# Resolution Regarding the Midtown Police Station

The Sunset Village Community Associationcordially welcomes the addition of the Midtown Police Station and its personnel to our community. Having a long-term public institution take up residence at the 4016-4018 Mineral Point Rd. site will be an asset to the stability of the neighborhood.

We understand that the Police Department and the City will face many decisions when designing this facility and its surroundings. Unlike other police stations in the city, this building will be much closer to private residences, and therefore faces special challenges in becoming integrated into our neighborhood. We would like to encourage the decision-makers to favor the following criteria when making their decisions. Some examples, not meant to be comprehensive or exclusive, are provided:

**1. Favor design features that optimize the feeling of safety and security of the neighbors.**

*Example*: Provide a secure location for the transfer of detainees from squad cars into the building (what has traditionally been called a “sally port,” for example).

*Example*: Having secured parking for officers’ private vehicles and squad cars.

**2. Favor designs that minimize any detrimental impact on the quality of life of the surrounding neighborhood.**

*Example*: To direct traffic and noise away from neighboring homes, provide for public access (including parking & entranceways) on the side of the building facing Mineral Point and/or onto Westmorland Blvd. close to Mineral Point (instead of having the driveway behind the building next to houses, as with the existing church).

*Example*: Provide underground parking for squad cars so they do not have to be left running outdoors in the cold or heat, and any required testing of car sirens will not disturb the adjoining neighbors. (This would also contribute to criterion #3.)

*Example*: Use directional lighting outdoors to minimize light pollution to surrounding yards.

**3. Favor designs that minimize negative environmental impacts**.

*Example*: Put some parking underground to minimize the amount of paved surface area required—i.e., minimize impermeable surfaces and harmful runoff to lakes. As noted above, this would also minimize the wasteful use of fossil fuels and the air pollution it generates.

*Example*: Favor designs that use as much of the existing materials on the site as possible (such as concrete and perhaps copper).

**4. Favor exterior designs/landscaping that are consistent with the “neighborhood in a forest” characteristic of Sunset Village, as highlighted in our Neighborhood Plan.**

*Example*:Use trees, shrubs, and other greenery in landscaping.

*Example*: Use underground parking and basement areas so the height of the building can be scaled to fit into the neighborhood.