

Recommendation to Establish a Communication System Between the Town of Washington Grove and Heritage Emory Grove

Requires RASEC committee action with council support

Establish a communication system between the Town of Washington Grove and the Emory Grove community to exchange event and program information promptly, communicate amenities available in both communities and give periodic updates on Washington Grove's anti-racist work.

Importance

This recommendation furthers the promise in the Washington Grove Resolution, Acknowledging Washington Grove's Racially Exclusionary Past and Committing to an Equitable and Inclusive Future to:

- support ties with neighboring communities and consider their welfare and the impact our policies or decisions will have on them.
- further address any policies or practices that may have the effect of being racially biased or harmful, and foster an unbiased and inclusive environment free of discrimination and harassment toward any person or group.

Purpose

- To promote clear understanding between communities and to avoid miscommunications that have occurred in the past
- To encourage more direct communication
- To promote deeper understanding between the communities
- To promote continued opportunities for joint engagement in events and activities

Suggested Actions

Responsible party: RASEC

- Contact an Emory Grove representative to discuss the concept, get feedback, and acquire the name and contact information for the Emory Grove contact person and backup contact person.

Responsible parties: RASEC and Council

- Determine the most appropriate people to serve as a contact person and backup for Washington Grove with a process to maintain continuity if the personnel changes. This could be a council liaison and a RASEC member. The contact people would need to keep track of the Washington Grove calendar, pass information between the communities, and consult with others if needed.

Responsible parties: The four Washington Grove and Emory Grove people who serve as the primary and backup contacts.

- The four contact people meet to decide on the specific process, including how to communicate a controversial issue.