

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW

Monthly Meeting

Date: March 18, 2009
Place: Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland
Present: Mike Plantamura, Chair; Martie Mitchell, Coral Bell, Lulu Gonella, and Peter Roman, Council members
Jana Coe, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Legal Counsel to Chevy Chase View
Alan Beal, Building Permit Administrator
Rachel Ritvo, 4020 Everett Street

Called to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Mike Plantamura, Chair

CPJ Tree Database Presentation: Steve Jones of Charles P. Johnson & Associates (CPJ) presented the Council with an overview of the GIS product that was initiated four years ago to manage CCV property information. He reviewed the tree database that has been created from the inventory of trees created by CCV's consulting arborist, Phil Normandy. Mr. Jones shared details on data available on 766 trees, each of which has been identified with its own point number. The Council will review the data and discuss creating a written policy for 16 trees that have been identified as border trees. Border trees are situated on the town/front property line border. A subsequent meeting is scheduled with Mr. Jones, Alan Beal, Phil Normandy, Tom Myers, Rachel Ritvo, Lulu Gonella and Jana Coe to receive in-depth information and reports that are now available.

Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2009 Regular Meeting: Martie Mitchell moved that the minutes of the February 18, 2009 regular meeting be approved. Coral Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 in favor with Mike Plantamura abstaining from the vote as he was not present at said meeting.

Financial Report for the Period February 1, 2009 to February 28, 2009: Peter Roman moved that the financial report for the period February 1, 2009 to February 28, 2009 be accepted. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Walk: Coral Bell conducted the walk for March and reported that a right-of-way ginkgo tree at 9810 Summit Avenue was vandalized. It has been removed and will be replaced in the spring 2009 planting. Alan Beal was asked to check the status of the new home under construction at 4314 Glenrose Street. The scarring of the road surface at 4208 Glenrose Street, as a result of the demolition of home, was noted.

Connecticut Avenue Lighting Update: Martie Mitchell reported PEPCO has a manufacturing issue with the tear drop esplanade housing. The 150W HPS ballast trays may not fit into the new housing. Currently PEPCO is checking with its engineers to determine what can be done or whether new housing needs to be manufactured. In the event that new housing is needed, the lights will not be available until mid to late April.

BRAC Report: Lulu Gonella reported that she attended the latest BRAC meeting. Details of the meeting were accurately captured in the Gazette. Go to: http://www.gazette.net/stories/03182009/chevnew201101_32474.shtml Areas of concern include traffic congestion, how the project will be funded as well as communication between BRAC officials and Montgomery County.

There is a public meeting on April 2, 2009, at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School from 5:30PM – 7:30PM. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Construction Site Issues and Fee Increase Discussion: Jana Coe and Alan Beal drafted changes to the language for the bond release protocol and permitting procedures. The Council will be reviewing these changes that are intended to facilitate communication with residents and provide better management of the building process. After Council review, the final draft of the protocol will be forwarded to Ron Bolt to review for the purpose of determining if implementation of any the proposed changes to the bond release protocol and permitting procedures will require amendment to the Chevy Chase View Regulations. The proposed changes would require a pre-construction meeting for certain construction, clarify that building permit conditions may be imposed as well as clarify the penalty provisions for violations of the Regulations. If an amendment to the Regulations is determined to be needed, Mr. Bolt will prepare a draft ordinance for that purpose that the Council will plan to review at the April meeting.

Waste Management Toter Container Availability: Jana Coe reported that she has received inquires from CCV residents regarding the possibility of CCV furnishing the 64-gallon toter containers that are similar to the containers distributed by Montgomery County to its residents several years ago. Waste Management can now accommodate the toter containers with their equipment. Jana is in the process of securing pricing for the containers as well as the impact on the recycling budget.

Discussion of Dresden Street Sidewalk Repair or Replacement: Council members and residents have asked that the sidewalk on Dresden Street be addressed. The Council agreed that replacement of the sidewalk is desirable over repairing and patching. The sidewalk needs to be widened towards the street and in most cases away from the owner's property line. There are several areas where the ground adjacent to the pathway is falling towards the ditch line

and an asphalt wedge needs to be installed in order to tie into the existing pathway.

