



Survey Approach

- 18.6% of CRA Membership participation (*132 of 710 email contacts responded*).
- Emailed to membership July 29th & Survey closed August 20th.
Multiple reminders provided in follow-up emails.
- Neutral introduction provided to each of the 16 topics, with most topic introductions included links for more background.
- Each topic followed by directional statements requesting views be expressed as “Agree, Disagree” or No Response.
 - No Response can infer: no interest, no time, no viewpoint, or not informed enough to reply.
- Bar graph per topic shows each statement with % of Agree, Disagree or No Response
- All comments provided per topic follow each graph.

16 Current Hot Topics Surveyed

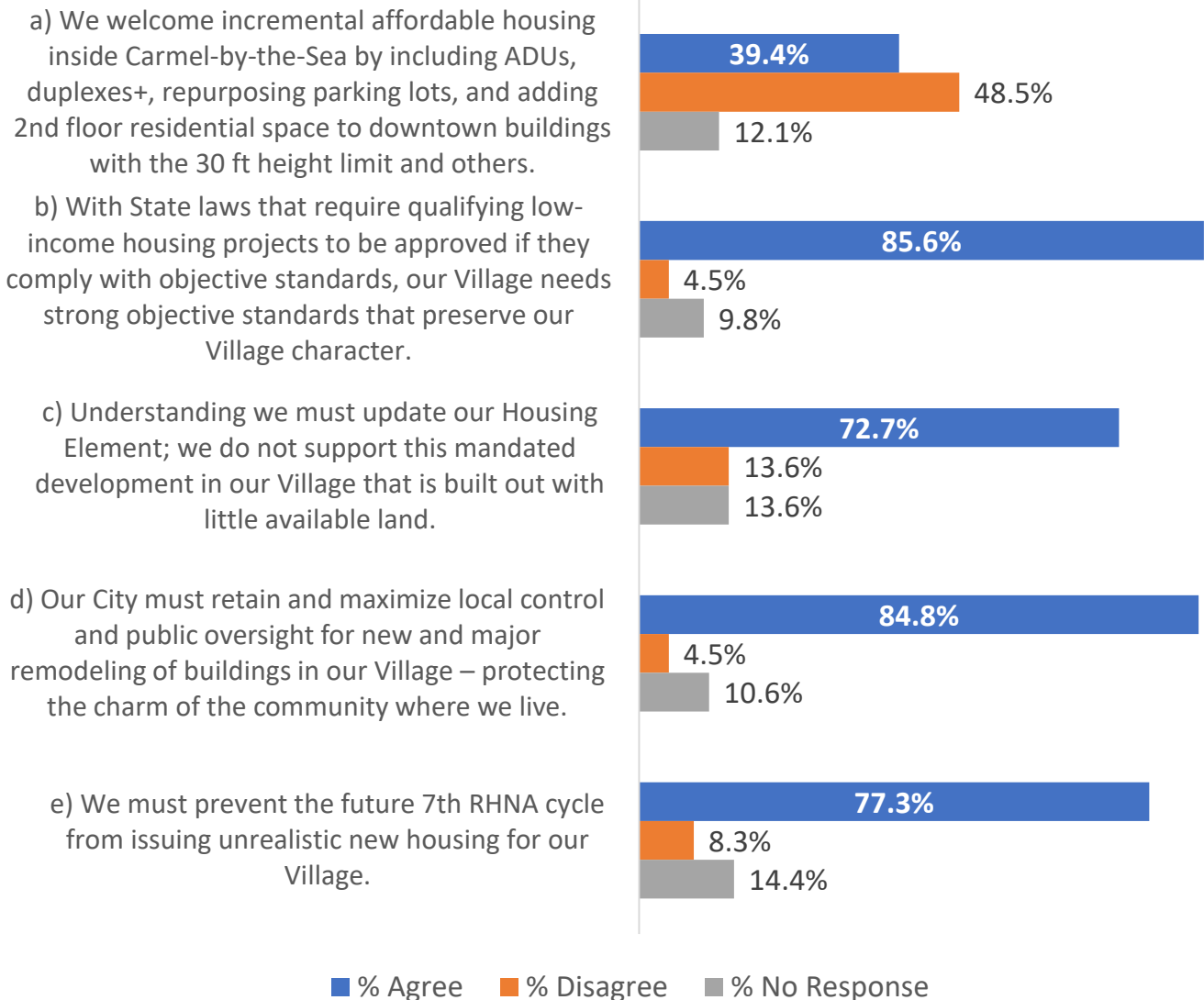
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| 1. Revised Housing Element | 9. Trees in Carmel |
| 2. Design Traditions Revisions | 10. Village Parks Maintenance |
| 3. Reinstating Design Review Board | 11. Beautification of Public Spaces |
| 4. ADU's Ordinance Update | 12. Capital Improvement Projects |
| 5. Police Station+ Rebuild | 13. Climate Action Planning |
| 6. Parking & Traffic Management | 14. Fire & Ambulance Services |
| 7. Revised Telecom Ordinance | 15. Police Protection Services |
| 8. Addresses & Post Office | 16. Scout House & Flanders Mansion |
| | 17. General Comments – No Topic |

APPENDIX Includes

- Email sent to members welcoming their survey participation
- All introductions provided to each topic in the original survey

Topic #1 Housing Element – Findings

1. Updating Housing Element (RHNA) with plans for 349 new housing units for 6th Cycle over 2024 -2032



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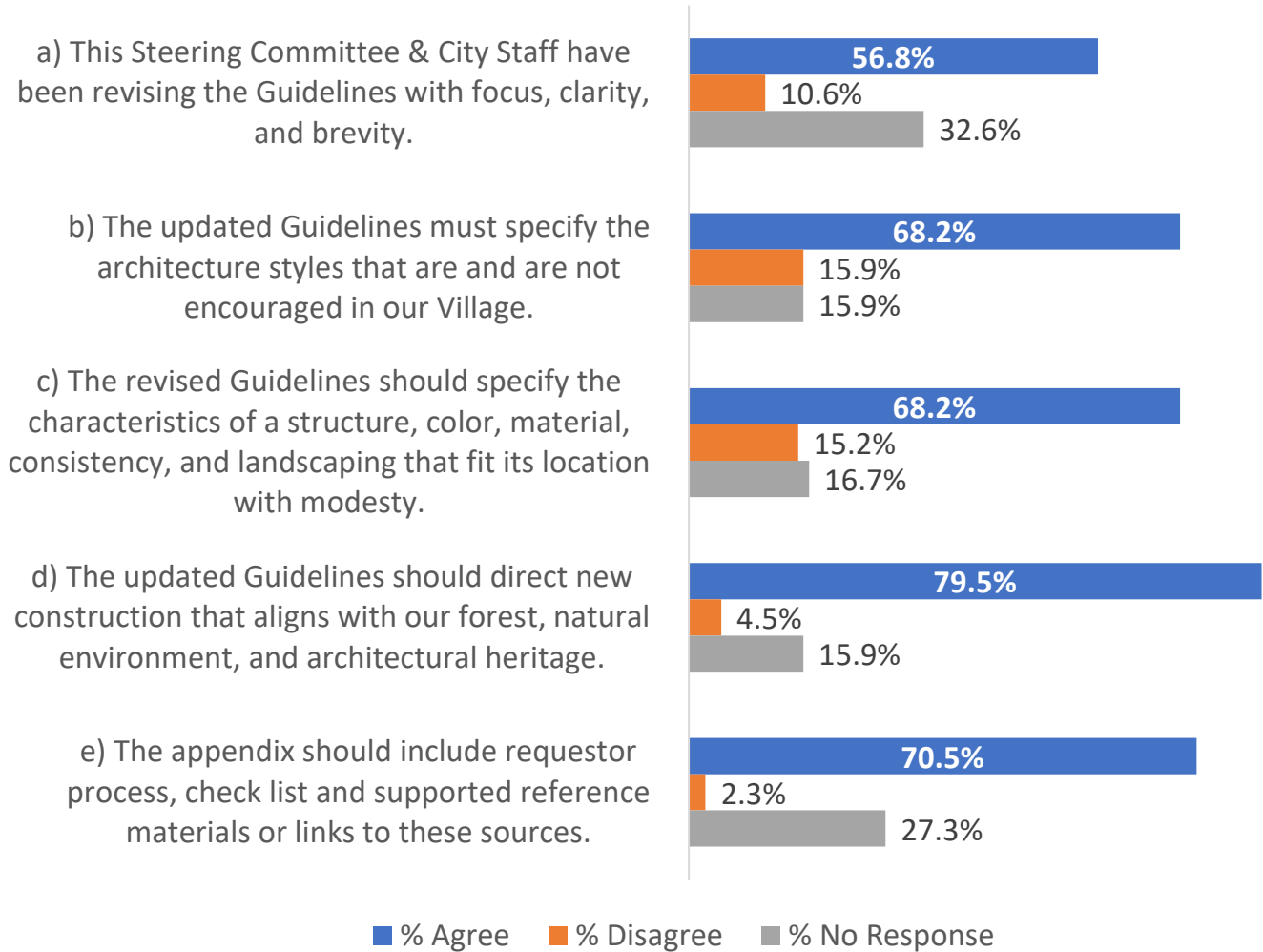
- *Unrealistic and overreaching state laws need to be fought.*
- *We must fight for local control. I am very concerned about the visual impact of increased density, especially in the downtown areas.*
- *Our City is unique and should be considered that way by the state. We do have some responsibility to increase housing. It should be on an individual basis.*
- *This mandate is extremely unrealistic given the property values within our Village. Lack of Parking, traffic, and overcrowding are key problems related to this mandate.*
- *The Village is built up. The mandate is firm. The City must insist that we can meet only minimal additional housing.*

- *I could consider squeezing in another 50 to 100 units, but not more than that. We need to fight more for local control, pushback vs. state, raise awareness of Our Neighborhood Voices.*
- *A cohesive community exploration of the viable options is always best.*
- *What about water?*
- *Find the water before mandating anything.*
- *Units above commercial buildings OK. Not sure where other units might be located.*
- *Would have been so much better if this were a county instead of City mandate. I am very against adding housing in parking lot areas in Carmel. I feel that it should be preserved with a Village feel!!!*
- *Our small town cannot and should not accept 349 new homes just because the current politicians think it a good idea.*
- *State mandates for housing in a community like Carmel are ridiculous. This is just one more example of big government mandating our lives!*
- *Somehow encourage owners of vacant properties to put them into rental stock, perhaps with subsidies.*
- *This “one size fits all” approach by the state is outrageous!*
- *Our Village is too small to add 349 more homes. There’s a lot of room in California eastbound.*
- *We must retain local control of our housing needs.*
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- *Our downtown area cannot support any more housing, due to the automobile parking issues, and traffic.*
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- *The State’s approach does not make sense for cities that are basically built out.*
- *We cannot lose local control of our one hundred seven-year-old planning standards.*
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- *Stop fighting the mandate itself—we do need housing for our service workers, elders, and locals downsizing. Put effort into making sure denser development meets City charm & light footprint.*
- *We must preserve the unique town character.*
- *Yes, in my backyard has my support.*
- *We should not be relinquishing strict control of zoning and building permits to state mandates.*
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- *I deplore the transformation of Carmel into a wealthy enclave, and I welcome a plan to bring more economic diversity back to this remarkable Village.*
- *This proposal would effectively remove parking availability within Carmel exacerbating the lack of parking and would further increase density without available land.*
- *Disagree to take over current parking. Plenty of opportunity with in the existing one square mile to add ADU's; create bungalow courts or duplexes.*
- *Very opposed to encouraging this, and that includes use of parking areas such as the north side of the Sunset Center.*
- *We also need to use the utmost Common Sense when evaluating remodels and design. Not everyone will agree on different designs but let's use some common sense.*
- *Strongly opposed to further densification and subdivision of lots.*
- *State wants to take over all our local zoning and building standards and should be prevented from doing so.*
- *Carmel by the Sea is a unique and very small Village and should not have change its character to house low-income people!*
- *Second homeowners and real estate speculators should be required to help pay for affordable housing. They both have contributed mightily to the problem.*
- *Carmel By The Sea should not add 349 new housing units. Has the City challenged how this number was determined? This exercise is a total waste of time and money given our lack of water to service even 10% of this number of additional units.*
- *Affordable housing should be subsidized by speculators in real estate.*
- *Don't let a ridiculous state mandate ruin one of the few fine and functional California towns. (originally provided in #17 Summary)*
- *Having Flanders and Scout House lie idle is not acceptable when we are in need of housing. (originally provided on #10 Parks)*
- *There must be allowances for affordable housing to be available - it is not just the wealthy elite who live here. (originally provided in #12 Capital Improvements)*
- *Discourage proposals to tax/penalize part time homeowners. They pay full taxes and only use facilities when here. (originally provided in #17 Summary)*

