

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW

Monthly Meeting

Date: May 19, 2010

Place: Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland

Present: Mike Plantamura, Chair; Coral Bell, Paula Fudge, Lulu Gonella,

Mike Greene, Council members

Jana Coe, Town Manager

Ron Bolt, Legal Counsel to Chevy Chase View

Alan Beal, Building Permit Administrator

Others Present: Rachel Ritvo, 4020 Everett Street

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

Welcome Newly Elected Council Members/Report on CCV Elections: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Plantamura. Mr. Plantamura reported that Paula Fudge and Lulu Gonella were elected to two-year terms, and welcomed Mrs. Fudge as a new Council member.

Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2010 Annual Budget Meeting and April 21, 2010 Regular Meeting: Coral Bell moved that the minutes of the April 21, 2010 Annual Budget Meeting and the April 21, 2010 regular meeting be approved. Mike Greene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report for the Period April 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010: Coral Bell moved that the financial report for the period April 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010 be accepted. Mike Greene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Walk: Coral Bell reported that everything in CCV looks great with the streets cleared of debris. She reported that the property located at 3811 Everett Street has grass nearly a foot tall. She recommended that Jana Coe contact the County regarding the property.

Application for Fence Permit – (3815 Everett Street - Blank): Stephanie Blank applied to construct a 6-foot fence around the rear and sides of her property at 3815 Everett Street. In addition, a 4-foot fence and gate across the driveway will be constructed behind the front of her home. The proposed fence complies with the CCV building regulations. Coral Bell moved that the application for the fence at 3815 Everett Street be approved. Mike Greene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application to Widen Driveway and Apron – (3910 Dresden Street – O’Brien): Chris O’Brien applied to construct a new driveway apron in the front of his property at 3910 Dresden Street. Prior to this meeting, Mr. O’Brien requested an amendment to the permit application to include a 6-foot stockade fence to be installed on the sides of his property at 3910 Dresden Street to match the existing fence at the rear of the property. In addition, a 4-foot black aluminum fence and gate will be constructed along the front property line. The proposed application complies with the CCV building regulations for a fence as well as the driveway and apron standards adopted as a CCV policy in December 2009. Coral Bell moved that the application for the new driveway apron and fence at 3910 Dresden Street be approved with the condition that the application be amended to include the fence. Mike Greene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BRAC Report: Lulu Gonella reported that an interchange between the National Institutes of Health and National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda is being considered by Montgomery County transportation staff as they try to find a way to keep people crossing the Pike away from vehicle traffic.

Six designs were presented by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation along with consultants at URS Corporation to the county’s Base Realignment and Closure Implementation Committee on May 11. They include a "jug handle" road west of the Pike for NIH and Navy Med campus access, an interchange at the Pike between Navy Med and NIH, and tunnels or elevators under the Pike for improved Medical Center Metro station and bus access.

The designs are meant to alleviate some of the increased vehicle and foot traffic caused by the relocation of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center to Navy Med in September 2011. The number of walkers and bicyclists crossing the Pike between the Metro station and Navy Med is projected to jump from pre-Walter Reed relocation of 3,000 to post-relocation of 6,700.

Lulu Gonella and Mike Plantamura both expressed concern about traffic backup that could result in CCV becoming a cut-through community for commuters. Mike Greene suggested the possible use of no-turn signs (particularly during rush hour) to restrict traffic through CCV as a result of BRAC. The Council concurred that they want to begin exploring ways to mitigate the inevitable rush-hour cut-through traffic in CCV. Jana Coe was asked to contact Montgomery County’s traffic engineering staff to set up a meeting to explore restrictive traffic options.

Residents are encouraged to visit www.chevy ChaseView.org for links to BRAC related websites. Montgomery County’s BRAC website is updated weekly and there is important information available for review.

Report on Safe Routes to School Grant (SFTS)/SHA Design Plan Progress: Jana Coe reported that the first quarter SFTS report has been finalized and filed. SHA officials

held a meeting on May 17th which allowed CCV/TOK residents directly affected by the sidewalk an opportunity to view plans. They have also met with a few property owners who were unable to attend the May 17th meeting.

Angel Tao, SHA Engineer, reported that everyone seemed to be positive about the project. They will revise SHA right-of-entry agreements and landscape design to reflect the feedback received at the meeting so as to address everyone's concerns.

There are only three properties that SHA has been unable to secure a meeting with residents. Jana Coe will work with SHA to make certain that the most recent mailing information is available to Ms. Tao.

Oath of Office: Cecelia Adams, CCV resident and notary public, appeared before the Council to swear Lulu Gonella and Paula Fudge into office. They met the eligibility requirements and submitted their executed Oath of Office to Jana Coe. The Council thanked Cecilia and her two daughters, Leah and Sydney, for performing this service.

FEMA Reimbursement for Snow Removal Expenses in December 2009: FEMA has reviewed and approved reimbursement of costs incurred during the December 2009 Severe Winter Storm. The reimbursement is 75% of eligible costs and administrative costs claimed during a 48-hour period as designated 'most expensive' by the Town. Payment in the amount of \$3,541.99 should be received by June 30, 2010.

On May 7, 2010, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal disaster aid will be made available to the State of Maryland and Montgomery County to help pay for costs associated with severe winter snowstorms that occurred February 5-11, 2010. Jana Coe will identify the optimum 48-hour reimbursement period and make application as required by FEMA.

