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Subject: Polaris
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Debbie,

You requested a summary of the meeting with Polaris management today.

Attendees: Candace, Cindy, and James from Polaris; Paul Cohen, Kendra Dedinsky, Nora Smith, and Dan Eernisse from the City.

Parking

- On-site Parking: Polaris' garage's 230+ stalls are about 73% occupied. Management is expecting a 95% occupancy eventually. A couple months ago management dropped the pricing from \$50/month to \$25/month to encourage more users. They don't think that they will drop it further. Polaris also has 22 "guest" stalls that are being used by guests and residents on a first-come, first-served basis; Dan suggested that these be more tightly enforced by Polaris so that they aren't undermining garage rentals. Note: Polaris does NOT own the large gravel parking lot to the east behind The Bounty.
- Off-site Parking: Polaris was very supportive of and appreciative of Kendra's proposed actions of posting select No Parking signs, edging a line where there is no curb, making police aware of the actions, providing educational information for its residents, and creating a loading zone. Polaris agreed to distribute educational material and paint curbs around mail boxes. They were also willing to paint reasonable off-site areas as requested by neighbors.

Noise/litter/poor behavior

- Polaris Management's #1 internal complaint is noise, so they try to vigilantly enforce their own 10pm noise ordinance, and they encouraged the City and neighbors to do the same.
- Polaris has begun a program of litter pick up that has, apparently, been noticed and appreciated by neighbors.
- Polaris reported that one neighbor had to be trespassed from their property after threatening, inappropriate behavior toward Polaris staff which included throwing garbage at them.

Community Involvement

- City Staff told Polaris about many resources, including CRT, police, North City Neighborhood Association, North City Business Association, Currents, and the Rec Guides. They apparently do receive Rec Guides, but not Currents, and were happy to know about it and the other resources. Nora checked to see if they were in our database yet.
- Kendra agreed to provide mailing addresses for 12th St neighbors, and Polaris agreed to mail them a "here's what we're doing to help" letter. Polaris was willing to provide unit address numbers if requested.

Lessons for the future

- All agreed that any of Kendra's actions should become standard operating procedure for any multifamily building (i.e. we should probably look at Malmo now!)
- Nora suggested that we should consider requiring more parking on-site.
- Dan suggested that the City develop, institute and enforce a Restricted Parking Zone program around every large new building to discourage on-street parking.
- Polaris was very supportive of all City-led off-site actions.

I believe that is a fairly accurate summary for 5pm on Friday evening, but I've copied the Staff attendees to weigh in as they see fit.

Cheers,

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