Topic #2 Design Traditions (Architecture) – Findings

2. Design Traditions 1.5 revised Design Guidelines Project - Carmel Architecture



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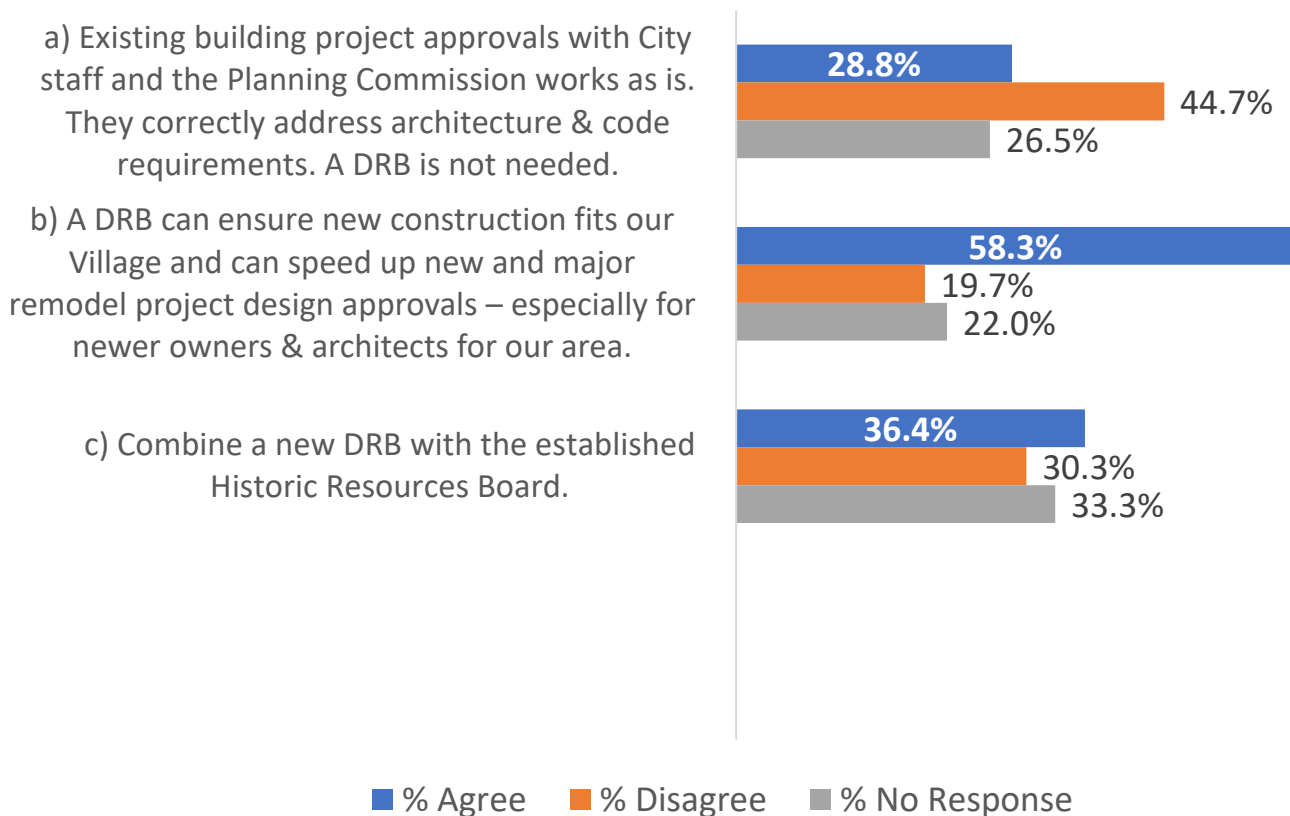
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Topic #3 Design Review Board – Findings

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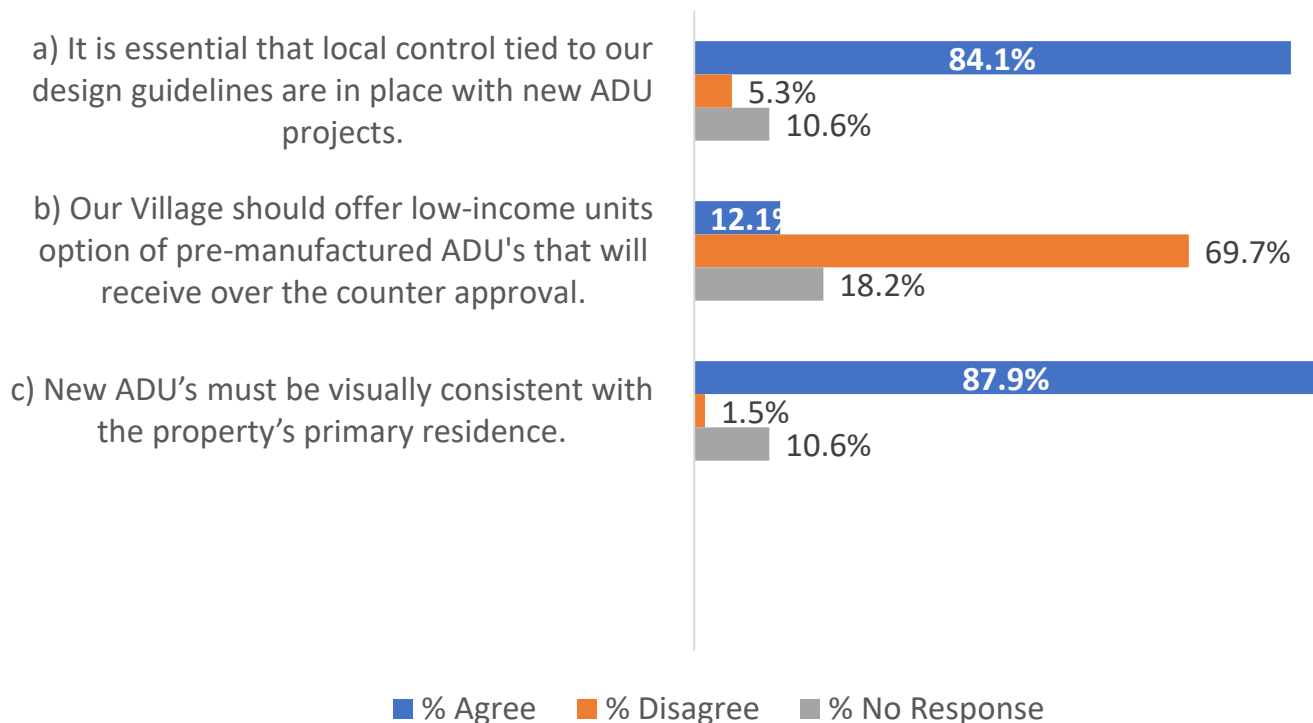
- Support Carmel's entire architectural history and not just English Revival.
- Our update should not specify specific building styles....only characteristics, quality, fit, etc.
- Too many restrictions will have our town looking like tract housing that all looks alike. Each design should be considered on its own merits in style.
- Not sure about the brevity part of #1. But clarity - yes!
- Carmel is not fairyland. Architecture is art and it takes many forms.

- *Nore Winter's 200 pages are bloated, not user friendly & need to be streamlined*
- *I do not think that large glass windows, concrete and square boxed houses or building complement Carmel by the sea.*
- *Just keep it simple and clear with an emphasis on a quick uncomplicated approval process.*
- *There should be a couple photos that show examples of acceptable modern architectural styles.*
- *We must assure that the new guidelines maintain the old-world charm of CBTS.*
- *Contemporary architecture, as we have seen of late, is not representative of quaint Carmel by the sea.*
- *Recommend allowing metal shingle roofs which are 100% fireproof, and are the lightest roof material, therefore substantially reduces risk of earthquake damage.*
- *I feel like the focus is not about clarity and brevity, but about control. I'm not sure I agree that all the control desired by all the people is in our best interests. Some of the statements above are extremely vague.*
- *Modern design should be excluded from Carmel by the Sea. That is not what brings most people here and it detracts from the charm of the Village.*
- *We must keep Carmel unique with its charming architecture, and not allow modern styles, people come to Carmel to visit the charm.*
- *Awkward questions.*
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Topic #4 ADU – Findings

4. Auxiliary Housing Unit (ADU) Ordinance & Update



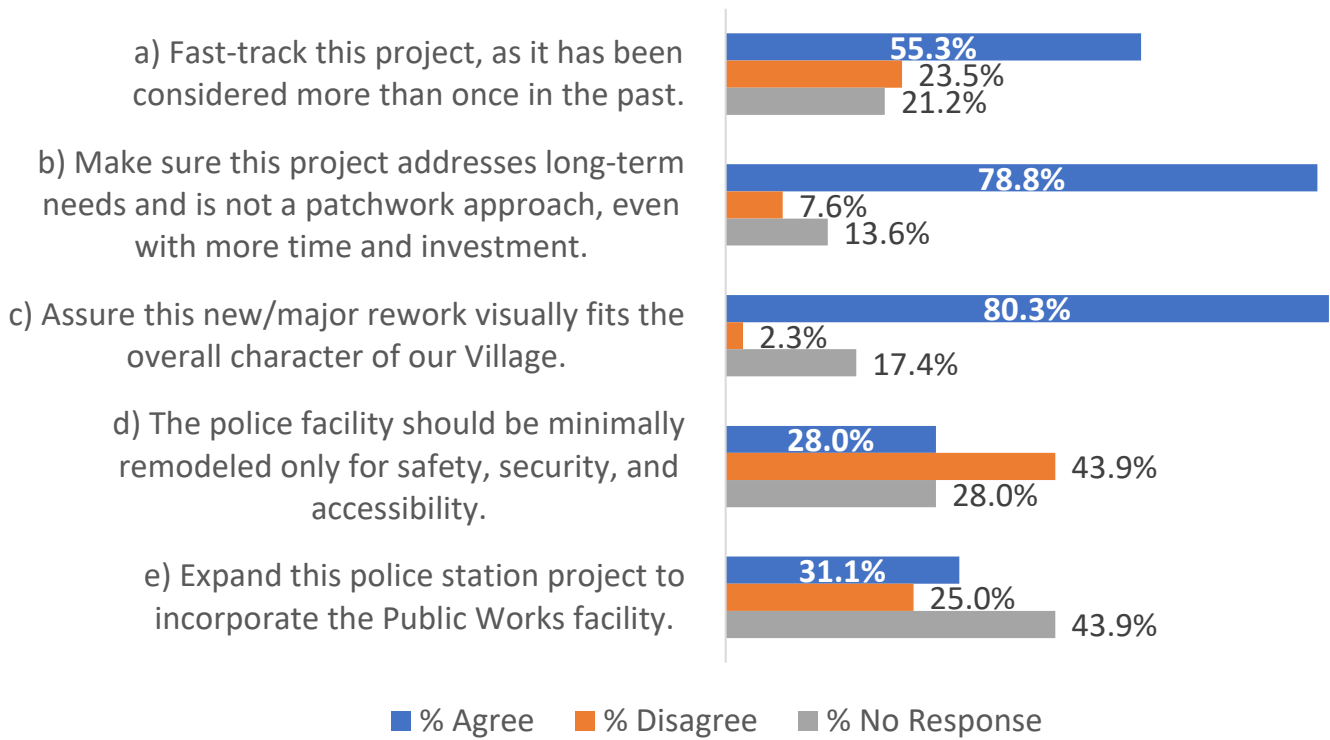
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- *A Design Review Board can meet more frequently to help builders and clients design homes they like within the character of the Village that brought most of them here in the first place.*
- *DRB is a must for our Village, residents need to be on this board, people that live in our Village only.*
- *Pacific Grove has a DRB that provides important input*
- *Right on!*

- *If design guidelines are clear the planning commission should be able to handle this. HRB has different charter and expertise.*
- *Don't know enough about the powers of this board, but if it facilitates maintaining original character of Village construction, yes please. The IKEA-box style fill-all-available-square-footage-for-maximum-investment \$ styles are a blight.*
- *Uninformed members inevitably dictate their own uneducated architectural taste*
- *Current system is working fine. Contemporary houses that fit design standards should be welcome. Character and progress can go hand in hand.*
- *The Design Review Board should never have been disbanded.*
- *A DRB is an unnecessary additional layer of bureaucracy. Whether the current planning process works is another question.*
- *Just be fair concerning each project.*
- *Unfortunate we are unable to duplicate Comstock type houses due to design restrictions.it is what we love the most about our community.*
- *Good in my view except involving Historical Resources Board.*
- *They are overly restrictive.*
- *This survey does not capture the complexity of this issue and the heritage can be maintained while honoring and respecting newer designs.*
- *Planning Commission is too bogged down with design ad has little time for long range planning etc.*
- *We need a design review board that helps everyone to focus on the character of the Town.*
- *The Historic Resources board has treated the "Man from Monte Carlo" and others very shabbily. It should not further muddy an applicant's process with the DRB.*

