



BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, May 14, 2008 , for the purpose of meeting with Contribution Groups to discuss the proposed FY 2009 budget.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 7:33 p.m. It was held in the Multipurpose Room of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad Herling , Leta Mach, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Judith F. Davis . Edward V. J. Putens arrived at 8:35 pm .

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, Andrew Phelan, Recreation Coordinator, and Michael McLaughlin, City Manager.

Council met with the following groups and people to discuss funding requests:

***Greenbelt Golden Age Club** William Souser represented the group. They are seeking \$6,100 to support trips for the group. The funds are already in the budget and are the same amount as last year.*

***Greenbelt Concert Band** Tom Cherrix and David Clarke were present to represent the Concert Band. Council inquired about fund raising and it was noted that some of the audiences provide an honorarium which Council considers as fundraising and asked that this be communicated to the Arts Advisory Board. Council thanked them for the work they do.*

***Friends of the New Deal Café Arts** Barbara Simon, and Chris Logan represented the group. This year's funding totals \$2,000 including \$500 for New Year.*

Mayor Davis reinforced the comments of the Arts Advisory Board to promote its program outside of just historic Greenbelt . Council referred to the Board the matter of coordinating and publicizing events and programs from the various community arts programs. Mayor Davis asked about expanding membership. Ms. Simon and Mr. Logan felt the size was appropriate for the work load of the program.

Greenbelt Senior Softball Burt Kerr represented the group. There are currently only 3 members residing in Greenbelt . Mayor Davis suggested they participate in the Labor Day Parade.

Greenbelt Arts Center Sandy Irving represented the group. The Arts Center is still negotiating a lease with the COOP Supermarket and dealing with increasing costs. Mr. Irving noted there seems to be more difficulty finding the theater since the Post Office has left. Mr. Herling made a number of suggestions on attracting customers.

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee The entire board was present including Linda Ivy, Natasha Jewel, and Lenny Wertz. The committee paid the last installment of a loan forwarded by the city. It was noted the reserve has been built to \$27,000. Mr. Herling asked that effort be made to get some labor presence in the festival.

Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters David Matthews, Khanh Pham and Diane Irving represented the group. The group is promoting itself to build membership. The group plans to do some fund raising or raise fees to cover any financial shortfall.

Greenbelt Double Dutch Kim Bradshaw represented the group along with a large group of participating parents and children. Membership was very high in 2006-2007 at 155 children. Membership fee is now \$50 for everyone. The group hopes to be hosting regional and national events next year.

Ms. Bradshaw and parents expressed concern about not feeling safe in the evenings at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center , especially following a recent shooting event.

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Victor Wainwright, President, Maria Evans, Treasurer, and Sheila Lindsay, Secretary, represented the club. A new proposed budget was submitted showing a requested city contribution of \$20,000. The group noted they had met with a representative of the County Boys and Girls Club organization earlier in the evening.

Greenbelt Baseball John White, Greg Fisanich and Hal Silverman represented the group. There are 7 major league teams, 4 machine pitch teams, and 4 t-ball teams. Council supported reimbursing the group for a new scoreboard, \$3,215. The group asked for a curb along the right field line to divert rain water from the field.

Greenbelt Babe Ruth League Bob Sonneveldt and Kelly Ivy represented the group. A request was made for new netting at the batting cage. Existing netting will work this year. They raised the matter of the dirt pile at shortstop.

Recognition Groups Council asked that groups that have not submitted their information be pursued. Council also asked for a list of civic groups, since some of them have in the past been recognition group.

Other matters: Ms. Mach updated each group on new Internal Revenue Service regulations for the filing of reports for non-profit groups with assets of less than \$25,000. She passed out information about a Comcast community program which built a playground in Takoma Park . Council talked about the hearing last evening related to Greenbelt Middle School .

The meeting ended at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McLaughlin

City Manager