

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW
Monthly Meeting

Date: June 17, 2009
Place: Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland
Present: Martie Mitchell, Acting Chair; Coral Bell, Lulu
Gonella, Mike Greene, Council members
Jana Coe, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Legal Counsel to Chevy Chase View
Others present: Rachel Ritvo, 4020 Everett Street

Called to Order: 7:35 p.m. by Martie Mitchell, Acting Chair

**Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2009 Executive Session, May 20, 2009
Regular Meeting and Executive Session and June 9, 2009 Work Session:**

Coral Bell moved that the minutes of the April 15, 2009 executive session be approved. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0, with Mike Greene abstaining. Coral Bell moved that the minutes of the May 20, 2009 regular meeting be approved. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Lulu Gonella moved that the minutes of the May 20, 2009 executive session be approved. Coral Bell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Lulu Gonella moved that the minutes of the June 9, 2009 work session be approved. Coral Bell seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0, with Martie Mitchell abstaining from the vote.

Financial Report for the Period May 1, 2009 to May 31, 2009: Martie Mitchell moved that the financial report for the period May 1, 2009 to May 31, 2009 be accepted. Coral Bell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amendment of Budget to Reallocate Expenses for Right-of-Way Tree Removal, Legal and Accounting, Town Manager Salary, Community Maintenance: Martie Mitchell requested consideration of the following amendments to the FY 2008-2009 Budget: (a) amend the budget for Right-of-Way Tree Removal from \$18,000 to \$19,000; (b) amend the budget for Legal and Accounting from \$55,000 to \$60,500; (c) amend the budget for Town Manager Salary from \$65,550 to \$67,050, (d) amend the budget for Community Maintenance from \$10,000 to \$10,300. These amendments, totaling \$8,300, will be taken from Right-of-Way Tree Planting thereby reducing that line item from \$26,125 to \$17,825. After discussion, Lulu Gonella moved for approval of these amendments, with Coral Bell seconding the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Walk: Mike Greene reported a downed communications cable on Franklin Street. The new trees look healthy and residents are keeping the gator bags filled. There is considerable tree overgrowth on the northeast corner of Connecticut Avenue and Franklin Street.

Jana Coe was asked to contact the State Highway Administration regarding visibility and pruning. The house numbers painted by Chamberlain Contractors last fall are failing in some locations. Jana Coe will review this with the contractor. She also reported that Montgomery County has acknowledged receipt of a complaint regarding the littered trash and overgrowth at the 4314 Glenrose construction site. At a recent hearing, the Montgomery County District Court issued an abatement order against the owner.

Sidewalk overgrowth is a problem due to the recent rainfall. Residents are asked to clear their adjacent sidewalk so that the entire width is passable. Pedestrians are having a difficult time along Summit Avenue and Cedar Lane. Please contact the Town Manager if you are unable to keep your sidewalk cleared.

Application for Shed - 4230 Everett Street (Mulligan): George and Mimi Mulligan, the new owners of 4230 Everett Street, have applied for permission to move the green wooden shed from the empty lot next door (Lot 16) to an existing cement slab at the back of the lot as shown on the survey. The shed is 12' x 10' and 10' tall. The existing cement slab is 8' from the back fence line and 36'/50' from the side property lines respectively, and the dimensions of the shed will fit within the existing slab. Lulu Gonella moved that the application be approved. Coral Bell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tree Planting and Trimming Update: Lulu Gonella reported that Myers and Laws spent two days in CCV clearing limbs and dead wood. A total of 26 right-of-way trees were planted in late May. A planting list for Fall 2009 has been initiated as some residents responded favorably after the cutoff date for ordering the Spring 2009 trees.

Connecticut Avenue Speed Update: Lulu Gonella reported that the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) reviewed the data collected from the speed trailer that has been deployed on Connecticut Avenue for the past 14 weeks as well as the effectiveness of the MCPD's current six-hour per week speeding enforcement plan. As a result of this data review, Capt. John Damskey informed Jana Coe on June 3, 2009, that two speed cameras (one northbound/one southbound) would be installed on Connecticut Avenue no later than August 31, 2009. The exact locations of the cameras will be determined during the week of June 22nd. The Council shared with Capt. Damskey the concerns some CCV residents have voiced concerning placement of the speed cameras and the strobe lights that shine whenever a violation is detected. They are very much aware of these issues and will take them into consideration when determining placement.

Capt. Damskey informed CCV that the June 17th Gazette article on speed cameras erroneously reported that the locations of the speed cameras has been determined. The Council is very hopeful that these speed cameras will reduce the speed along the stretch of Connecticut Avenue between Knowles Avenue and Saul Road.

NOTE: The Council will hold a work session at 7:00PM on July 1, 2009 to develop a cooperative approach with Montgomery County to improve the safety on Connecticut Avenue. The areas to be discussed include speed cameras, sidewalk installation and other traffic calming options. The work session will be at Christ Episcopal Church.

Connecticut Avenue Lighting Update: Martie Mitchell reported PEPCO had informed us last week that the Connecticut Avenue streetlights would be installed by June 17, 2009. Pepco reported that the installation has begun, but that it is taking longer than expected. Only two lights had been installed by the time of the meeting.