Topic #5 Police Station Rebuild - Findings

5. Police Station Rebuild Plans



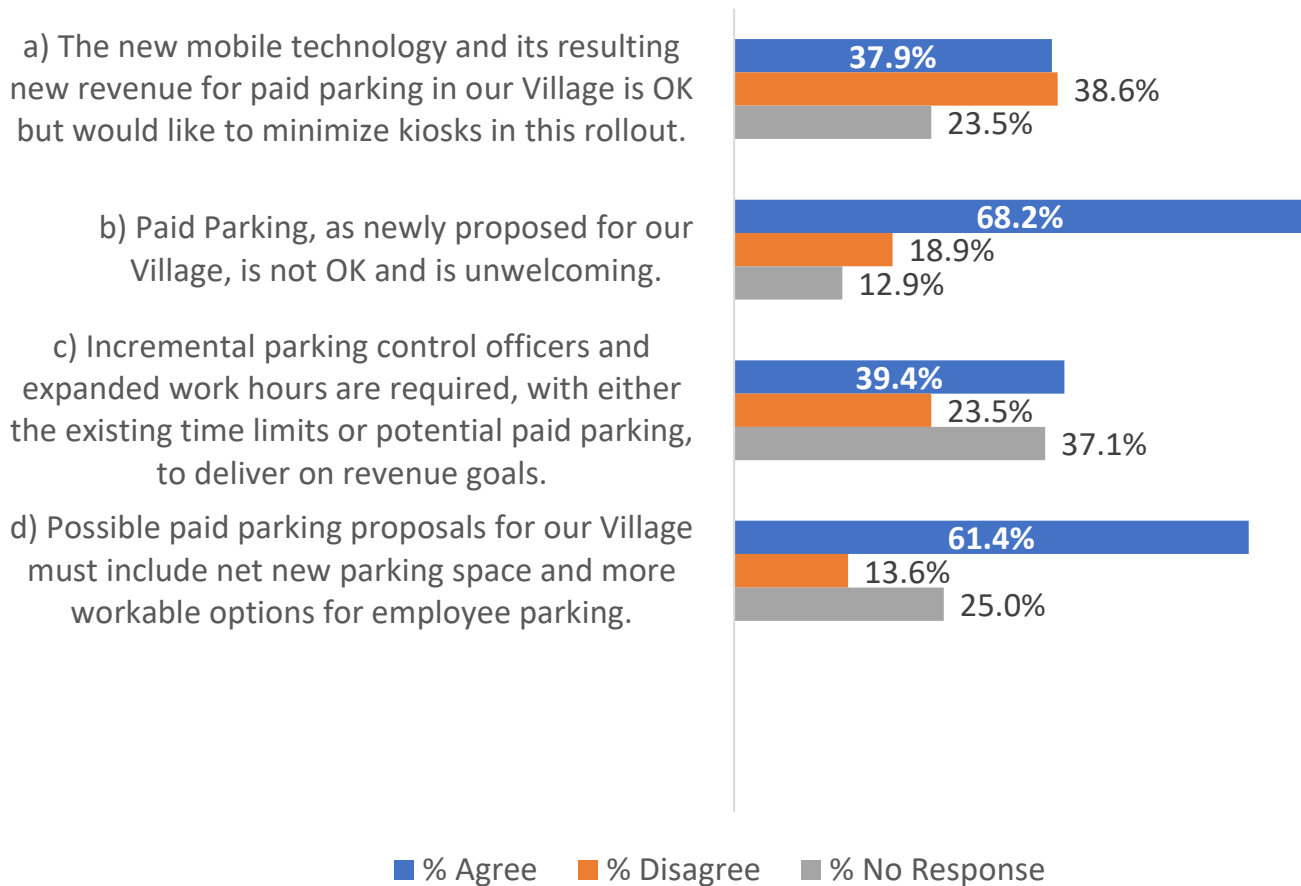
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- *Don't make it too big.*
- *Do we really need it? Let's concentrate on the housing mandate.*
- *We as a community need to find a way to fund this multi-million-dollar project. Top priority!*
- *Let's at least have a private room where the police may interview individuals as opposed to standing in the public police lobby.*
- *The inside should be done first. The outside may just need painting, landscape. It looks pretty good.*
- *Too much money that could be spent on other enhancements to our City.*
- *Get an architect that understands the character of Carmel, not someone who throws up modern boxes!*
- *Difficult to answer without the details. Do the inside first. Paint and landscape the outside is fine.*
- *Needs to be high-security so that if a flash mob coordinated with social media were to attack the station, it would be secure. Not a pleasant thought, but given the relative proximity to the Bay Area, it is within the realm of possibility.*
- *Spend 5 minutes in the Police Station. It needs to comply with the law (ironically) and our employees in there deserve to work in a safe place. We dishonor our Force by not supporting forward movement on this, SOON.*

- *We have little crime and working here should be considered a privilege. It is important to have a comfortable working environment, but spending millions is completely unnecessary.*
- *With the size of force and the low crime, Carmel does not need gyms, locker rooms, holding cells, etc. etc. just make it safe and clean, and function.*
- *It's way past time to get this done. The police station is in very poor shape.*
- *Sooner rather than later, please.*
- *Both facilities are old and in need of major upgrades.*
- *Police station should be prioritized for safety and accessibility (walkable from Village). Public Works doesn't need to be in prime access location?*
- *Let's make a decision now and move forward.*
- *A budget should be developed up-front so we don't design a project we can't afford to build. The plan should be practical.*
- *Get it done.*
- *They need to make this building look like Carmel. The current building doesn't fit the Village. I think one at a time when it comes to public works unless they are in the same building.*
- *The remodel must include needed functional improvements to better improve the work and public service environment.*
- *Do what is necessary to provide full service.*

Topic #6 Parking & Traffic Management – Findings

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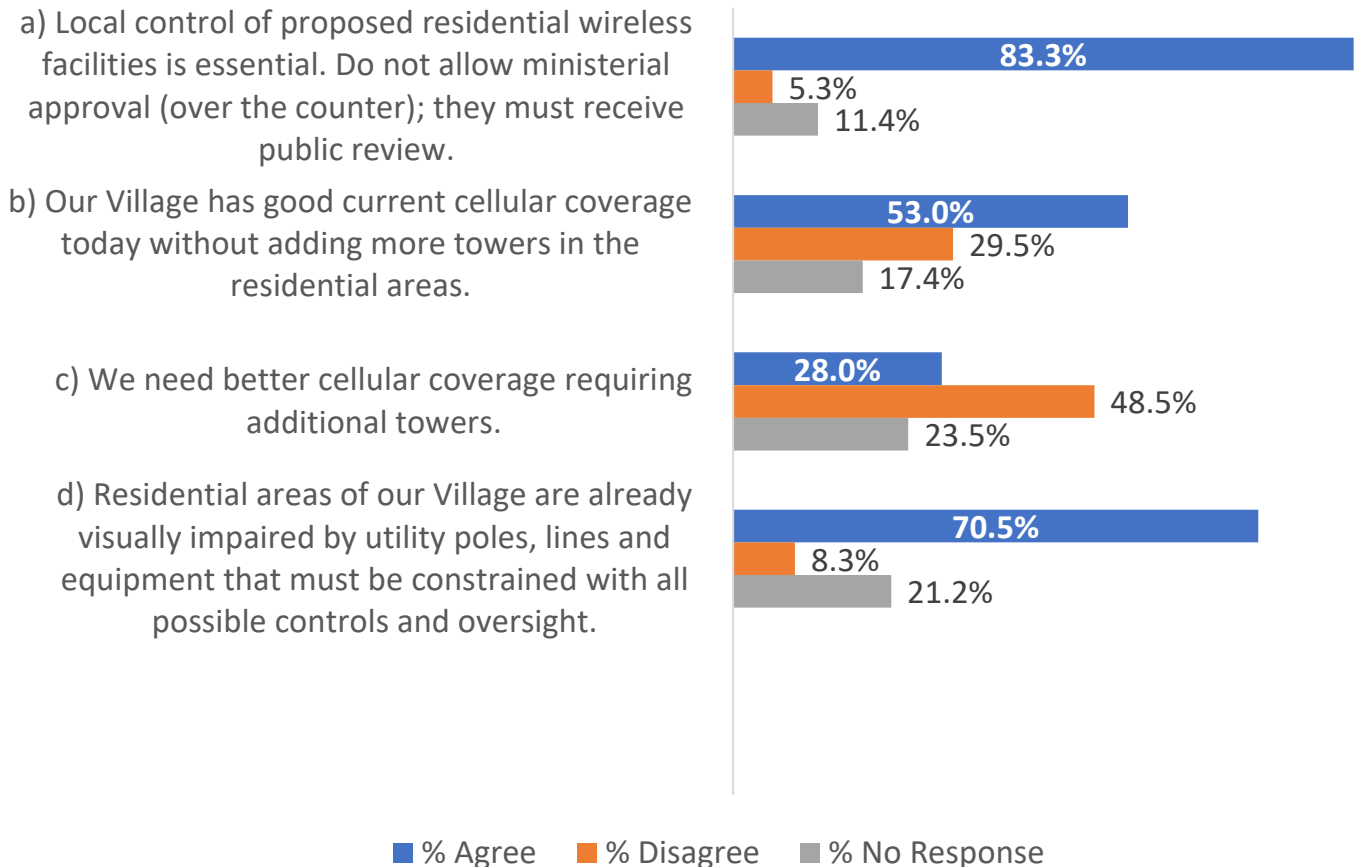
- *I am opposed to paid parking on the streets of Carmel. I am supportive of finding ways to make employee parking easier and more affordable for employees. I am supportive of creating more parking possibilities.*
- *We need more parking spaces in a facility that could be paid parking funded by a bond. We need more spaces, not just more money while we annoy residents and tourists alike.*
- *Paid parking has never worked in the past, the two-hour limit is fine, meters are slightly, let's help make our visitors feel welcome.*
- *No paid parking. We require more enforcement.*
- *The plan includes only 4 kiosks in the whole downtown district. Technology has changed drastically since 2014. There is no comparison.*
- *I fully support the proposal of downtown paid parking. It will reduce congestion and useless circling of cars. Although there will be no more cars and no fewer spaces, they will be utilized for shopping more efficiently.*
- *Paid Parking does not belong in Carmel.*
- *No paid parking.*

- *Definitely need viable options for employee parking. Vista Lobos, Sunset Center north and south lots could be workable solutions.*
- *Don't like idea of paid parking at all. I will not patronize businesses if paid parking area. Paid parking brings higher level of confusion and stress for visitors, encourages economic divide & discriminates against those who can and cannot pay to be in our town.*
- *Employee parking is a priority.*
- *It will discourage people to come to our town and shop and dine.*
- *Enough kiosk would be needed so people can easily identify and use and not have to walk blocks to find.*
- *Residents should pay less/nothing for parking - special resident's sticker.*
- *Proposal for car free zone in downtown each Saturday and Sunday. Reference Back Bay Boston's car free zone on Newbury Street every weekend during summer months. It's a roaring success, especially for the retail businesses.*
- *I think there should be a few blocks in downtown which are pedestrian only. It is just not OK to have delivery trucks, bicycles, pedestrians, motorcycles, and motorized wheelchairs, and parking on all those narrow streets.*
- *Eliminate paid parking; add 4-5 parking officers & staff with Veterans and Handicapped Personnel. Cost less also.*
- *I would be happy to pay for parking if there is a yearly fee and automated enforcement. If I have to pay at a kiosk every time, I will drastically curtail my trips to downtown.*
- *The City needs paid parking. Tourists don't care whether parking is free. Residents should be able to get a sticker every year that allows them to park for free (like Laguna Beach does).*
- *No new parking STRUCTURES to be built in Carmel proper.*
- *Not sure what 6c, above, means, so I didn't answer.*
- *If the City has decided to do this don't waste \$100k+ on useless studies and public sessions. Paso Robles has been a failure and they are now discussing removing it after a couple of years. The revenue didn't happen as expected and EVERYONE hates it.*
- *I would rather pay for parking then drive around looking for a parking space*
- *Do not need paid parking. We visited Paso Robles. Their system is fraught with problems and has not benefited the City financially.*
- *Exempt City residents so long as their vehicle(s) have a valid residential sticker*
- *Oppose it and will avoid going downtown if it is implemented as most of my neighbors agree.*
- *I believe this is necessary because businesses have not taken responsibility to have their employees park outside the business district.*
- *No paid parking. No loss of parking lots currently in existence. No parking proposals that push more tourists and workers into residential neighborhoods.*
- *No paid parking as neighborhoods will suffer from many visitors flooding neighborhoods.*

- *More meter gals or guys are needed. That would be an easier and cheaper and more Carmel solution, especially if we hired retired individuals.*

