

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW

Monthly Meeting

Date: October 21, 2009
Place: Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland
Present: Mike Plantamura, Chair; Martie Mitchell, Coral Bell,
Lulu Gonella, 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
Mary Plantamura, 4109 Franklin Street

Called to Order: 7:35 p.m. by Mike Plantamura, Chair

Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2009 Meeting: Martie Mitchell moved that the minutes of the September 16, 2009 meeting be approved. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Financial Report for September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009: Coral Bell moved that the financial report for September 1, 2009 to September 30, 2009 be accepted. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Walk: Jana Coe reported that Mike Greene conducted the monthly walk. A right-of-way tree limb resting on a Pepco wire at 4224 Everett Street needs to be reported to Pepco.

Tree Trimming Update: Lulu Gonella reported that a total of ten new right-of-way trees will be planted this fall by Stadler Nursery. Seven trees will be planted on October 26th, and the remaining three trees will be planted in November. Tom Laws has checked all the right-of-way trees planted in the Fall 2008 and has determined that one tree's health is questionable. This tree can be replaced as it falls within the one-year warranty period given by Stadler Nursery.

Connecticut Avenue Speed Update: Mike Plantamura reported that the new speed cameras recently installed on Connecticut Avenue went live on October

12, 2009. The CCV Council and Town of Kensington officials have sent a revised proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Montgomery County covering the subjects of speed camera placement and revenue sharing. This revised MOU will be reviewed by County Executive Ike Leggett. The MOU, once finalized and adopted, would be retroactive to October 12, 2009.

BRAC Report: On October 5th, Lulu Gonella and Jana Coe attended a meeting at the BCC Regional Service Center wherein Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Lt. Governor Anthony Brown and Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett came together to meet the community liaison members regarding the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. They acknowledged concerns and provided updates on efforts to address the infrastructure around the Navy Medical Center. Andy Scott of the State Highway Administration and Edgar Gonzalez of Montgomery County Department of Transportation gave a PowerPoint presentation on the current state of project development and funding. Please visit www.chevychaseview.org for a direct link to the BRAC website.

CCV Town Picnic: On behalf of the Council, Mike Plantamura thanked Denny and Suzanne Scarff for coordinating and hosting the CCV picnic. Mrs. Scarff wanted to publicly thank the following residents for their help: George and Ethel Monk, Michelle, Kelsey and Aidan Rafferty, Lynn Bailets, Linda Winters, and Rich Hodgson. Over 400 residents attended the event.

Update on Toter Recycling Containers: Mike Plantamura and Lulu Gonella reported that at the September 27th annual picnic many residents expressed a strong interest in the recycling toters. . A sample toter container in each of the three available sizes was displayed at the picnic and an informal survey was conducted in an effort to get a sense of residents' interest in converting to the toters as well as residents' toter size preferences. Waste Management offers single stream recycling so CCV residents would be able to place glass, plastic and papers in the toters.

The Council agreed to move forward with ordering a total of 200 containers, with a mix of the three size options. The Council reviewed a storage/delivery proposal by Nature's Friends. Please see the attached order form if you are interested in receiving one of these toters.

Apron Expansion Policy: The Council members will continue to review existing driveway aprons and the data presented by Mr. Beal. They will discuss this further at the November 18th Council meeting.

Application to Construct Roof Over Existing Deck – 4101 Dresden (Klaffky): Mr. and Mrs. Klaffky applied for a permit to construct a roof over their existing deck at their property located at 4101 Dresden Street. The deck is located on the west side of their home and complies with the setback requirements for side yard projections. It was noted that the owners' submitted survey was dated in May 2004,

and Alan Beal was instructed to secure a statement from the owners verifying that this survey represents the property as it currently exists, as required by the Chevy Chase View regulations. Martie Mitchell moved that the application be approved upon receipt of said statement from the owners. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Compliance Update: Alan Beal reported that the owners of 4101 Glenrose have been advised that a completed waiver application must be filed with Montgomery County by October 30, 2009. In the absence of this action, CCV plans to issue a notice of violation on November 2, 2009.

Mr. Bolt reported that he is continuing enforcement efforts on 9819 Connecticut Avenue.

Snow Removal Contract: Jana Coe reported that she received three bids for snow removal. She recommended that the Council approve the proposal by Snow Central and that a contract be executed in the form provided by counsel. Ron Bolt recommended that the following two changes be made to the proposal: (i) the paragraph concerning indemnity of the contractor be deleted and (ii) the paragraph concerning sales tax be deleted. Lulu Gonella moved that the proposal be approved with these changes. Martie Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Report on Save Route to School Grant: The Council discussed the Safe Routes to School Grant in the amount of approximately \$100,000 that was recently awarded to the towns of Chevy Chase View and Kensington. An application had been submitted by the two towns for \$500,000 to be applied toward the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Connecticut Avenue. The Council reviewed the guidelines for acceptance of this grant as well as the grant's December 31, 2011 deadline by which time the sidewalk project would have to be completed. Because the County funding that would be a necessary component of the overall funding of the sidewalk construction project would not be available early enough to permit the project to be completed prior to this December 31, 2011 deadline, the Council agreed that it was advisable to decline the 2009 grant and consider reapplying for a similar grant in 2011 when County funds committed to the project are anticipated to be available.

WSSC Work in CCV: Jana Coe reported that WSSC will be rehabilitating the main sewer line on Dresden Street (3910-4016 and 4101 to Summit Avenue). The design is scheduled for completion in November and the actual construction will most likely start in early spring. More updates will be made available as we get closer to the construction phase, particularly to those residents on Dresden Street.

Motion to Adjourn: At 9:10 p.m., Martie Mitchell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Council will meet next for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 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 November 18, 2009 meeting must be fully perfected by 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 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, November 7, 2009**. 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@yahoogleroups.com.

Leaf Removal - Weekly leaf removal services began on October 15, 2009, and will continue until January 15, 2010.