Spring 2010 Tree Planting Report: Lulu Gonella reported that she would be touring the Town with Tom Laws of Myers and Laws Tree Service on May 20th to review the health of all right-of-way trees, to check newly planted trees for warranty issues as well as set up a plan for juvenile corrective pruning for same. Lulu also reported that CPJ has the CCV laptop and is adding six-month data on building permits, tree plantings/removals, new tree installation dates documented since 2004, fire hydrants and storm drain information. Steve Jones of CPJ has indicated that printing reports from the laptop is not proprietary and anyone that is familiar with the database and GIS software can create a report through the report wizard. CPJ is creating templates for a few specific reports that the Arbor Committee has identified. Lulu recommended the CCV laptop be updated every ten years to reflect the caliper measurement of all right-of-way trees.

Rachel Ritvo reported, as Arbor Committee chair, that the CCV Arbor Committee met on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, to discuss various initiatives that would place more information about CCV's right-of-way trees in the hands of new homeowners. The deferred vacancy

list was discussed, and Lulu Gonella stated that she felt it was a good idea to offer a new right-of-way tree to new homeowners, but did not feel it was the Council's position to automatically plant a tree where a previous owner had declined. After the completion of the tree database update on the CCV laptop has been completed, the Arbor Committee would like to add the various cultivars to the CCV website.

Appreciation to Nominating Committee and Election Officials: On behalf of the Council, Chairman Mike Plantamura extended its appreciation to Doug McDaniel (chair), Paula Dent and Kathy Kirvan for serving on the Nominating Committee. The smoothly run election was a credit to Judges Tricia O'Reilly and Suzi Walsh, and Tellers Ann Tatem and Will Tyson.

Discussion of Police Services: The Council discussed potential options for police services for CCV once the contract for Chevy Chase Village police services terminates on June 30, 2010. Jana Coe reported on information provided by Commander Russ Hamill of the Montgomery County Police Department's District 3 regarding the MCPD's informal MOU agreement with the Town of Kensington to provide police services. This agreement follows the contractual obligations of the police union and the officer's hourly overtime rate is charged. If this type of agreement could be extended to CCV, a sergeant would be assigned as CCV's contact and officers would be invited to sign up for duty. This would be based on seniority and Montgomery County would bill CCV directly each month for the hours provided.

Another possible option, currently used by the Town of Chevy Chase, would be to contract with a private security company. Under this arrangement, CCV would directly contract with and employ officers that are specifically chosen by the security company based on specifications established by CCV.

The Council discussed the two models and determined there are positives and negatives to both. Jana Coe will continue to gather information from Commander Hamill and present findings to the Council.

Election of Chairman: Mike Greene nominated Mike Plantamura to continue to serve as Chairman of the CCV Council. Coral Bell seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 4 to 0, with Mr. Plantamura abstaining from the vote.

Assignment of Officers: The floor was opened for nomination of officers of the Council. Mike Plantamura nominated Coral Bell to serve as Acting Chair. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 0, with Mrs. Bell abstaining from the vote. Mike Plantamura nominated Lulu Gonella to serve as Treasurer. Coral Bell seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 0, with Lulu Gonella abstaining from the vote. Mike Plantamura nominated Mike Greene to serve as Assistant Treasurer. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 4 to 0, with Mike Greene abstaining from the vote.

Council Member Responsibilities: The Council members then discussed the numerous responsibilities of the Council. **Please use the attached updated list as your reference when you need to contact a Council member.**

Other New Business: Chamberlain Contractors is scheduled to repair utility cuts on completed building projects in early June. This will include work on Glenrose, Glenridge, Dresden and Cleveland Streets. CCV's claim with Montgomery County to cover the \$1100 damage by the rogue snow plow to the Dresden Street curb has been denied as the County claims to have no knowledge of any of its sub-contractors operating in CCV.

Some of repair work for the utility cuts will be covered by cash performance bonds and utility reimbursements. The work on Dresden Street and on Cleveland Street, as well as repair of the sink hole on Glenridge Street, will cost CCV approximately \$2,000.00.

Motion to Adjourn: At 9:20 p.m., Lulu Gonella moved 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, June 16, 2010, 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 June 16, 2010, meeting must be fully perfected by 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2010. 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 bulk pick-up is scheduled for the first **Saturday of every month, with the next pick-up on June 5, 2010.** 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. **As a reminder, the**

ChevyChaseViewNet listserv is not intended to be used by residents to contact the Town Manager or Council members. For the latter, please use the appropriate telephone number or email address for the Town Manager or Town Council member(s). To ensure the most timely response on matters related to Town business or the Chevy Chase View Council, your inquiries are best directed to the Town Manager at ccviewmanager@verizon.net or by calling 301-949-9274.

Trash Pickup – CCV provides backyard trash pickup. Please do not take your cans to the curb. Thank you.

Overgrowth on CCV Sidewalks: Residents are reminded to cut back all shrubbery that protrudes into the adjacent sidewalks on their property. Pedestrians should have access to the full width of the sidewalk.

Monthly Street Cleaning: CCV streets are cleaned on the third Wednesday of every month – next cleaning on June 16th (same day as Council meeting). Please remember to park your cars in your driveways to that we can assure the best possible cleanup of debris on our streets. Thank you for your cooperation.