Topic # 7 Cell Towers – Findings

7. Wireless/Telecom Ordinance Revision



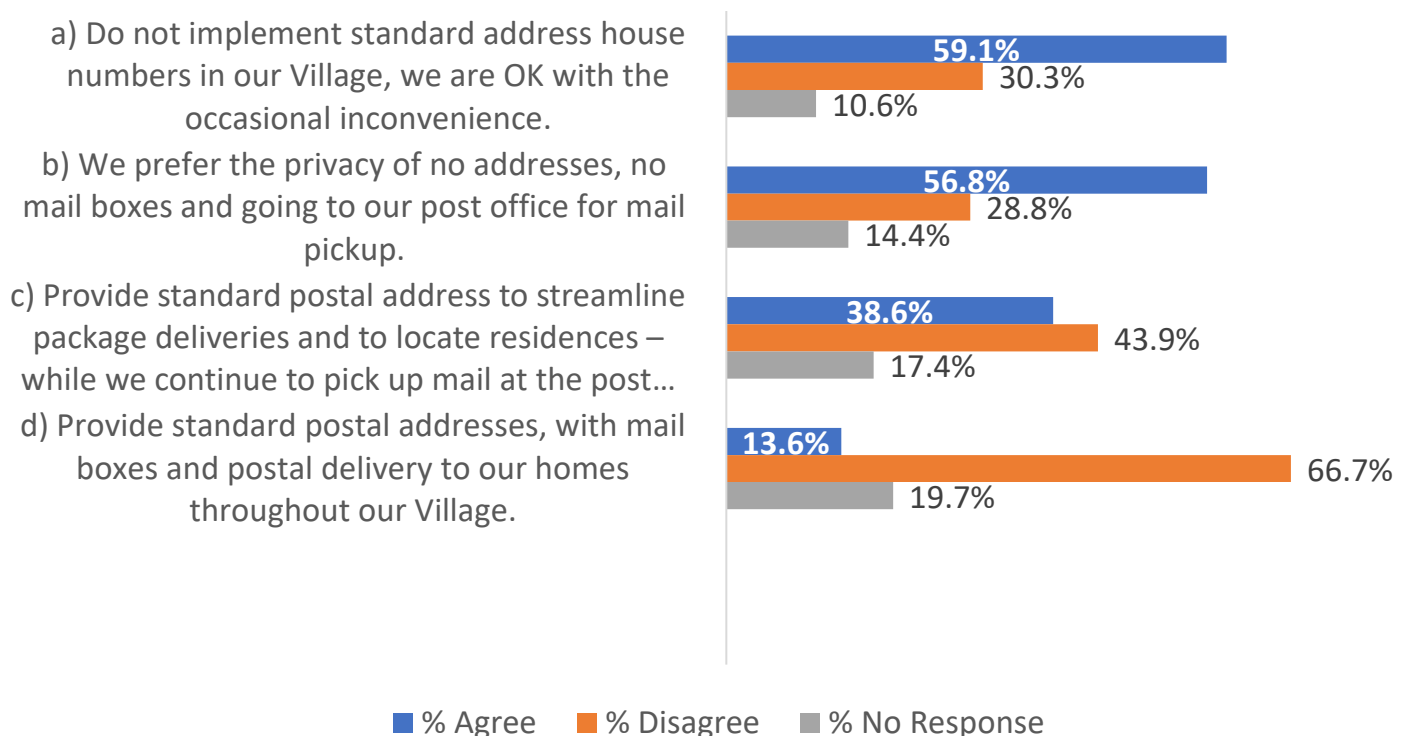
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- *We need to reduce visual clutter. Have the cell companies put wires underground if they want poles everywhere.*
- *Let's get the power lines underground where they belong. Then the cell issues will make better sense to be careful.*
- *Don't lose sight of underground utilities to reduce visual clutter. Might help keep the power on, too!*
- *Once one cell tower is allowed, we cannot stop additional towers.*
- *We cannot lose local control in our Village.*
- *We need to get serious about under grounding utility lines.*
- *Verizon reception at Monte Verde and 10th is poor.*
- *Our poor cellular coverage is a public safety problem. Calling for emergency services is inhibited in several areas of our community and even within my home.*

- *Remove the intrusive traffic cams in residential areas (e.g., Santa Lucia Ave). Clutter, impedes pedestrian walkway, and invasion of privacy.*
- *Keep towers and poles away from our tiny town.*
- *My ATT is fine. Can't speak for other carriers.*
- *We need better cellular coverage WITHOUT additional towers.*
- *Future advancements will address coverage issues. Let the industry solve this, Carmel shouldn't have to.*
- *This is a number one safety issue.*
- *The City has wasted a lot of money on this. Let's learn from this and not let it happen again with another project. This was saved only by diligent public involvement.*
- *Bury the poles.*
- *Time to underground power.*
- *Approve more smaller boosters among existing buildings. The county needs to work on black out areas in Carmel Woods. Carpenter street & west towards the police station needs addressing.*
- *Requiring additional towers or whatever equipment it takes to get service.*
- *Question 7c misleads the public that if you want better wireless telephone service, you need more towers. More towers in closer proximity are for video service.*
- *Need to underground utilities!*

Topic # 8 Addresses & Post Office – Findings

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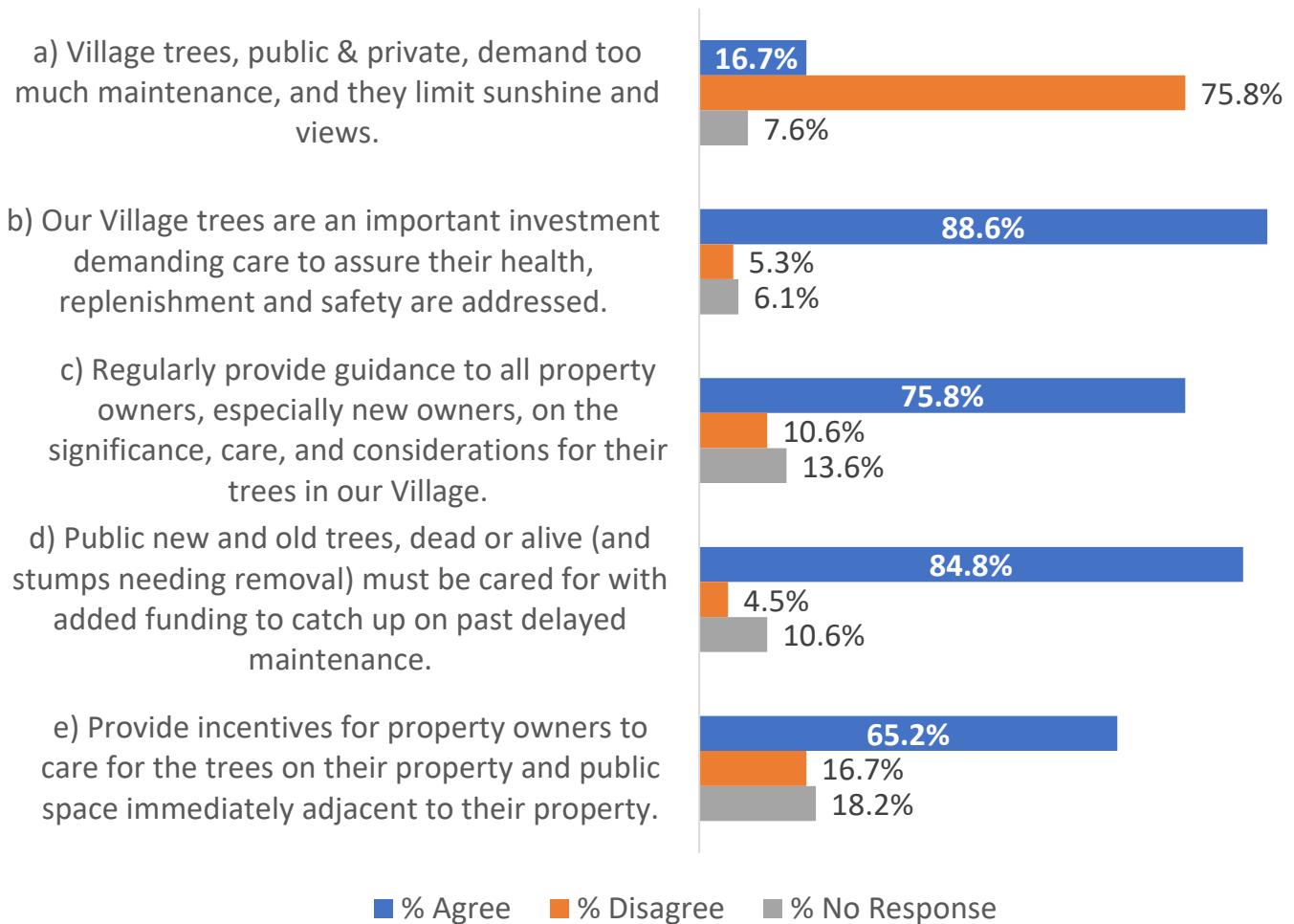
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- *I love not having addresses in our Village...even without occasional inconveniences.*
- *The main problem is the US Postal Service does not recognize Carmel by the sea as a City who has no physical addresses. This impacts financial institutional approvals.*
- *I am okay with having an address and still going to the post office for mail. But I would also be fine with mail delivery.*
- *No address on houses; no postal delivery. Why? Our PO will disappear. Our closest PO will be at the mouth of the Valley.*
- *Once we move to addresses then it leads to solicitation then leads to more trucks then drones etc.*
- *Some homes already have addresses. Should be optional. Name of house combined with address OK.*
- *Once homes are given addresses it will inevitably lead to the eventual closure of the downtown post office.*
- *If you place a house locator e.g., 7NW visible from the street, packages can be delivered easily. 19 out of 20 homes (during my informal walk on every street of CBTS) do NOT have house locator signs. No wonder packages can't be delivered successfully.*
- *Go back to where you came from.*
- *Leave as is!!*
- *Just give us an address so we can be found by delivery drivers, friends, etc.*
- *Let's get going on standard addresses ASAP.*
- *Keep Carmel Carmel.*
- *No to numbers. residents to make a Village looking sign with address for their home or fence.*
- *The post office seems curiously uninterested in making sure we get mail that comes to the post office. I cannot imagine that they will be able to competently deliver mail at all.*
- *It is ridiculous to insist on not having a way to clearly identify the location of a home. It is not quaint; it is a malfunction. I moved here knowing it was this way, but that doesn't make it right.*
- *Our address system has worked for over 100 years, it's good for all to walk to the post office.*
- *No addresses are an integral part of the charm and uniqueness of Carmel by the Sea. Inconvenience is minimal.*
- *I strongly support addresses. Getting credit cards, Real ID and services like AAA are very difficult for the past 6 years. And I can still chase the tow truck when he can't find my house. That won't last forever.*
- *Inconvenient but part of our Village.*
- *Most companies have GPS to locate physical addresses.*
- *We are okay with system as it is.*

- *If you buy into the town, you get the standards and character of the town. There is already a program in place to deliver to those who are unable to get to the post office. It is handled and works fine. Don't change it.*
- *This is one of our unique features--keep the charm as is.*
- *PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE implement standard address house numbers for houses in the Village!!! It's long overdue.*
- *No on addresses. Our City was founded on the post office concept.*
- *Monterey EMTs don't know how to find addresses - this is a serious emergency issue! It's happened 2x this yr.*
- *Leave system as is; house numbers will lead to merger of "93921" with 93922&93923. Feds control this decision.*
- *Either option c or d would be a vast improvement over the current headache, e.g., it is now virtually impossible to get a new Comcast setup since they closed their office that had the physical map.*
- *We need street addresses. It is too difficult to arrange utility services, deliveries, etc. No postal delivery is fine, but it's time to join the 20th century, if not the 21st.*
- *Have a way for homeowners to select from a variety of signs with the current XYZ 3 NE zzz type of addresses on so they will be standardized and have every house have them.*
- *Lack of address is so much more than an occasional inconvenience. It is insane and unsafe.*
- *Keep Carmel unique and a Village. No need for postal addresses.*
- *It needs to be done. Utility bills addresses all make up a different system. It's only a matter of time before the City is sued. Why waste money fighting it? Get the addresses done and get it done it twelve months not twelve years of debate.*
- *I strongly oppose standard addresses requiring large banks of boxes at street corners. This would chip away at our community character and small Village social fabric. Do not be fooled, our Post Office will not survive in spite of promises!!!*
- *Need the safety and reliability of post office. Who is crazy enough to think the post office will stay open if there is local delivery? Get ready to go to the crossroads so the post office can save money.*
- *We like Carmel's traditional arrangement. The Post Office is about the only place we can meet other residents these days!*

Topic #9 Trees in Carmel – Findings

9. Trees in Carmel & updating our Forest Master Plan



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- *We need to encourage & fund care for trees, but also put the right trees in place to minimize storm related power outages.*
- *The above questions are too complex. Tree removal and replacement should be handled on an individual site basis. A blanket regulation for the number of trees per property is not always possible.*
- *Property owners should not need incentives to properly care for their own trees or those surrounding them!!*
- *Trees are Carmel along with the Ocean.*
- *Trees are what make Carmel special!!*
- *The trees in our Village (esp. City owned) are not well maintained. Permit costs for residents still too high!*
- *The Friends of the Forest Organization should be of help in these matters.*
- *Trees make Carmel-by-the-Sea. If you dislike trees, Marina & Sand City are nice places to live too.*

