

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW
Monthly Meeting

Date: September 21, 2011
Place: Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland
Present: Lulu Gonella, Chair; David Albright, Paula Fudge, Michael Greene, Council members
Jana Coe, Town Manager
Alan Beal, Building Permit Administrator
Ron Bolt, Legal Counsel to Chevy Chase View
Others Present: Dorie Anisman, 10105 Summit Avenue
Rachel Ritvo, 4020 Everett Street
Sandy and Lionel Epstein, 9909 Old Spring Road
Kristy Clason, 9823 Connecticut Avenue
Betty Myers, 3904 Franklin Street
Mary Ann Clancy, 3903 Franklin Street

Called Monthly Meeting to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Lulu Gonella, Chair

Review of Traffic/Speed Monitoring Report with Joe Cutro: The Council met with Joe Cutro, Traffic Engineering Consultant, to review the traffic/speed monitoring report reflecting data collected at a total of eight sites over the first three weeks of May, 2011. The data was collected primarily to serve as a baseline in determining the effects upon local traffic patterns due to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) consolidation of Bethesda Naval Hospital.

Mr. Cutro reviewed specific traffic volumes on each of the streets, finding the directional split of traffic for the streets is nearly perfectly balanced over the course of the weekday which vary quite a bit from street to street.

Computed speed indicators for all collection sites, including those streets without speed humps, fell within professionally accepted limits for residential streets. Mr. Cutro recommended the Council conduct a second round of traffic/speed data collection in May 2012, as traffic patterns deriving from the BRAC relocation will take a minimum of six months from September 2011 to fully stabilize.

The Council reviewed the Montgomery County conceptual drawing for the Cedar Lane/Summit Avenue intersection. Mr. Cutro was asked to draft a letter to Montgomery County's traffic engineer, Kyle Liang, addressing the Council's concern of the loss of bike lanes, heightened

exposure of the sidewalk area to vehicular traffic, parking restrictions, advance pedestrian signage and bus stop relocations.

Mr. Cutro discussed the revision to target compliance dates for signage detailed in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) 2009 version.

Target compliance dates for 33 traffic control items have been eliminated. The underlying design and application standards/guidelines remain in effect, but compliance would now be achievable via attrition rather than by racing to meet an arbitrary deadline (December 22, 2013). In addition, municipalities should establish a written policy regarding maintenance of sign retro-reflectivity, wherein traffic signage will be replaced when the effectiveness has worn out. Mr. Cutro was asked to submit a proposal to conduct a CCV signage inventory, with emphasis on traffic control devices in non-compliance.

The Council discussed the use of Franklin Street east of Connecticut Avenue as a commuter cut-through route, the one significant existing issue identified by the data collection effort. Residents of this particular block (there are two CCV residences on this street plus the adjacent corner properties) shared their concerns with the Council. Lulu Gonella advised that the Council would not be taking any steps until the second round of data collection was completed in May, 2012. There are three different jurisdictions (CCV, Montgomery County and State of Maryland) involved in this complicated consensus issue.

Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2011 Monthly Meeting: Paula Fudge moved the minutes of the July 21, 2011 monthly meeting be approved. David Albright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report for the Period July 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011: Paula Fudge moved that the financial report for the period of July 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011 be approved. Mike Greene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Council asked Alan Beal to begin itemizing his firm's CCV building permit administration costs by address/project.

Council Member Walk: Paula Fudge detailed several tree maintenance issues and yard waste accumulation curbside that needs to be bagged at several residences on Everett Street.

Application for Shed Permit – 10010 Summit Avenue – (Bowen): David and Patricia Bowen of 10010 Summit Avenue have applied for a permit to erect a 4' x 6' shed on the pre-existing slab in their rear yard. The proposed shed conforms to all CCV building regulations. Mike Greene moved that the application be approved. Paula Fudge seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

WSSC Restoration Work on Dresden Street: Lulu Gonella reported that

WSSC's paving contractor, M. T. Laney, performed the Dresden Street mill/overlay on July 27 and 28, 2011. Lulu Gonella, Jana Coe and Harold Green of Chamberlain Contractors met with WSSC officials regarding the unacceptable milling procedure. The contractor will return on September 26, 2011, to mill the two areas (500' linear feet of pavement). Subsequently, new fabric membrane will be installed and the overlay work will be completed.

