

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW Work Session on Speed Cameras

Date: February 5, 2009

Place: Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland

Present: Michael Plantamura, Chairman; Coral Bell, Lulu Gonella, Martie Mitchell, Peter Roman and Jana Coe, Town Manager
David Podolsky, Legal Counsel to Chevy Chase View

Others Present: Chief Manger, Chief of Montgomery County Police Department
Captain Damskey, Traffic Division, Montgomery County Police

Called to Order: 1:35 p.m. by Michael Plantamura, Chairman

The Council met with Chief Manger and Captain Damskey to learn about their criteria for deployment of speed cameras on Connecticut Avenue within our boundaries. Chief Manger explained their sensitivity to the concerns of the state legislators who are reviewing the speed camera program and who do not want cameras placed on 'commuter thoroughfares'.

After review and acknowledgement of the speeding problem on Connecticut Avenue, Chief Manger committed to the placement of a 'smart' trailer showing motorists their speed and increased police officer enforcement hours, as well as regular assessment that will allow the MCPD to measure and report back to the CCV Council the success of the stepped-up enforcement plan.

Chief Manger was asked to furnish CCV with the details of this commitment prior to the February 18 monthly Council meeting. After learning that there is no imminent intention to place speed cameras on Connecticut Avenue, the Council believes that it is important that it be provided with the details of MCPD's commitment to strengthen enforcement to obtain the Council's support for the long term view proposed by MCPD.

Adjournment: At 2:40 p.m., Lulu Gonella moved that the meeting be adjourned. Martie Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be at Christ Episcopal Church, Kensington, Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana S. Coe, Town Manager