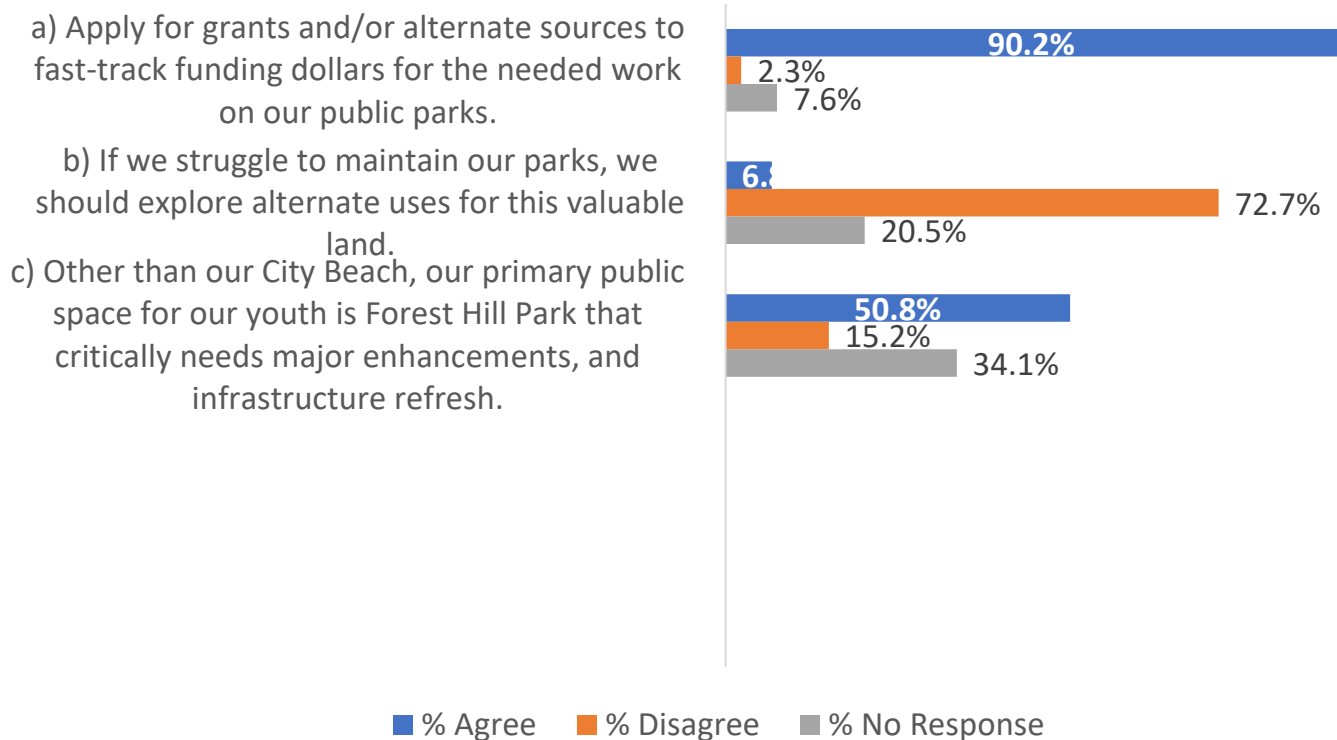
- *Love our trees!*
- *Allow owners to prune and remove if necessary old trees! They do have a lifespan and a new tree can be planted to replace.*
- *Trees need to be maintained by our City taxes. Individuals need to remove dead trees. Businesses need to remove dead trees and care for their own trees. Our City officials are ignoring some "Inns" that have dead trees on their property.*
- *Leave the good ones and chop the bad ones seems pretty simple to me?*
- *Part of owning property should include maintaining trees, especially new homeowners. Also, City should check to see if trees are planted following construction. No one is checking this part of the permit.*
- *What if owners cannot afford or do not want an incentive to do the work on City trees adjacent to their property?*
- *Save the Monterey Pine forest!*
- *We need to maintain our trees and stop planting more under utility wires.*
- *Need to avoid lawsuits against the City by owners who were injured or have property damage from fallen trees or branches for which the City overrules an arborist recommending removal. Human life and limb are higher priorities than tree limbs.*
- *Not only are trees good for the environment, but they also help the value of our real estate and attract tourism, the key income elements of our community.*
- *The trees are an intricate part of our Village, along with the architecture. I don't understand why the City allowed beautiful redwoods to be cut down across the street that were healthy; it's a shame!*
- *Replace dead trees in similar location whenever possible. Can we require homes to allow trees to be planted in front of them?*
- *I like the idea for incentives.*
- *Incentives for property owners only for trees on private property.*
- *Public safety is at risk due to dead and dying trees and limbs in Carmel. I am very concerned about the current irrational policy and process in place.*
- *Including replacing young trees where old have been removed. The shade and green cover are essential to our town's character and clean air and natural habitat. Prioritize the trees which benefit everyone.*
- *Way too many trees in Carmel in Carmel by the Sea today. Many, many beautiful public views have been lost over the 70 years.*
- *Balance ocean views and planting trees. Dead trees used for utility poles are an eyesore. So many overhead wires look like a third-world country. There should be a long-range plan to put all wires underground.*
- *Old Monterey Pines are a threat to our safety and should be removed upon reasonable request.*
- *Forestry standards should be informed by post-storm damage assessments on how the tree maintenance could have been adjusted to avoid damage.*

- *Trees are a liability given how difficult it is to stay on top of maintenance and allow homeowners to proactively remove potential hazards. Carmel used to be dunes -- the 100-yr tree "experiment" may have been a failed one.*
- *Trees are important, but the City needs to be more responsive to requests to remove dying and/or trees in danger of falling or causing harm.*
- *This is a common decency to do.*
- *We are woefully underfunding our Forestry efforts. You don't need a new master plan to figure that out.*
- *Public trees should be maintained by the City not by homeowners. That is a crazy idea.*
- *Cypress no oaks.*
- *Tress need to be maintained to prevent dangerous situations. Learn from Lahaina.*
- *Do not require upper canopy trees under power lines. The pine trees should only be planted in groups. Replace the isolated pines that are 97 years old with a VARIETY of trees. They are a hazard.*
- *The native Monterey Pine is too large and dangerous for continued mass plantings. Cypress is also too large for single lots. Focus on smaller species that could be more manageable and accomplish a forest canopy.*
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- *The forest is our defining Village feature. In the last 15-20 years our forest has not been properly maintained. We must fund it properly & have a forester that understands our unique environment.*
- *Carmel is a "Village in a (Monterey) Pine Forest", not just any forest. Carmel is ecologically and spiritually one with our local native Monterey Pine Forest, being the only Peninsula City that made the forest central to its character.*
- *Trees or even worse "totem poles" with utility lines attached should have the lines rerouted so that all totem poles can be removed in the City. A total eyesore.*
- *Monterey pines are fundamental to Carmel's character and should be emphasized in plantings.*
- *I lament over the loss of our forest and trees. City folks don't understand the relationship between human habitation and Mother Nature - they need to be educated and more involved rather than living in fear and destroying their environment when they move here. (originally provided in #17 Summary Comments)*

Topic #10 – Village Parks – Findings

10. Village Parks Management & Investments

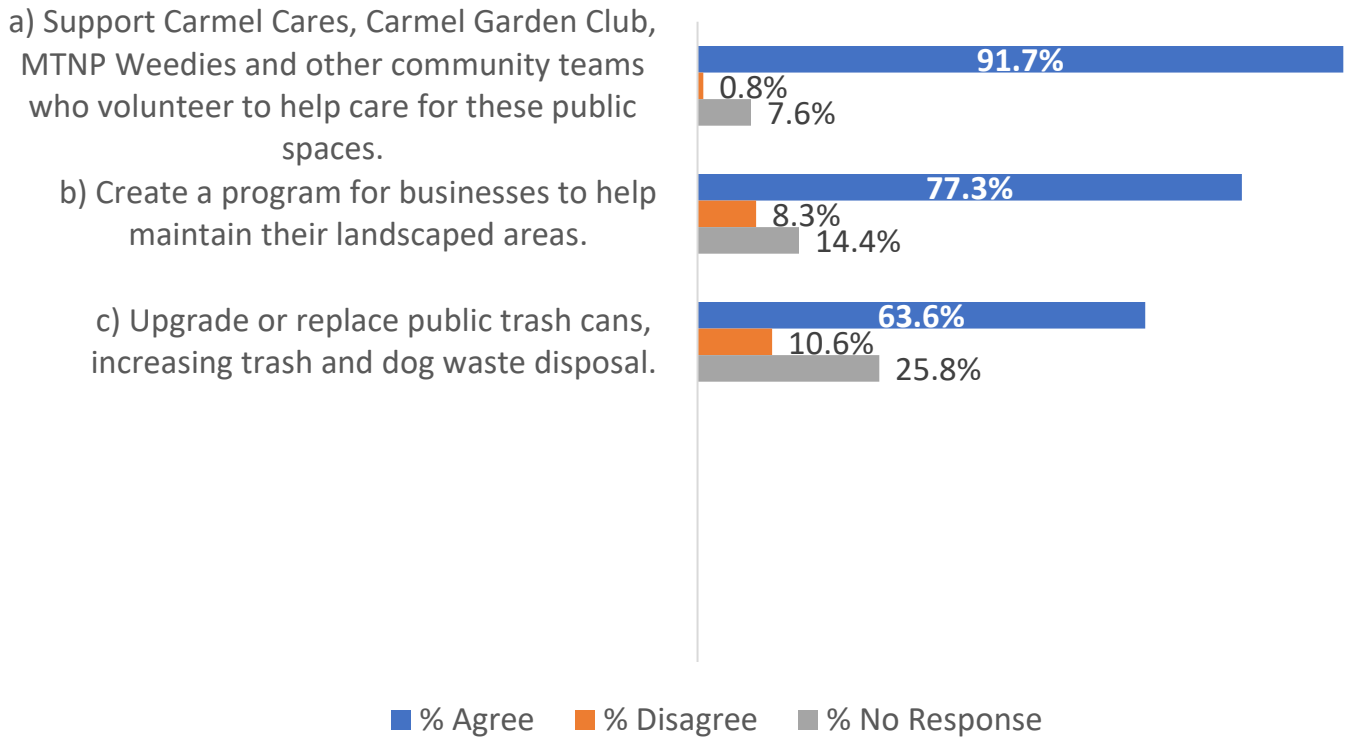


Open Comments

- *Kids in First Hill Park are routinely getting hurt (and don't report it) - this park is a disgrace to our Village.*
- *Public green spaces, parks and beach, are part of our City identity, and should be maintained as a priority.*
- *Essential.*
- *Dogs should be allowed in Devendorf Parks "remove the ban!"*
- *With high property taxes, City should be able to maintain our parks.*
- *We have \$ 40 million. Let's put it to good use in Carmel in all areas and cap pensions.*
- *Keep the parks and spend the money to make them beautiful.*
- *We are one square mile, for god's sake! We have an overabundance of paid employees. One wonders what they are all doing.*
- *Unsure about what "infrastructure" needs exactly you speak of in 10 C.*
- *Should homeless encampment ever occur in our parks, it needs to be addressed immediately, including referrals for appropriate social services. I am moving here from Santa Monica partially for this reason! Once it starts, difficult to reverse.*
- *We should support our parks and ensure they are properly maintained by public works department.*
- *Forest Hill park is not priority, tired of trotting out our youth as excuse all the time. Let's assess actual usage/users/accessibility by all residents when prioritizing funding for maintenance and repairs.*
- *Tennis court has tree hanging over that is bound to poke someone's eye out. Been like that since winter.*
- *With the parking fees maintain the parks!*
- *Preserve wildlife habitat wherever possible.*
- *Attract more volunteers and get them to fundraise and plan these projects, friends of forest Hill Park etc. If there's one thing to do - it's activate for a cause.*
- *Much significant work is done by volunteer groups and that should be recognized, augmented, and better coordinated.*
- *Forest Hill Park should remain wild, as it has always been, except for the southern playground and open field. Please don't fiddle with it. It is a reminder of what Carmel is and what the founders wanted our public spaces to be...natural!.*
- *That part of Pescadero Canyon along 2ND Ave controlled by the City must be better maintained. It is too frequently a high fire risk.*
- *Leave Forest Hill park as it is!!!*

Topic #11 Village Beautification – Findings

11. Beautification of Public Spaces



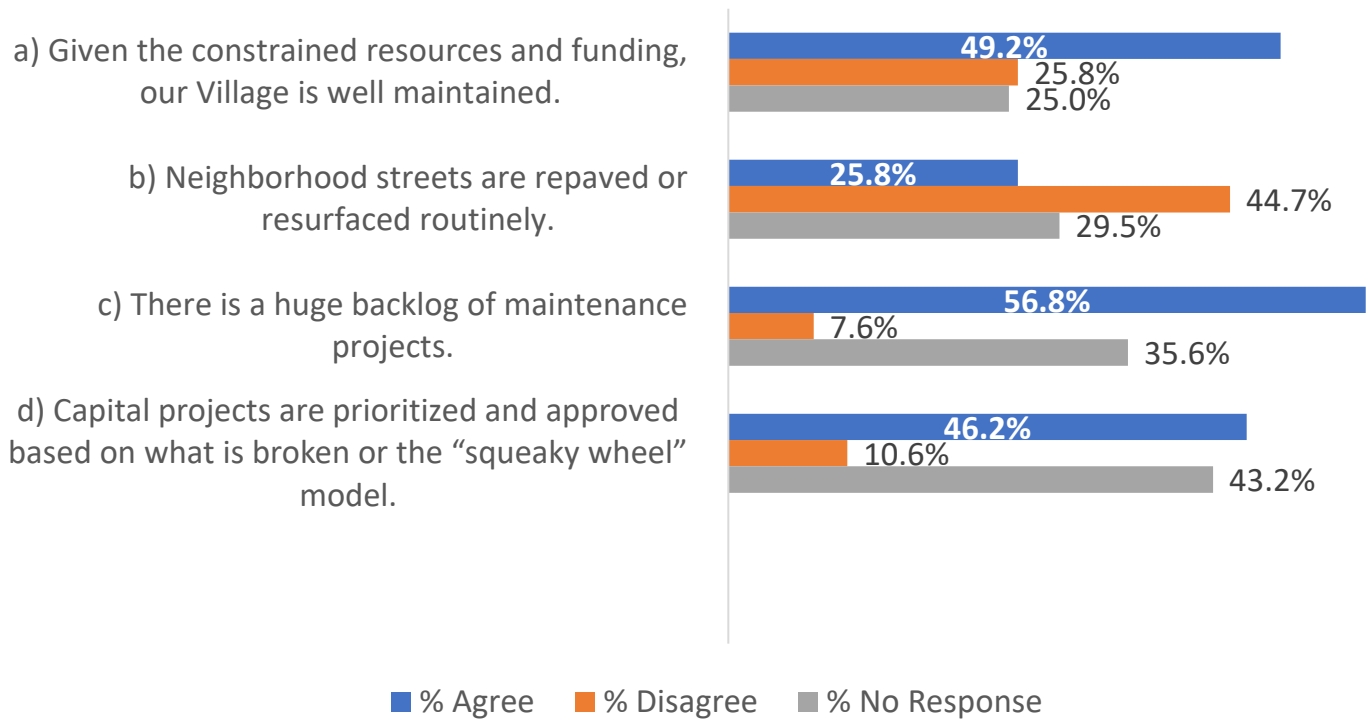
Open Comments

- *Carmel Cares needs our support.*
- *Should not require Carmel Cares to pick up. City should perform this work.*
- *Kudos to all the volunteer groups that help this cause. The rusted trash cans are a disgrace to our Village.*
- *Businesses operating downtown may be renters and not on the property. Business owners that beautify and maintain areas in front of their property should be publicly recognized as an encouragement to continue.*
- *#11b - That is City property and should be maintained and cared for by the City employees. Trash cans are currently being replaced.*
- *Labor intensive but necessary.*
- *Return residential trash cans that were recently removed; City should do more for beautification!*
- *Encourage homeowners to minimize street parking.*
- *Keep Carmel-by-the-Sea free from stickers & graffiti.*
- *Again, with high tax base, should not be a problem to keep beautiful.*
- *Squirrel trash cans need to go and new cans with open holes in their stead. Some of our sidewalks and dirt areas around trees need grooming. Some businesses need to take much better care of their own storefronts.*
- *Just keep it clean and nice!*