Update on Toter Containers: Jana Coe reported that Waste Management (WM) has delivered samples of the 64-gallon and 96-gallon toter containers for Council members to see. It was concluded that the 64-gallon would be the desirable size, should the Council conclude that it would be prudent to switch to this option for recyclables. Mike Greene suggested that the toter be made available for residents to view at the CCV annual picnic, where their opinions could be polled.

Jana Coe will continue discussions with WM regarding purchase options as well as incremental phase-in possibilities. The Council concluded that they want residents' input before proceeding with this decision of whether to convert to toters from the currently used blue recycling bins.

Lulu Gonella also reported that WM employee Willie Powell, who has worked in CCV for 21 years and just recently retired, was extremely touched by CCV's gift of a retirement watch which was presented to him on his last day, Friday, June 12, 2009. Willie has promised to visit us at the annual CCV picnic in the fall.

Compliance Issues: The Council discussed the ongoing compliance issue at 9819 Connecticut Avenue. The Council advised Ron Bolt to secure a detailed summary of Mr. Beal's efforts to serve the owner of that property by the end of business on June 18, 2009. After reviewing the summary, Mr. Bolt will assess what additional attempts to serve, if any, are necessary or whether CCV can move immediately to alternative service methods.

CCV Town Picnic: The annual CCV picnic will be held in late fall. We will report the exact date in July.

Recognition and Appreciation to Christ Episcopal Church: Mike Greene moved that CCV donate \$750 to Christ Episcopal Church as a gesture of appreciation for the use of church facilities during the past year. Coral Bell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kensington Plan Sector: Jana Coe reported that each CCV Council member has received a copy of the Public Hearing Draft for Kensington and Vicinity Sector Plan. The Montgomery County Planning Board has scheduled its public hearing on this Plan for Thursday, July 2, 2009, at the Montgomery Regional Office Building, located at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. Residents are invited to attend the hearing.

Approval of Chamberlain Contractors Proposal for Curb/Apron Repair: The Council reviewed the proposal for the removal and replacement of seven concrete aprons (two large width) in the amount of \$22,915, as well as the proposal for asphalt curb, sidewalk and utility repair work in the amount of \$13,485 (\$6,035 to be reimbursed by utility/resident bond monies). Coral Bell moved that these proposals be approved. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. This work will be scheduled for late July. Residents directly affected by the work will receive letters in mid-July.

July CCV Monthly Meeting Date Due to summer vacation schedules, the Council will hold its July monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of the month, July 22nd.

BRAC Report: Mike Greene reported on the June 16th BRAC meeting. The primary focus of the meeting was the presentation of different alternatives to move pedestrian traffic between the Medical Center Metro and the Naval Medical Hospital. The alternatives included the status quo, high speed elevators, tunneling under Route 355, combination deeper tunnel with high speed elevators or a pedestrian bridge. Further discussion will be held about these alternatives.

Street Sweeping Date Change: Jana Coe recommended that the Monday street sweeping date be changed to Wednesday. The yard waste collection on Mondays complicates the street sweeping effort when Waste Management completes the collection late in the day. Wednesday is a non-yard waste/recyclable/refuse collection day. The street sweeping will be held on the third Wednesday of each month (February through October). Next street sweeping date - July 15, 2009.

Recent Car Break-in Activity: Jana Coe reported that she has contacted the Bethesda police station and requested additional patrols in CCV. Corporal Russ Hamill reported that CCV residents have been well informed about calling in vandalism reports. The Chevy Chase Village police department has added late night/early morning patrols to the June schedule.

Planning Report on Board Moratorium on Development in Three School Clusters: Ron Bolt reported on the July 1, 2009 residential building moratorium recently imposed by the Montgomery County Planning Board. After receiving the results of the annual school test (created as part of the biennial Growth Policy), which compares projected student enrollment against projected classroom capacity, the Planning Board established a development moratorium for three school clusters which include Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Clarksburg and Seneca Valley.

Starting July 1, 2009, and until the next annual review, the Planning Board will not approve residential subdivisions in those three cluster areas unless they are communities for retirees or subdivisions of three or fewer units.

Motion to Adjourn: At 9:45 p.m., Martie Mitchell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Coral Bell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Council will meet next for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Coe, Town Manager

Application for Building Permit - Building Permit Applications for consideration at the July 22, 2009 meeting must be fully perfected by 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2009. Applications can be submitted to Alan Beal, the Building Permit Administrator, for review. Please note that Mr. Beal's review may take several days and an application is not considered perfected until Mr. Beal completes his review. Any questions about this process should be directed to Mr. Beal at 202-607-4153.

Bulk Pick-Up - The next bulk pick-up will be **Saturday**, July 11, 2009. Please note that this is the second Saturday of the month due to the July 4th holiday falling on the first Saturday. As a reminder, heavy refuse includes major appliances, furniture, large toys, bicycles, plumbing fixtures and up to two tires cut into quarters. Excluded are batteries, propane tanks, bricks and general construction debris and iron pipes. Please have your items at the curb by 7:00 AM on Saturday as the truck comes through early.

Website - Please visit our website at www.chevychaseview.org.

Listserv - Please consider becoming a member of the CCV listserv. Send an email to ChevyChaseViewNet-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Street Cleaning - The next regular street sweeping is scheduled for July 15 (the third Wednesday). Please park your cars in driveways in order that the most effective sweeping can be performed.