The Council approved the expenditure for Chandra Akisetty, pavement engineer for Global Resource Recyclers, to oversee M. T. Laney's milling, fabric installation and overlay work. Paula Fudge moved that the Council approve the \$800 per day expenditure for Mr. Akisetty's oversight of the work. David Albright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Sidewalk Update: Jana Coe reported that in order to utilize the Safe Routes to School funding, which expires at the end of this year, SHA will construct the portions of the sidewalk and ramps that do not include landscaping/retaining walls. This work includes: 1) reconstruction of existing/construction of new sidewalk ramps at the MD 185/Saul Road and MD 185/Franklin Street intersection to meet ADA compliance, and 2) construction of new sidewalk along southbound MD 185 from Saul Road to Glenridge Street and Glenrose Street to Franklin Street. All necessary right-of-entries for these selected portions have been received. It is anticipated this phase of work will begin in October 2011.

Updated landscaping and roadway plans for the rest of the right-of-entries will be sent out. The remainder of the project will be advertised this November with the anticipated construction start date in early spring 2012.

Tree Maintenance Update: Paula Fudge reported that Myers and Laws Tree Service will be in CCV October 3-5, 2011, focusing on trimming and dead limb removal. Lulu Gonella, Jana Coe, Tom Laws and Paula Fudge will be conducting the semi-annual review of Town trees with the State Forester on Thursday, September 29, 2011. Fall replacement tree plantings are scheduled in October 2011.

CCV Picnic: Paula Fudge reported that picnic plans have been finalized. Volunteers have offered to assist with the set up on Sunday September 25, 2011.

Approval of Leaf Collection Contract: The Council reviewed the two-year leaf removal proposal submitted by Bethke Landscaping Company. Paula Fudge moved the proposal be approved. Mike Greene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Yard Waste Pickup: Jana Coe will contact Waste Management to discuss summer months' flexibility in the CCV yard waste contract.

Right-of-Way Overgrowth: Numerous complaints have been received about right-of-way overgrowth extending beyond curbs, sidewalks and intersections. The Council asked Jana Coe to draft a letter for mailing to all residents detailing the responsibility for this upkeep.

Miscellaneous Small Road/Storm Drain Maintenance: Jana Coe reported that Chamberlain Contracts will be performing approved storm drain reconstruction, MD 185 sidewalk repair (8' x 4' section), and speed hump striping on Dresden Street. This work is scheduled for October 17 and 18, 2011.

Motion to Adjourn: At 9:35 p.m., David Albright moved the meeting be adjourned. Paula Fudge seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Council will meet next for its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Coe, Town Manager

NOTES and REMINDERS:

Application for Building Permit – Building Permit Applications for consideration at the October 19, 2011, meeting must be fully perfected by 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 2011. 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, or email him at info@midatlanticinspections.com.

Bulk Pick-Up - The next monthly bulk pick-up is scheduled **on Saturday, November 5, 2011**. As a reminder, heavy refuse includes major appliances (must have Freon removed), furniture, large toys, bicycles, and plumbing fixtures. Excluded are batteries, propane tanks, bricks, 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.

Leaf Removal Begins - Bethke Landscaping, Inc. will begin removal of all leaves on a weekly basis, weather permitting between October 15, 2011 and January 15, 2012.

Leaves are to be placed at curbside and made accessible for truck pickup. Sticks, trash, rocks and other rubbish will not be collected and should be bagged for normal trash pickup. Leaves should not be shredded or bagged. Residents who would like to have

their backyards or gutters cleared of leaves may make their own arrangements with Bethke or any other landscaping firm. For the residents on Connecticut Avenue, Cedar Lane and Saul Road, your leaves also will be picked up weekly. Please rake your leaves to the sidewalk. For liability reasons, do not place leaves on our sidewalks. In the event that you do not have a sidewalk, please rake your leaves as close to the street as possible.

eTownMailings NEW!!

You can now receive the monthly CCV Council meeting minutes and other mailings from the Town via email rather than traditional mail. This does not replace the CCV listserv. Go to the CCV website and find the box that says “eTown Mailings”. Enter your mail address in the white field, then hit “Go”. This will take you to the website of our partner, Constant Contact. Re-type your email address in the box that says “Confirm your email address”. Enter your first name, last name and street address in the section titled “Your Information”. Finally click the button at the bottom left that says “Save Profile Changes”.

After you have completed these steps, you will receive an email confirming your registration. Please note that when one member of your household registers for our electronic mailing list, we will discontinue mailing hard copies of these documents to your household.

Trash Pickup – CCV provides backyard trash pickup. Please do not take your cans to the curb. Please note that this does NOT include yard waste and recycling removal that is collected at the curb. Thank you.

Storm Drains - If there is a storm drain adjacent to your property, would you mind helping us out? If you could clear the accumulated debris from the grates occasionally, it will be better to add this debris to the weekly yard pickup as opposed to ending up in the Chesapeake Bay! Thank you.

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.**

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