- *Need bins that fit in with architecture of town. A few metal ones already installed are terrible. Look like they belong in a huge shopping center.*
- *Thank goodness for Carmel Cares!*
- *We need trash cans with open tops. Replace all Squirrel cans. Need Butt receptacles.*
- *Recommend annual review by the Council with public comment.*
- *We need to keep Carmel well-groomed for many reasons including property values and tourism among a few. It is absurd that a community spending over \$40,000,000 a year on one square mile can't keep it maintained.*
- *Carmel Cares is doing a great job. Coordinated effort with the City is essential.*
- *MTNP group are an old volunteer group. They have also assisted in upkeep of the Flanders garden.*
- *Trash cans, dog waste seems to be under good control (pink dog bags working great). Carmel Cares seems to be working well, also campaign of "Love Carmel Like a Local". Maybe try boosting volunteerism/participation?*
- *City should fund more of the activity above.*
- *Plaudits and thanks to Carmel Cares. The town should prune broken tree limbs along Scenic and elsewhere. A dead tree is unsightly, NOT sculpture.*
- *Property Owners must take responsibility for keeping their property clean, and landscaped. It is an embarrassment that volunteers need to tidy and beautify private property.*
- *Lots of deferred maintenance around...thank goodness for volunteers, they deserve more support.*
- *Get the neighborhoods involved. Have an expedited process that can approve/ authorize neighborhood projects.*
- *Trash cans disappeared when bus stops taken out.*
- *More flowers and plants, less weeds, cleaner sidewalks.*
- *The City needs to do more. Tourists heavily impact these areas & expect these areas to be well kept & beautiful. Thanks to Carmel Cares for all of their efforts!!!*
- *Thanks for Carmel Cares.*
- *Our public spaces should be planted in a way to as much as possible recreate the harmonious and rich natural habitat of the native Monterey Pine Forest our founders created Carmel within, respected and cherished.*

Topic #12 Capital Improvements - Findings

12. Capital Improvement Projects



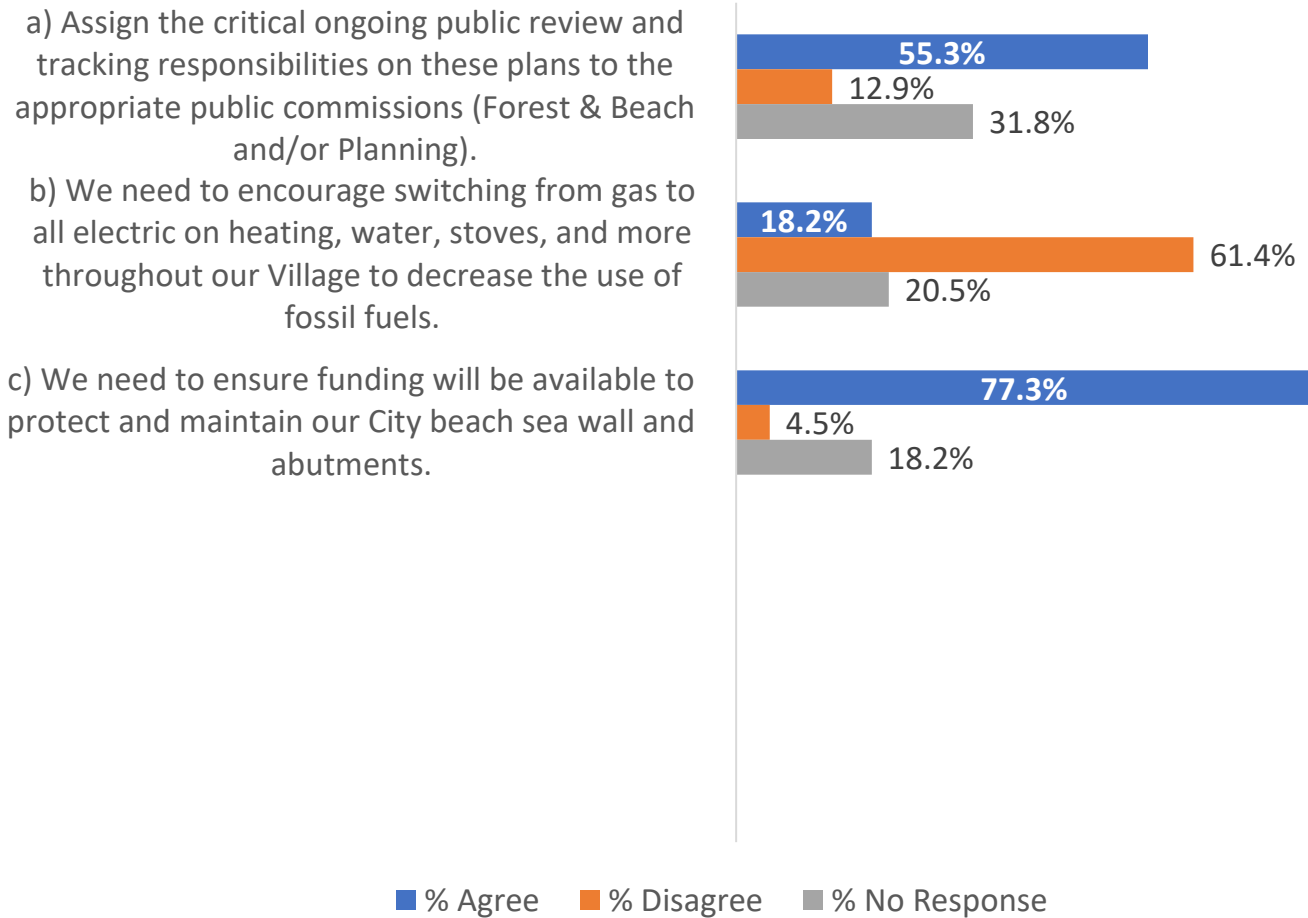
Open Comments

- *There must be allowances for affordable housing to be available - it is not just the wealthy elite who live here.*
- *Resources should be provided for preventive maintenance instead of reacting to what is broken.*
- *Didn't know the City had a 5-year plan. Our City has plenty of money to take care of these types of projects. But there is no evidence of Reserve funds identified for specific purposes to have ongoing planned for maintenance.*
- *This is a City Council issue. A budget issue.*
- *Our residential streets are poorly maintained & disgraceful. City spends too much on CIP with little to show for it.*
- *Difficult to answer these questions without further knowledge from the City.*
- *Let's repave some of our streets. If it weren't for Carmel Cares, etc. our streets would be a mess with trash and weeds. We should hire some of these out.*
- *Again, just keep it clean and well maintained!*
- *Pave the streets and fix the sidewalks. Start a plan with deadlines. 11th on side of our house has lost 12 feet of pavement. 11th is very narrow.*
- *Our Village roads are a mess. Without volunteers, our streets would be full of trash and butts.*
- *We used to resurface our residential streets on a regular basis. A few streets every year.*

- *Many of the CIP projects are consistently behind schedule. The City needs to ensure more timely completion of projects.*
- *Regarding #12d - broken must be prioritized. Squeaky wheels do not need to be simply because of ongoing complaints.*
- *Overall, I think they are doing a good job of prioritizing, and I trust they are putting safety first, then help-the-most-people projects at the forefront.*
- *A long-range plan that is prioritized should be available and followed for all major capital improvements.*
- *We have a 40-million-dollar budget. Things should get taken care of!*
- *The City should reclaim easements in the public right of way.*
- *Please get the streets paved!! The roads are terrible, especially after this last winter. We are not Illinois- fix the streets!!*
- *The people who do this work are great - very helpful and responsive.*
- *Shameful state of our streets. Nearly every street needs replacing. Deplorable.*
- *The Carpenter Street entrance to Carmel needs repaving, i.e., Serra, Camino del Monte, etc.*
- *Not sure about the status of the capital projects in order to comment.*
- *Streets - absolutely terrible - why pay so much for such poor results. Is way too much money going to CalPERS, or what is happening?*
- *The City needs to contribute more to the CIP & complete projects rather than pushing to the future. Let's consider a tax to really accomplish all of the needs.*
- *Need more City funding of capital improvements.*
- *A number of roads are in need of pothole/tree lift repairs. Funds should be earmarked for these purposes instead of paying off City police chiefs for unknown indiscretions.*
- *Our streets are badly in need of re surfacing not just covering potholes. (originally submitted with #17 Summary)*

Topic #13 Climate Planning – Findings

13. Climate Action Plan Implementation



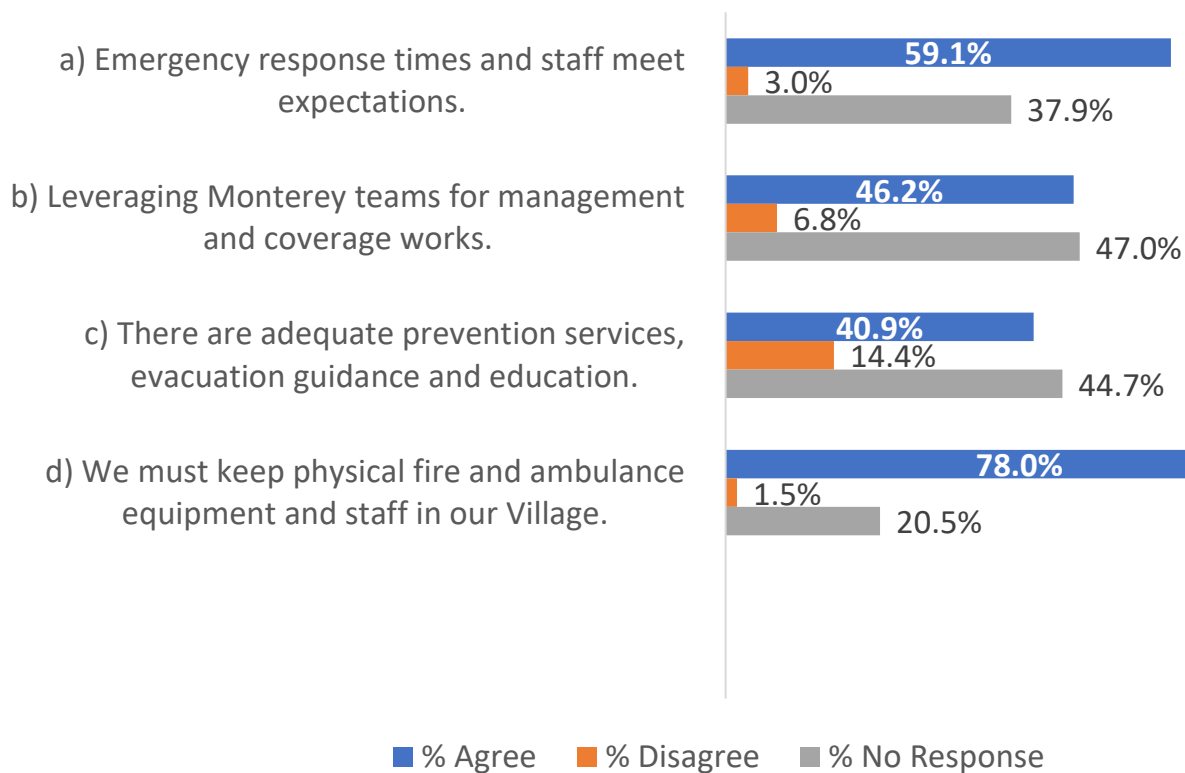
Open Comments

- *13b - absolutely ridiculous! There is not enough power to support this concept!*
- *We all know, or should know, there is a climate crisis.*
- *I also live in an area that routinely gets hit by hurricanes, without my gas stove and fireplace I would not survive! We lost heat a few years ago and I was so thankful my gas fireplace worked!!*
- *Spending too much money on this, especially consultants & surveys.*
- *When sea level rise washes away the gardens & homes by Scenic Drive & Del Mar parking, building sea walls is not the answer.*
- *Some encouragement toward electric OK, but shouldn't force people with gas cooking to change.*
- *Natural gas is a great option when the power goes out.*
- *It's ridiculous to eliminate natural gas. Our footprint here is very small. Let's put our energy into what needs to be done first. Let's keep our water clean, eliminate plastics and such that go into our oceans. This is needed far more.*
- *Let's not go overboard here I haven't noticed any of our City falling into the ocean.*

