

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW
Monthly Meeting

Date: January 20, 2010
Place: Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland
Present: Mike Plantamura, Chair; Coral Bell, Lulu Gonella, Mike Greene,
Martie Mitchell, Council members
Jana Coe, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Legal Counsel to Chevy Chase View
Alan Beal, Building Permit Administrator
Also Present: Alicia Klaffky, 4101 Dresden Street
Lynn Bailets, 9809 Gartrell Place

Called to Order: 8:20 p.m. by Mike Plantamura, Chair

Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2009 Meeting: Martie Mitchell moved that the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting be approved. Coral Bell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financial Report for December 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009: Michael Greene moved that the financial report for December 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 be accepted. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Walk: Mike Plantamura conducted the monthly walk and inquired about the final leaf removal schedule. Jana Coe reported that Bethke Landscaping completed the final pass-through on January 20, 2010, even though the contract ended January 15, 2010.

Request to Consider Community Holiday Collection: Lynn Bailets of 9809 Gartrell Place and Alicia Klaffky of 4101 Dresden Street proposed to the Council that CCV have a Community Holiday Collection for our refuse and recycling personnel at the holiday season in December 2010. Mr. Bailets has tried over the past several years to recognize our refuse and recycling removal personnel, but it is difficult to "catch" them when they are making pick-ups and to be certain that there is recognition for all of the regular personnel. If CCV had a community designated collection system, all residents who wished to contribute could do so according to any instructions established by the Council. This approach could generate more contributions and eliminate the logistics problems associated with individual CCV residents trying to recognize the crews.

Mike Plantamura asked Jana Coe to check with the CCV auditor regarding any tax implications that may be associated with the holiday fund. Martie Mitchell moved that the Council support this Community Holiday Collection in 2010. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jana Coe will send the notice to CCV residents in mid-November 2010 advising that optional contribution would be accepted for the Community Holiday Collection.

Compliance Update: Mr. and Mrs. Rickman of 4001 Glenrose Street will be presenting their waiver application to Montgomery County wherein they are requesting a waiver of 1.40 feet from the required front lot line setback of 30 feet for an existing one-story addition. The hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. If the waiver is approved by Montgomery County, the next step is to apply for a waiver from CCV. Alan Beal will follow up with Mrs. Rickman on January 28, 2010.

BRAC Report: Lulu Gonella reported that earlier this month the BRAC Coalition was concerned that the state and/or the county were seeking to use the \$300 million recently approved by Congress in December 2009 on a “surface transit way” using bus rapid transit. This transit way would extend well beyond the communities impacted by the base closure. The \$300 million was approved by Congress for two bases involved in the federal Base Realignment and Closure process and was intended to be used to provide relief of traffic congestion around the base and surrounding communities. Meetings between the Coalition members and county officials are currently taking place to ensure our elected officials are held accountable to appropriately use any of the monies allocated by Congress on transportation solutions related to the immediate area surrounding Navy Medical. The Coalition believes that the money is to be spent on concepts more closely related to Walter Reed, such as access to the Medical Center Metro station from the east side of Rockville Pike. It is unclear at this time how much of the \$300 million will be dedicated to Walter Reed Medical Center.

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 Route to School Grant: Jana Coe reported that State Highway Administration officials as well as Town of Kensington officials will be meeting with her on February 4, 2010 to begin the first quarter required reporting to the federal government.

Connecticut Avenue Speed Update: As part of the ongoing negotiations among CCV, the Town of Kensington and Montgomery County, on January 17, 2010, the CCV Council and Town of Kensington officials sent a revised draft of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Montgomery County covering the subjects of speed camera placement and revenue sharing. The Council

anticipates that a meeting among CCV, TOK and Montgomery County will be scheduled in the near future to further discuss the pending MOU.

Snow Plowing/De-icing Chemicals Approach: Martie Mitchell and Jana Coe met with Tom Lanigan, owner of Snow Central, to discuss CCV's policy for snow removal. Tom Lanigan of Snow Central has been plowing CCV's streets for 35 years. When we have a storm, early in the morning, Tom drives through every block in CCV to determine what needs to be done. He drives through with his 4WD truck in 2WD to replicate what others might be facing. He personally continues to monitor the condition of the streets during and after the storm.

CCV's long-standing policy, which Tom adheres to, is to make the roads passable and safe by plowing (but not to the pavement) the streets, then sanding hills and intersections, and using salt sparingly on the worst hills. (He identified those as being Glenridge down to Connecticut, and Summit and Gartrell down to Saul. He also mentioned Glenrose, Franklin, and Everett down to Connecticut as frequently needing extra attention). In general, the policy has been to begin to plow when there is at least 2" of snow on the ground, and to continue to plow and spot-treat as needed, based on Tom's personal inspections and feedback from the Town Manager, throughout the storm.

CCV's policy of not using salt except when absolutely necessary is primarily because of the damage it does in the long run to both our roads and to nearby vegetation, grass and trees. Salt is also extremely expensive, and past Councils have thought it fiscally responsible to keep salt to a minimum.

Occasionally bigger problems arise given the timing of the arrival of storms, and the temperature conditions at the time. During the small storm earlier this month, conditions were made more treacherous by the plunging temperatures during and immediately after the snow fell. The plows went through one time, and the remaining falling snow turned to ice as it hit the pavement. In this and similar instances, salt is added as needed, with an attempt to use as little as possible to keep the roads safe while still protecting the surface of our roads and nearby vegetation.

Motion to Adjourn: At 9:35 p.m., Michael Greene moved that the meeting be adjourned. Martie Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Council will meet next for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland, immediately following the continued waiver hearing for 9819 Connecticut Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Coe, Town Manager

Application for Building Permit – Building Permit Applications for consideration at the February 17, 2010, meeting must be fully perfected by 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 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 next bulk pick-up will be **Saturday, February 6, 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.

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