop signs at Yorktown or Concord. Speed of traffic, including school buses, would speed down the hill going 50 mph or more. They petitioned for those stop signs, and it has helped reduce speed. Speeding is still an issue on Grove Rd., and there have been many pets killed. Stop signs can make a huge difference. There is a problem with shrubbery down Grove Rd. Shrubs and mailboxes jut into the sidewalk, and we have to walk into the street to avoid them. There are a lot of kids walking along this area, and they step off the curb to avoid them, creating a dangerous safety situation.	Margaret Browning		Smith: is it legal for a mailbox to be in the right-of-way of a sidewalk? The traffic volumes from the study in 2011 do not warrant any traffic calming infrastructure. Traffic Engineering can forward the petition materials needed to initiate the study process if there is interest. Staff coordinated with the Post Office as well as additional regulations concerning mailboxes. The locations are in compliance. Property Maintenance has cited 6 property owners for vegetation over the sidewalk. Letters went out June 17th.	The mailbox is not impeding traffic in any way. Petition materials have been forwarded. Properties were sited for vegetation violations.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	1309 Carter Lane	The shrubbery at the 250 Bypass entrance has a lot of overgrown shrubbery that needs to be cut back. There needs to be an acceleration lane there; is there space between the bridge and Dairy Rd.? The lights at 250 and the Parkway need to be straightened out, because the timing is off. When the light in front of you turns green, your light turns red. The Harris St. entrance is an abomination, because there used to be two lanes that one lane could back up from McIntire, and now it's all funneled into one lane. Deer are always traipsing through his yard, and he fears Lyme disease. If they do bow hunting, arrows should have an explosive tip to kill the deer on impact. The lights at Rugby/Preston are all three red at the same time.	Jerry Deily		Zoning reviewed the 250 by pass entrance intersection. When entering 250 from Dairy Road heading eastbound there are two trees between the ramp and travel lanes. The tree closest to the merge point sits approximately forty (40) feet back, and thus poses no sight distance issue. When entering 250 westbound from Meadowbrook Heights Road there are trees/shrubs on the left that prevent a clear view of oncoming traffic prior to reaching the stop sign. However, once at the stop sign, in a position to merge into traffic, there is a clear line of sight for several hundred feet. At this time we are unable to find a violation or determine where the concern may be. Rugby/Preston/Rugby light - Staff sat at the light around 10:30 am on Wednesday, and the red light cycle was about 90 seconds, which is normal. Public Works was contacted to see if there have been concerns recieved. Staff would be happy to look at this light again if the problem persists.	No further action required.	
6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	1600 Concord Drive	The amount of traffic and their speed, and the trucks, dump trucks go back and forth all day long, large trucks carrying equipment, and huge tractor trailer trucks travel this street regularly. She seconded that the deer problem is bad.	Sue Watson		Szakos: is this street eligible for a no trucks or no heavy trucks sign? Creasy: I have a note to examine this, but it is a higher classification road than Grove, and it is a main throughway. We will have our traffic engineer take a look. Galvin: we need a truck route map for the City. Huja: we have one. Galvin: has it been updated? No one has been referencing it. It needs to be updated. Fenwick: he said this road could be on Google maps or Mapquest before the Parkway was changed. Henry Winseck: we have been talking about Grove Rd. for 10 years. What is the procedure for changing it from a feeder road? It's only getting worse. Christy and Donovan will need to discuss the city's no thru trucks policy. There is not current truck route map at this time. It was a recommendations from the May 2014 STW charette and we anticipate it being part of that process. JWW does show up on Google Maps. Notification has been sent to the other mapping applications of the update.	There is a future effort being planned to look at this entire area for traffic concerns.	

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6/11/2015	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	1450 Rugby Road	There is a deer problem, and you should go to Youtube and look up deer attacks dog to see how dangerous "Bambi" can be if you think deer are innocent. We live on 1450 Rugby Rd., and there is a 1450 Rugby Ave. Everyone down our street between Dairy and the bypass, people are always mistaking the two. How difficult is it to get a number change? Traffic between Dairy, Gentry and Rugby, and the 250 Bypass – coming up the road, a driver is always on her side of the street going down the road. They are told no sidewalks, speed bumps, or stop signs are warranted. What can they do? Another Citizen: what about traffic signs that flash your speed?	Patricia Taylor		Creasy: we have someone who handles numeric addressing, and we can look into that to see what the options would be. Galvin: why wasn't that area of Rugby Rd. not eligible for sidewalks or stop signs? This item will be shared with the consultants. Staff noted that only the Rugby Road address could be changed due to addressing patterns. It was recommended that the occupant provide detailed directions to those who need to reach this destination. Speaker: we were told it is too steep, not wide enough, and curves cause drainage issues. Staff noted that only the Rugby Road address could be changed due to addressing patterns. It was recommended that the occupant provide detailed directions to those who need to reach this destination. Galvin: this is something we should put before the Toole Design group.	No further action required.	
	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby		She said she noticed that Grove Road doesn't have a speed limit sign on the Meadowbrook Road end, and one might help remind people to go slower. She also suggested a speed limit sign on Yorktown Road near there.	Sue Hart		Staff reviewed these areas and found there to be sufficient speed limit signage in these locations.	No further action required.	
	Greenbrier/The Meadows/ Meadowbrook Hills/Rugby	1619 Oxford Road	Neither my husband nor I could attend the June 11 town hall meeting for our neighborhood, but I wanted to echo a concern that I know was raised about the deer roaming through our neighborhood and jumping our fences into our yards. Deer are hazardous for a number of reasons, all of which I am sure were brought up at the meeting: 1. they eat the organic vegetables we're growing in our backyards as well as expensive flowers and shrubs 2) they contribute to the increase in the number of ticks in our yards that carry dangerous diseases 3) they pose significant traffic hazards. Other towns and cities in Virginia and elsewhere control the deer population in urban areas. I very much hope that Charlottesville will in the future. Because there are no longer any natural predators for deer either in towns or cities or in the wild, and because hunting is not allowed in the city, the deer population is increasing. I'm sure no one wants to reintroduce their natural predators--mountain lions, etc.--so I hope that Council will come up with another way, such as bow hunting by trained professionals, and then give the venison to local food banks. I am also concerned about the panhandlers at the intersections on 250 bypass and around Barracks Road shopping area. While I feel bad for their plight, they pose a danger to themselves, to motorists, and to the dogs that accompany some of them, and their presence at these intersections (and on the downtown mall) suggests that Charlottesville does not have services to help them. My husband was on a research trip across country this spring. He traveled through 24 states and did not see people beggin at intersections in any other state. I am sure there are homeless, needy people in every state, but elsewhere they are being redirected to homeless shelters, employments centers, food kitchens, etc. Charlottesville should redirect those people who are panhandling at intersections to the local facilities that could really help them.	Suzanne Jones 434-977-0630 sjones@richmond.edu				

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