- *What do we do when the power is out, and we don't have gas stoves, heaters, and fireplaces??*
- *We have enough to do without this. True "Climate change" takes thousands of years to study. The earth goes through changes. Let's worry with decreasing plastics, landfill reductions, etc.*
- *Absolutely do not ban gas appliances.*
- *Address the effects while judiciously avoiding the divisive politics of the cause.*
- *Natural gas is imperative during our frequent power outages for generators and cooking. Here is little need to stop using gas.*
- *When the power is out for 4 days, who has hot water and can cook food? Those who have gas appliances.*
- *If the power goes out, gas stoves and water heaters still work. Protect the electrical lines and then I would agree.*
- *We do not have a strong electrical grid to go all electric.*
- *Our electrical infrastructure cannot currently support eliminating gas. PG&E outages during winter storms require gas backup for heating and cooking.*
- *Do not support all electric appliances.*
- *This is key to preserving the best part of our town's "nature, the beach, the forest, the parks, the green & open space. Agree it is a priority. Not knowledgeable enough to comment on the operational piece.*
- *Mother nature will win the battle. This is a long-term challenge.*
- *I would be in favor of encouraging all electric IF we were able to underground our electrical wires. We have a gas stovetop which has been a lifesaver during the many outages, and I can't let that go.*
- *Without immediate projects to strengthen sea walls in vulnerable areas, we have high risk to lose portions as happened in 1983.*
- *Do NOT ban use of gas or compromise its use by private owners in any way.*
- *Elderly, diseased, and dead trees that block solar systems should be replaced with lower canopy trees (state laws support this).*
- *We should encourage the switch, but demand it (gas/electric).*
- *Remodels & new construction should be electric. Let's see how existing commissions handle this & if they cannot handle this. If not, create a new commission with people more informed & intune with the latest information.*
- *Need new construction to be all electric but not conversions.*
- *An entity composed of individuals with scientific expertise should oversee appropriate implementation of elements of the plan, incorporating new insights on the unfolding crisis.*
- *Given the size of our City I believe the expenditure of City funds to this end has been a complete wasted effort.*
- *Get some science into this issue!*

Topic #14 Fire & Ambulance – Findings

14. Fire Protection & Ambulance Services



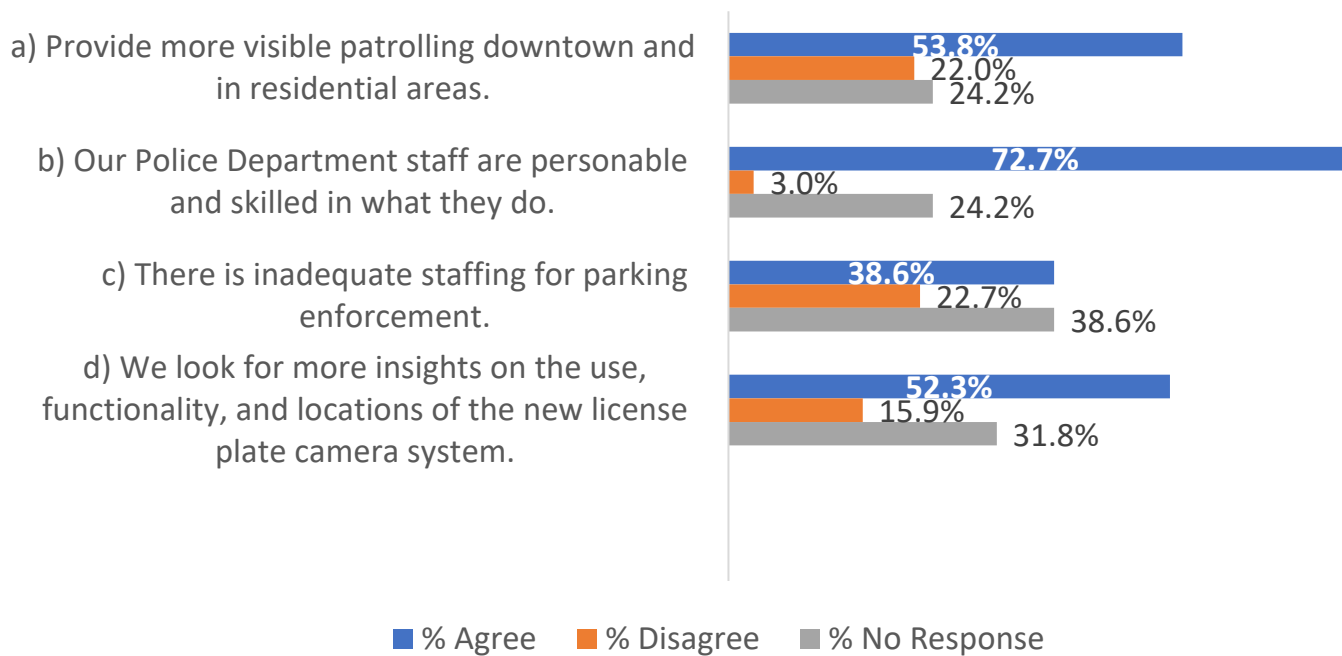
Open Comments

- *Local ambulance and fire are critical. Please do not remove at any cost. I would be dead if not for local ambulance service.*
- *Excellent response and services to be supported.*
- *A THANK YOU TO THEM FOR Their excellent response and service to our community.*
- *City government issue. Let's hope for the best.*
- *We need our own ambulance and fire truck. Do not get rid of our ambulance! I have no idea about response times, or evacuation plans.*
- *Keep it as is!*
- *Do not ever get rid of our ambulance or our own fire truck.*
- *Every SECOND matters with myocardial and cerebral infarction for survivability, well documented in medical literature. Safety is a prime directive of government.*
- *We are a small community next to large ones. We can leverage their investment instead of reinventing the wheel.*
- *Keep resources local. Have Carmel by the Sea own fire and ambulance assets such as buildings and equipment. Contract with Monterey for fire and ambulance staffing.*
- *Neighbor has needed paramedics numerous times in past months; response was always excellent.*

- See comments on street addresses and EMTs finding people with emergencies.
- Carmel fire and first responder are always first on scene. The existence of Carmel fire at their location AND THEIR FAMILIARITY with the local speeds response times and has saved lives and property.
- I am not well versed on this subject due to being in my home part-time.
- I have always supported having our own Fire & Ambulance service as they know our Village best & respond best.

Topic #15 Police & Safety - Findings

15. Police Protection & Services



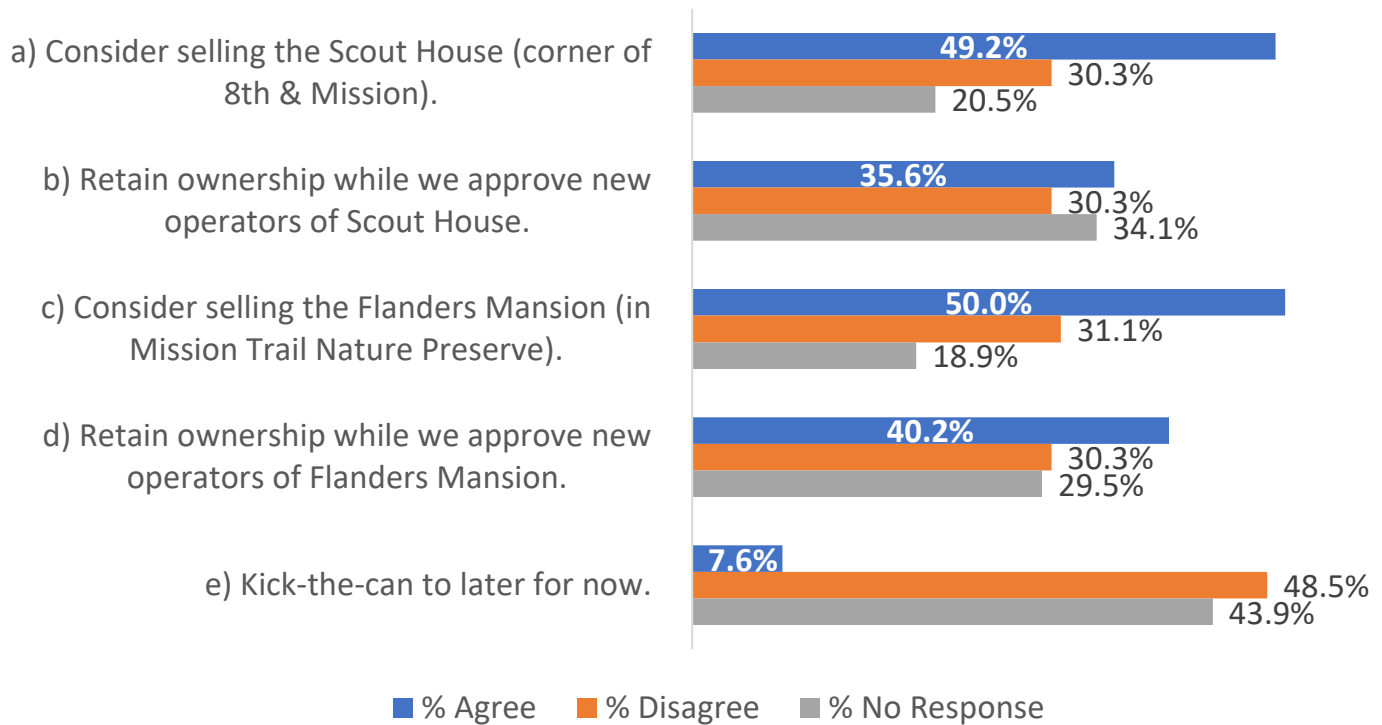
Open Comments

- I'm not concerned about the cameras and privacy, I'm more concerned about the visual clutter of the cameras.
- Enforce drivers ignoring stop signs and residential parking signs.
- Another thank you for their hard work providing safety to our community.
- 15d - unclear question. I support the installation of the cameras throughout the Village.
- Do we have adequate policing in Carmel? I don't know.
- Police visibility is important to deter people with nefarious intentions. We do not want to become victims.
- Big mistake to cut # of officers & try to make up for it with technology. Need more PD presence, hardly ever see them.
- Cameras are a must for all reasons we all know about.
- Pretty safe place to live so let's just keep it that way!

- *We need more police officers.*
- *Forget about cameras except some downtown and ingress and egress from the Village.*
- *Let's not spend our dollars doling out parking tickets.*
- *Police surge capability required for potential future civil unrest or social media enabled flash mobs intending to loot. License plate/face cams facilitate conviction and subsequent deterrence.*
- *The Police department is stellar; kind and efficient. We could get a lot more parking revenue from more parking officers than their cost would be.*
- *Get the cameras working again! Parking enforcement is waaayyyy understaffed.*
- *License plate cameras got out of hand and vendor company needs to be reined in. Okay on entrance/exit to town, but remove in residential areas (e.g., Santa Lucia Ave).*
- *Police presence is lacking, especially on busy holidays and weekends. Encourage parking on only one side of the street at all times so vehicles can get through. With pedestrians and bikers and clogged parking, our streets are a hazard for all.*
- *Need more parking control officers!*
- *Thank you for your service.*
- *When first responders live locally, the Village benefits. Subsidized housing. Or perhaps the five years of interest free mortgage that CHOMP has used in the past to attract needed specialties for something similar could be used.*
- *I do not see as many routine drive by's of City police cars on the street.*
- *Having cameras are only needed at all possible entrance and exits to the Village.*
- *Our police and parking staff are generally very good at the job.*

Topic #16 Flanders & Scout House – Findings

16. Scout House & Flanders Mansion



Open Comments

- *It would be sad to lose the Scout House, but this property would be ideal for incremental housing.*
- *Make a decision and move ahead as these properties deteriorate before our eyes.*
- *The life of the scout house is over and has been over for 30 years. Flanders is an albatross and should be sold even at a loss.*
- *The City should not be in the business of rehabbing historic buildings. Look at the results. Private ownership will do a better job.*
- *Retain these facilities for public purposes in perpetuity.*
- *Not familiar with Scout House.*
- *Both are albatrosses around City's neck & need to be finally resolved and sold ASAP!*
- *Not enough info to respond.*
- *Sell!*
- *Sell them with exact requirements as to use and refurbishment.*
- *What if the Mission/Catholic church want to purchase Flanders and turn it into a retreat. Would be quiet, no traffic.*
- *If Carmel can't keep them up, sell them to private person.*
- *Scout House as Community Center for meetings and activities. Lost cost. Flanders needs occupants friendly to the City and residents.*

