



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 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,

Carmel Residents Association Board of Directors

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CRA Hot Topic Survey Questions:

Most topics covered below include a link for more background that connects to a City or CRA webpage. We've provided a topic introduction and statements to mark agree or disagree that best represents your views. Each topic also provides for your open comments and suggestions. You must press the **SUBMIT** at the bottom of this page to complete your feedback.

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the statements below.

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.

- a) We welcome incremental affordable housing inside Carmel-by-the-Sea by including ADUs, duplexes+, repurposing parking lots, and adding 2nd floor residential space to downtown buildings with the 30ft height limit and others. *agree or disagree*
- b) With State laws that require qualifying low-income housing projects to be approved if they comply with objective standards, our Village needs strong objective standards that preserve our Village character. *agree or disagree*
- c) Understanding we must update our Housing Element; we do not support this mandated development in our Village that is built out with little available land. *agree or disagree*
- d) Our City must retain and maximize local control and public oversight for new and major remodeling of buildings in our Village – protecting the charm of the community where we live. *agree or disagree*
- e) We must prevent the future 7th RHNA cycle from issuing unrealistic new housing for our Village. *agree or disagree*
- f) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) This Steering Committee & City Staff have been revising the Guidelines with focus, clarity, and brevity. *agree or disagree*
- b) The updated Guidelines must specify the architecture styles that are and are not encouraged in our Village. *agree or disagree*
- c) The revised Guidelines should specify the characteristics of a structure, color, material, consistency, and landscaping that fit its location with modesty. *agree or disagree*
- d) The updated Guidelines should direct new construction that aligns with our forest, natural environment, and architectural heritage. *agree or disagree*
- e) The appendix should include requestor process, check list and supported reference materials or links to these sources. *agree or disagree*
- f) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) Existing building project approvals with city staff and the Planning Commission works as is. They correctly address architecture & code requirements. A DRB is not needed. *agree or disagree*
- b) A DRB can ensure new construction fits our Village and can speed up new and major remodel project design approvals – especially for newer owners & architects for our area. *agree or disagree*
- c) Combine a new DRB with the established Historic Resources Board. *agree or disagree*
- d) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) It is essential that local control tied to our design guidelines are in place with new ADU projects. *agree or disagree*
- b) Our Village should offer low-income units’ option of pre-manufactured ADUs that will receive over the counter approval. *agree or disagree*

- c) New ADU's must be visually consistent with the property's primary residence.
agree or disagree
- ~~d) ADU's are most frequently built as _____ing space of the primary residence. *agree or disagree*~~ (Item d) removed from online Survey
- e) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.
- a) Fast-track this project, as it has been considered more than once in the past.
agree or disagree
 - b) Make sure this project addresses long-term needs and is not a patchwork approach, even with more time and investment. *agree or disagree*
 - c) Assure this new/major rework visually fits the overall character of our Village.
agree or disagree
 - d) The police facility should be minimally remodeled only for safety, security, and accessibility. *agree or disagree*
 - e) Expand this police station project to incorporate the Public Works facility.
agree or disagree
 - f) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.
- a) The new mobile technology and its resulting new revenue for paid parking in our Village is OK but would like to minimize kiosks in this rollout. *agree or disagree*
 - b) Paid Parking, as newly proposed for our Village, is not OK and is unwelcoming.
agree or disagree
 - c) Incremental parking control officers and expanded work hours are required, with either the existing time limits or potential paid parking, to deliver on revenue goals. *agree or disagree*
 - d) Possible paid parking proposals for our Village must include net new parking space and more workable options for employee parking. *agree or disagree*
 - e) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

a) Local control of proposed residential wireless facilities is essential. Do not allow ministerial approval (over the counter); they must receive public review.

agree or disagree

b) Our Village has good current cellular coverage today without adding more towers in the residential areas. *agree or disagree*

c) We need better cellular coverage requiring additional towers. *agree or disagree*

d) Residential areas of our Village are already visually impaired by utility poles, lines and equipment that must be constrained with all possible controls and oversight.