Peter Roman moved that the FY 2009 budget be amended to include up to \$28,000 for the replacement of the sidewalk under Capital Improvements. Martie Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report on Snow Central Services: Martie Mitchell reported that the cost of plowing the February ice storm was \$4,899 due to the combination of snow/ice/sleet. Snow Central found it difficult to manage the changing aspects of the storm. The cost to plow the second snow storm of the winter was \$1,837.

Amendment of Budget to Reallocate Expenses for Right-of-Way Sidewalk and Sign Maintenance, Snow Removal and Sanding, Payroll Expenses, Professional and Consulting Services and Equipment: Mr. Plantamura requested consideration of the following amendments to the FY 2008-2009 Budget: (a) amend the budget for Right-of-Way Sidewalk and Sign Maintenance from \$5,500 to \$6,500; (b) amend the budget for Snow Removal and Sanding from \$6,000 to \$6,750; (c) amend the budget for Payroll Expenses from \$13,325 to \$14,250, (d) amend the budget for Professional and Consulting Services from \$16,000 to \$19,000, and (e) Equipment from \$1,500 to \$1,800. These amendments totaling \$5,975 will be taken from Right-of-Way Tree Planting thereby reducing that line item from \$32,100 to \$26,125. After discussion, Mr. Plantamura moved for approval of these amendments, with Lulu Gonella seconding the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Apron Expansion Policy: Alan Beal agreed to identify different CCV aprons that are representative of the varying sizes (flare to flare) in order for the Council to consider adopting a policy for recommended driveway apron width. The Council will plan to discuss this item further at the April meeting.

Discussion of Addition of Email Addresses to CCV Directory: The Council discussed options for including email addresses in the CCV directory. Lulu Gonella supported the idea but noted that it will be burdensome to keep it updated. It will be the responsibility of the residents to notify the Town Manager of email changes, and not the responsibility of the Town Manager to track down the changes.

If you would like your email address included in the CCV directory, send an email to ccviewmanager@verizon.net for said inclusion. Please note that this is a new email address for Jana Coe, Town Manager.

Formal Acceptance of FY 2009-2010 Budget: Mr. Plantamura presented the proposed budget to the Council. Ms. Bell moved for acceptance of the proposed budget with the previous amendments for presentation to the community for comments and a public hearing. Mr. Roman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The annual budget meeting (including a public hearing on the proposed budget) has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 7:00 pm, prior to the regular meeting's scheduled start time of 7:30 pm on that date.

Appointment of Nominating Committee for May 14, 2009 Elections: Mr. Plantamura announced that elections will be held only if there are more announced candidates than there are seats on the Council to be filled. Mike Plantamura asked Council members to forward names of residents that would consider serving on the Nominations Committee. The Committee must be formed no later than April 1, 2009.

Adjournment: At 9:30 p.m., Mr. Roman moved to adjourn the meeting, which Lulu Gonella seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Council will next convene for its annual budget meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland. Following the budget meeting, the Council will then conduct a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Coe, Town Manager

Application for Building Permit – Building Permit Applications for consideration at the April 15, 2009 meeting must be fully perfected by 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 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**, April 4, 2009. Bulk pick-ups are held on the first Saturday of the month. 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.

Backyard Refuse Service – Waste Management provides backyard refuse service. It is not necessary to take your cans to the curb for refuse removal. Recycling bins need to be placed at the curb on Tuesdays. Thanks to all the residents who have elected to take advantage of the backyard service.

Street Cleaning – The next regular street sweeping is scheduled for Monday, April 27th. This is a change from the regular third Monday of the month in order to accommodate the Spring Bulk Cleanup. Please park your cars in driveways in order that the most effective sweeping can be performed.

Spring Bulk Cleanup Scheduled – The much anticipated Spring Bulk Cleanup has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, through Friday, April 24. A separate notice will be mailed in advance.