- *If we consider selling the Scout House, we should only do this if we use the \$'s plus others to fund a good multi-use meeting facility (e.g., at Vista Lobos).*
- *The City has been unsuccessful in revitalizing these assets. Time to sell.*
- *Sell Flanders already! It is continuing to degrade. We voted to sell it. To allow a small contingent to derail the sale goes against the will of the majority.*
- *Scout House is prime location to work with developer & Carmel Foundation, more senior housing. Flanders non-profit venue rental to generate its own income for maintenance (e.g., Filoli) and public meeting space (e.g., Carmel Woman's Club) for local groups.*
- *Sell both as soon as possible!!!!*
- *These facilities are excellent venues for studios, shops, temporary exhibits, and civic and/or cultural group meetings.*
- *Seriously pursue curatorship for Flanders this time; City lost MAJOR OPPORTUNITY with loss of (word scrambled as received)*
- *Low-income housing?*
- *Utilize the Flanders mansion property to create housing to meet RHNA quotas.*
- *Repurpose for City worker housing units?*
- *Flanders sitting empty is an advantage to no one.*
- *Explore all options that are credible. We should not be in a rush while the Council has so very many issues confronting it. If a good proposal comes forward it should be thoroughly explored.*
- *Explore options for occupancy and maintenance.*
- *Flanders is a complete embarrassment for the City. The last effort to find an operator went off the rails. The City must find a way to overcome the title restrictions to deal with this legacy asset.*
- *Having Flanders and Scout House lie idle is not acceptable when we are in need of housing. (originally provided on #10)*

FINAL - Open Comments #17 – No Topic Specified

- *My opinion may not be shared by some, but I miss the parklets.*
- *No taxes on non/resident owners - City budget is ridiculously high for number of residents. Maximum Strict law for cell towers. City Council and staff too progressive and out of touch with many property owners.*
- *To me, the biggest challenge in our Village is juggling priorities and \$'s. There are so many needs and not enough time, funds, staff etc. This is why we pay the "big bucks" to our City Council (ha-ha) and look for good judgement overall. We simply must protect the character and charm of our town.*
- *I lament over the loss of our forest and trees. City folks don't understand the relationship between human habitation and Mother Nature - they need to be educated and more involved rather than living in fear and destroying their environment when they move here. (also copied this to #9 Trees)*

- *This survey was too lengthy to think of anything else at this time.*
- *Thank you for asking our opinion and surveying the membership to determine what CRA should promote and advocate!!*
- *This survey is important in my opinion. Some leading questions which will be obvious to the public but may just be correct in the asking. I hope you are successful in the survey. Thank you for all your work.*
- *I support all efforts to maintain and preserve the unique charm and character of our Village. Modernization and development are generally unwarranted.*
- *Maybe a question or two on police cameras would be helpful. Perhaps also a few questions on the City budget and spending priorities. Also a few questions on tourism and marketing efforts for CBTS. Survey is great! Very good questions! Please do this more often, maybe twice a year!*
- *This should become a City-driven annual process sent to all residents, and results presented to the public annually as an event to look forward to. We need to become more proactive with our residents to become more involved in their awareness of our City's situations in all these subjects & matters.*
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- *I am happy to see this survey & look forward to seeing the results.*
- *Hope to see the results printed in a future newsletter.*
- *Why are we not pushing back on number of ADU's demanded of Carmel by the Sea. Very disappointed that we are not challenging the number of units we are told to build. Parking: consider where residents will park if employees and more visitors park in residential areas. Many old garages are not big enough to house our cars.*
- *Thanks for your good work.*
- *This is a good example of being faced with many critical issues at once, giving us little time to make sure we do it right. It seems that some issues take forever (e.g., Flanders Mansion, Scout House), and others are foisted on us after the fact to react to. This survey is a great idea and should be given to CRA members at least once a year. The results*

should be presented at a Council meeting, and at Planning Commission, Forest and Beach, etc. meetings (for items relevant to them). THANK YOU!!

- *Would like to see more surveys and then our City council actually vote accordingly. Would like to see more concern for protecting Carmel's charm. Big houses are going in far too frequently. Let's limit lot combinations.*
- *I think this was a very thoughtful and comprehensive survey. I hope my comments are helpful. The balance between community security and individual rights and privacy are somewhat at odds; I believe the balance should favor community security. Individual rights and privacy are put into immediate and sharp focus if one is attacked, robbed, or burglarized.*
- *This survey is well done, and you've covered current issues well.*
- *Excellent Survey*
- *I found the survey to be confusing in the way some statements were worded. I left many unanswered. Better no answer than confusion. To clarify: YES, to addresses YES to paid parking YES to police station complete remodel.*
- *Thank you for the time spent putting this together.*
- *Consider joining with the www.OurNeighborhoodVoices.com efforts to assist blocking the State of California from assuming control over our planning rules and design standards. We have done very well protecting our Village over the past 107 years.*
- *Thank you for asking for membership input and would be a good idea to survey the membership annually. A future topic of interest could be marketing and tourism in Carmel by the Sea.*
- *#4: Not similar if the original were an ugly modern box style house! Pre-manufactured because it's cheaper? Is it really, or just a boondoggle for certain companies? Need policy/enforcement to ensure ADUs used for long-term housing, not kept vacant (just built to increase property value) or for temporary vacation rentals. Other topics increasing participation & involvement of residents to create a strong community network. Survey every year, thx. You do a good job of capturing top-of-mind topics!*
- *Our streets are badly in need of re surfacing not just covering potholes. (also copied this to #12 CIP)*
- *Input should be solicited for ALL property owners, whether full-time or part-time residents, and whether or not members of CRA. Thank you for such a well-done survey and the chance to participate.*
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- Missed beach fires which I support with smokeless pits and Airbnb. We have called the City NUMEROUS times. They don't even return our calls. We are tired of them on our street.
- Thank you for conducting this survey.
- Coordinating with PG&E, the Village needs to begin, soon, relocating all electric lines underground. Currently they are very unsightly and an ongoing fire hazard.
- Allow more space for comments. Word limits too restrictive.
- Surveys are good. This was a good experience. Thank you
- We should investigate the resurrection of a regional/international Carmel film festival which would benefit our hotel and restaurant community. Perhaps Kyle Eastwood and Brad Pitt might be some individuals who would support this endeavor. Surely Sunset Center and The Forest Theater would likewise benefit from having a film festival return to Carmel.
- To me, the most pressing current concern is the need to underground all utilities. The recent incident in Maui and the horrible disasters a few years ago in Santa Rosa and Paradise show how vulnerable our City is. And imagine how much nicer the City would look without all the poles and wires - and how much more reliable our electric service would be during winter storm season. This should have been done years ago.
- This was a well-organized and complete survey!
- Resist and challenge ridiculous state housing mandates that would destroy the unique character of our community.
- Don't let a ridiculous state mandate ruin one of the few fine and functional California towns. (also copied to #1 Housing)
- No one or very few are going to read the information in the Tab or HERE section because it would take all day. It would be best to summarize the policies instead.

- *This survey could be advantageous to the community if it is considered and applied per the majority consensus.*
- *Thank you, CRA - putting this questionnaire together had to be a demanding task - but it really allowed us to express our ideas on a long list of town issues. Amazing job!*
- *Address Trucks double parking on City streets. Businesses should have responsibility for employees parking out of the business district. Drivers stopping at the south end of heavily used San Antonio cannot see oncoming traffic without pulling into the intersection. Put in more stop signs at intersections. Major thoroughfare San Antonio is too congested with parking allowed on both sides of street. Some of the questions in this survey represent a bias and could be better balanced.*
- *Excellent survey - should do it every 6 months. Also use it as an opportunity to educate members. Thanks for doing this.*
- *Excellent survey. The character of our community is very important.*
- *Great work by the CRA. Please update this survey annually and publish the results.*
- *Excellent survey!*

Appendix

Original Email to CRA Membership (7/29/2023)

There are many significant projects underway or planned that are critical to the future of our Village. The CRA Board is guided by the feedback of our members, and we would be grateful to hear your views! Our CRA mission statement ends with the word "advocacy". With this in mind, your CRA Board members frequently invest time to research and prepare to speak on behalf of the Board at City Council, Boards and Commissions meetings. We always encourage and support your participation and opinions are expressed as well.

Please invest 20 minutes of your time to provide your CRA Board with your views on these Carmel topics making headlines and influencing the future character of this Village where we choose to live, play, and enjoy. You can optionally respond on just the items of your specific interest.

Take our Survey Online [HERE](#)

Topics you will find in this extensive and important survey includes Revised Housing Element, Updating our Design Guidelines, Reinstating a Design Review Board, ADU's, Police Station Rebuild, Paid Parking, Revising our Telecom Ordinance, Addresses in Carmel, Trees in Carmel, Village Parks Management, Beautification of Public Spaces, Capital Improvement Projects, Climate Action Plan, Fire Protection & Ambulance Services, Police Protection & Services and others.

As you will see, we ask if you Agree or Disagree with each of the statements shown and also welcome all comments as well. Your individual responses will remain confidential and will only summarized overall. Be sure to press the SUBMIT button at the very end of the survey to successfully provide your feedback.

Thank you in advance for your time to complete the survey along with your on-going participation and membership.

Kind regards,

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Introductory Paragraphs per Survey Topic

1. **Updating Housing Element (RHNA)** with plans for 349 new housing units for 6th Cycle over 2024-2032 ([HERE](#)) Our City is mandated by the State to update our Housing Element with plans to identify targeted sites and supporting programs that could provide for the new 349 housing units. The goals include affordability and closer to work living options. The City does not build these units, but our City update is required to enable property owner and developer projects where they express interest.
2. **Design Traditions 1.5 revised Design Guidelines Project – Carmel Architecture** ([HERE](#)) This ongoing project will refresh our Commercial and Residential Guidelines documents to direct the architectural components of building in our Village, along with supporting Zoning/Code updates.
3. **Reinstating a Design Review Board (DRB)** ([HERE](#)) This Board, if implemented, will advise new building or major remodel projects early in their conceptual planning to advise and guide the professionals & property owners on the fit into our Village setting, strongly leveraging the Commercial and Residential Design Guidelines.
4. **Auxiliary Housing Unit (ADU) Ordinance & Update** ([HERE](#)) These ADU's, sometimes called "granny flats", today are approved "over the counter" using State laws, as Carmel's current ordinances do not currently comply with State requirements. As of Spring 2023 Carmel has 71 ADU's in our Residential areas.
5. **Police Station Rebuild Plans** This project is a significant multi-year & multimillion-dollar capital investment for our Village to deliver a revised facility that supports the roles, responsibilities, operations, and retention for/of our police staff for our community.
6. **Parking & Traffic Management** ([HERE](#)) An evaluation and recommendation for paid parking are being prepared with the goals of reducing congestion, improving availability, and contributing over \$ 2 million in gross annual revenue to the City.
7. **Wireless/Telecom Ordinance Revision** ([HERE](#)) Our current ordinance is being updated to align with federal and state laws and regulations, while they work to minimize the visual impacts (clutter) of new or refresh of existing cell towers keeping local oversight – especially as they are targeted for placement in residential neighborhoods.
8. **Addresses & Post Office** ([HERE](#)) Our Village has not had standard addresses since its founding days. Not having standard addresses can be both charmingly quirky and inconvenient. Based on citizen requests, the City staff are exploring the possibility of implementing addresses (with all aspects considered), while maintaining our local post office.
9. **Trees in Carmel & updating our Forest Master Plan** ([HERE](#)) Our Village is commonly known as a "Village in the Forest by the Sea", supported by our founders and the 13,000 public trees managed by our Forester and staff. The value our public & private trees bring to our Village is dramatic, plus they contribute to the air we breathe.

10. **Village Parks Management & Investments** ([HERE](#)) (Devendorf, Picadilly, Mission Trail Nature Preserve, Forest Hill Park, plus 6, yes 6 more) These parks provide great outdoor enjoyment of the nature throughout our Village. They require added maintenance and are routinely augmented by volunteer efforts as well.
11. **Beautification of Public Spaces** (not in prior item, these includes Scenic Pathway, Del Mar & North Dunes (at end of Ocean Ave), downtown public medians & landscaping, residential public medians, bump outs & easements). These also require maintenance and are routinely augmented by volunteer efforts.
12. **Capital Improvement Projects** ([HERE](#)) (Not previously covered items. Below includes maintaining public buildings, all roads, all drainage, infrastructure, etc.) Our Village Public Works team prepares and manages the delivery of projects, properties, infrastructure, and maintenance throughout our town – with an ongoing 5-year plan.
13. **Climate Action Plan Implementation** ([HERE](#)) Our Village has an officially completed and approved Adaptation and Action Plan - July 2022. These are assessed vulnerabilities and challenges of climate change – from sea level rise, infrastructure, weather/storms, fuel emissions and much more. Ongoing efforts are needed to deliver on increased resiliency in our Village for future generations.
14. **Fire Protection & Ambulance Services** ([HERE](#)) Our Village over the decades plus has invested in our local facilities and vehicles, while the personnel are aligned to the Monterey + staffing for leverage of management, training, backup and overall services coverage.
15. **Police Protection & Services** ([HERE](#)) Our Village Police staff are responsible for law enforcement and crime prevention for citizens, businesses, and visitors. They also include community outreach for seniors, parking enforcement and animal services to name a few.
16. **Scout House & Flanders Mansion.** Both are currently dormant City-owned facilities that have received ongoing interest from local people, teams and organizations for repurposing and revitalization.
17. **Open Comments Welcome**

Note: a complete BLANK PDF version of the Survey is included on our CRA webpage www.carmelresidents.org/august2023-hot-topics-membership-survey

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