

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW

Monthly Meeting

Date: July 22, 2009
Place: Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland
Present: Mike Plantamura, Chair; Martie Mitchell, 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
Gary Wilkinson, 4029 Glenrose Street
John Ewalt, Dover, New Hampshire
Roger and Patricia Plaskett, 4013 Saul Road
Steven Fox, 9915 Connecticut Avenue
Called to Order: 7:35 p.m. by Mike Plantamura, Chair

Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2009 Regular Meeting and July 1, 2009 Work Session:

Lulu Gonella moved that the minutes of the June 17, 2009 regular meeting be approved. Martie Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0, with Mike Plantamura abstaining from the vote. Lulu Gonella moved that the minutes of the July 1, 2009 work session be approved. Martie Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 3 to 0, with Mike Greene abstaining from the vote.

Financial Report for the Period June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009: Lulu Gonella moved to amend the budget for Payroll Expenses from \$14,250.00 to \$14,413.03 and the budget for Right-of-Way Tree Planting from \$17,825.00 to \$17,661.97. Mike Greene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. It was noted by Mike Plantamura that June 30, 2009 marks the end of the current fiscal year. Total revenues collected were \$644,291.68 (projected \$643,735.94) and total operating/administrative costs were \$474,269.77 (projected \$507,313.11). Martie Mitchell moved that the financial report for the period June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 be accepted. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council Member Walk: Martie Mitchell reported that due to travel she had completed a cursory review of CCV and found that everything looked good. She will report subsequent findings on Thursday as she intended to take a final drive through the town.

Shrubbery overgrowth onto some CCV sidewalks continues to be a problem. Residents whose properties are adjacent to a sidewalk should clear shrubbery to the edge of the sidewalk.

Application for Rear Addition, Screened Porch and Deck – 4029 Glenrose Street

(Wilkinson): Gary Wilkinson of 4029 Glenrose Street applied for a building permit to construct a rear addition, screened porch and deck. The proposed improvements conform to all applicable CCV setback requirements. Martie Mitchell moved that the application be approved. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Fence – 9915 Connecticut Avenue (Fox): Steven Fox of 9915 Connecticut Avenue applied for a building permit to construct a deer fence around the rear of his property. The deer fence will be located in the side and rear yards. CCV regulates fence height in the front yard only; therefore, the deer fence conforms with CCV building regulations. Martie Mitchell moved that the application be approved. Mike Greene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tree Trimming Update: Lulu Gonella reported that Myers and Laws performed needed trimming on some CCV trees as well as placing gator bags on the younger trees planted within the last year. A meeting has been scheduled with the State Forester on July 27th to conduct our bi-annual review of the health of right-of-way trees. The fall planting list is being developed.

Street Lighting Update: Martie Mitchell reported that the remaining lights will be installed once SHA completes its trimming. The State Forester will be inspecting one tree that needs to be removed in order to install the new light at the correct height. CCV's lighting consultant, Scott Watson, will conduct a final review once the installation is completed.

Update on Toter Containers: Jana Coe is continuing discussions with WM regarding purchase options as well as incremental phase-in possibilities. She is checking into the possibility of 32-gallon toters as an option for residents who do not need the 64-gallon toter. The Council concluded that they want residents' input before proceeding with this decision. It is the goal of the Council to have samples of these toters at the annual picnic.

Apron Expansion Policy: Alan Beal committed to preparing a draft policy for the September 2009 monthly Council meeting.

Compliance Update: Alan Beal reported on the status of compliance issues in CCV. Mr. and Mrs. Plaskett discussed the state of 4101 Saul Road.

BRAC Report: Mike Plantamura reported the state funding issues and concerns about the piece-meal traffic solving efforts. Residents are encouraged to check the Gazette as it has weekly updates that are very thorough.

Connecticut Avenue Speed Update: The Council held a work session on July 1, 2009 to develop a cooperative approach with Montgomery County to improve the safety on Connecticut Avenue. The areas to be discussed include speed cameras, sidewalk installation and other traffic calming options. The Council would like to start revenue sharing negotiations with Montgomery County to dedicate revenues to safety issues in CCV, such as additional police presence, new sidewalks and intersection improvements. The Council has sent a proposal to County Executive Ike Leggett for his review.

CCV Town Picnic: The annual CCV picnic will be held on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Suzanne and Denny Scarff will again be hosting the picnic. The hours will be extended this year to 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please give Suzanne a call.

Approval of Leaf Removal Contract: The Council reviewed the two-year leaf removal proposal submitted by Bethke Landscaping Company. Martie Mitchell moved the proposal be approved. Lulu Gonella seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Metro Shelter To Be Replaced: Jana Coe reported that the metro shelter at the corner of Franklin Street and Connecticut Avenue will be replaced in early fall.

Motion to Adjourn: At 8:45 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, September 16, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland. Please note that there is no regular meeting scheduled for August 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Coe, Town Manager

Application for Building Permit – Building Permit Applications for consideration at the September 16, 2009 meeting must be fully perfected by 5:00 p.m. on September 2, 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, September 5, 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.chevy ChaseView.org.

Listserv – Please consider becoming a member of the CCV listserv. Send an email to ChevyChaseViewNet-subscribe@yahogroups.com.

Street Cleaning – The next regular street sweeping is scheduled for August 19 (the third Wednesday of the month). Please park your cars in driveways in order that the most effective sweeping can be performed.