agree or disagree

e) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

a) Do not implement standard address house numbers in our Village, we are OK with the occasional inconvenience. *agree or disagree*

b) We prefer the privacy of no addresses, no mail boxes and going to our post office for mail pickup. *agree or disagree*

c) Provide standard postal address to streamline package deliveries and to locate residences – while we continue to pick up mail at the post office.

agree or disagree

d) Provide standard postal addresses, with mail boxes and postal delivery to our homes throughout our Village. *agree or disagree*

e) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) Village trees, public & private, demand too much maintenance, and they limit sunshine and views. *agree or disagree*
- b) Our Village trees are an important investment demanding care to assure their health, replenishment and safety are addressed. *agree or disagree*
- c) Regularly provide guidance to all property owners, especially new owners, on the significance, care, and considerations for their trees in our Village. *agree or disagree*
- d) Public new and old trees, dead or alive (and stumps needing removal) must be cared for with added funding to catch up on past delayed maintenance. *agree or disagree*
- e) Provide incentives for property owners to care for the trees on their property and public space immediately adjacent to their property. *agree or disagree*
- f) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) Apply for grants and/or alternate sources to fast-track funding dollars for the needed work on our public parks. *agree or disagree*
- b) If we struggle to maintain our parks, we should explore alternate uses for this valuable land. *agree or disagree*
- c) Other than our City Beach, our primary public space for our youth is Forest Hill Park that critically needs major enhancements, and infrastructure refresh. *agree or disagree*
- d) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) Support Carmel Cares, Carmel Garden Club, MTNP Weedies and other community teams who volunteer to help care for these public spaces. *agree or disagree*
- b) Create a program for businesses to help maintain their landscaped areas. *agree or disagree*
- c) Upgrade or replace public trash cans, increasing trash and dog waste disposal. *agree or disagree*
- d) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) Given the constrained resources and funding, our Village is well maintained. *agree or disagree*
- b) Neighborhood streets are repaved or resurfaced routinely. *agree or disagree*
- c) There is a huge backlog of maintenance projects. *agree or disagree*
- d) Capital projects are prioritized and approved based on what is broken or the “squeaky wheel” model. *agree or disagree*
- e) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) Assign the critical ongoing public review and tracking responsibilities on these plans to the appropriate public commissions (Forest & Beach and/or Planning). *agree or disagree*
- b) We need to encourage switching from gas to all electric on heating, water, stoves, and more throughout our Village to decrease the use of fossil fuels. *agree or disagree*
- c) We need to ensure funding will be available to protect and maintain our City beach sea wall and abutments. *agree or disagree*
- d) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) Emergency response times and staff meet expectations. *agree or disagree*
- b) Leveraging Monterey teams for management and coverage works. *agree or disagree*
- c) There are adequate prevention services, evacuation guidance and education. *agree or disagree*
- d) We must keep physical fire and ambulance equipment and staff in our Village. *agree or disagree*
- e) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) Provide more visible patrolling downtown and in residential areas. *agree or disagree*
- b) Our Police Department staff are personable and skilled in what they do. *agree or disagree*
- c) There is inadequate staffing for parking enforcement. *agree or disagree*
- d) We look for more insights on the use, functionality and locations of the new license plate camera system. *agree or disagree*
- e) COMMENTS/Other _____

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.

- a) Consider selling the Scout House (corner of 8th & Mission). *agree or disagree*
- b) Retain ownership while we approve new operators of Scout House. *agree or disagree*

- c) Consider selling the Flanders Mansion (in Mission Trail Nature Preserve).
agree or disagree
- d) Retain ownership while we approve new operators of Flanders Mansion.
agree or disagree
- e) Kick-the-can to later for now. *agree or disagree*
- f) COMMENTS/Other _____

17. Other Comments, Gaps and Suggestions for your CRA Board.

Consider including thoughts on: What topics did we miss? What are your suggestions & ideas? How can this survey be improved in the future? How often should CRA survey its membership? And your added comments on any topic of interest.

COMMENTS/Other _____
