

The Mailboxes Dilemma

So here's my take on the community request to improve the look of the mailboxes by replacement (Quote \$10,000 in 2019, waiting on 2022 update from the company). Our budget can handle the cost of replacement but it would be better a year from now due to the early failure and expense of the tennis court issues that were over budget.

The other serious potential to the budget is Miss Senior's legal issue. I am confident no viable error will be found in the records search done on 5/9 but I have never encountered this type of attack so who knows. Also, if nothing is found and the matter is shown as frivolous, many community people indicate strong support for a lawsuit to recover the legal costs required to protect the association due to her use of a lawyer for a records search.

So at this time I believe **we should clean the mailbox area with pressure cleaning. Paint the trip curb (faded yellow now, a neighbor suggested a contrasting color like tan rather than yellow), and considering a serious communication with a painting company and their take on the relentless problems with repainting the mailboxes.**

Pros and Cons of Mailboxes Replacement or Repainting

PROS

CONS

Replacement would improve the appearance of the only entrance into Sugarhill while the Mosque and Winn-Dixie areas are looking bad.

The Mailboxes were replaced in 1998, they were 18 years old. These boxes are now 24 years old. There are mechanical problems according to our mail carrier.

If affordable, common area improvements are essential requirements for HOA boards to sustain property values especially when owners want the improvements.

Repainting is very difficult because of constant use (ie- can't be pressure washed, sand blasted or spray painted because doors don't seal causing affected mail).

Unknown cost of restoring and repairing the existing mailboxes may be nearly as expensive as replacement.

The individual box numbers are fading to the point where they can't be seen.

A possible hidden cost for either restoration or replacement will be the need for a locksmith to move the many locks.

So as you can tell, this issue that has been kicked around now for 3 years is still in limbo. Your input is greatly needed.

I don't even know where to start to find some company or individual to do a prep and repaint restoration of the mailboxes. I do think a sloppy job would be just kicking the problem down the road with a paint that won't last much more than 5 years and is unlikely to look good because it can't be sprayed.