

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Thursday, March 3, 2011, for the purpose of holding a stakeholder meeting with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC).

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. It was held in the Greenbriar Community Building.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Emmett V. Jordan arrived at 8:15 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: David Moran, Assistant City Manager; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT were Terry Benedict of Greenbriar; Joyce Gladstone and Roody Rosales of Greenbrook Village; Eulalie Gower-Lucas and Rohanie Bacchus of Greenspring; Charlene MacAdams of Greenwood Village; Robert Thomas of Greenbrook Estates; Tom Crandall of Lakes at Greenbelt Village; Jacqui Waters of Hunting Ridge; Derek Thompson and Judith Thompson from Windsor Green; and Mary Moien, Greenbelt News Review.

Mayor Davis began the meeting noting it was the annual stakeholder meeting with GEAC. Items discussed are listed below.

- 1. Newspaper Vending Boxes: The agreement has been signed with publishers of newspapers. If there are problem locations, contact the City office at 301-474-8000.*
- 2. Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan: the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission (MNCPPC) has initiated this planning process, which includes part of Greenbelt East. It was suggested that GEAC invite MNCPPC representatives to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the proposed sector plan.*
- 3. Greenbelt West Development: Beltway Plaza, Franklin Park, Greenbelt Middle School, South Core, etc.:*
 - a. Beltway Plaza is seeking County approval of plans to add 700 apartments in the rear of the property. The City opposes this plan as it does not include a vision for the entire property.*
 - b. Franklin Park is under new management and they appear to be doing a better job of addressing code violations and working with the City and residents. A worksession with Franklin Park is scheduled for Monday March 7th.*
 - c. Construction of the new Greenbelt Middle School is underway and completion is expecting in the Fall of 2012. The City has established a task force to consider possible future uses for the existing historic middle school but the County has not yet determined their plans for this building.*
 - d. There was a recent expression of interest for townhouse development at Greenbelt Station South Core, but it has been withdrawn.*
- 4. Greenbelt Theatre Remodeling: A proposed approach is being developed, but funding is still needed.*
- 5. Code Enforcement Issues in the City: Derek Thompson thanked the City with assistance on a number of difficult homeowner violation issues. He mentioned that the homeowner associations try to work with the residents through their own violation notice process first, but in many situations the residents will not respond until the City issues a violation notice.*

6. City Council FY 2011/2012 Budget: While City revenues are essentially flat and will likely remain so in FY 2012 and 2013, expenses necessary to maintain existing services continue to rise.

The proposed FY 2012 Budget will be presented later this month and will reflect the challenging economic situation. There will be nine work sessions scheduled to discuss the various sections of the proposed budget and residents are encouraged to participate in the budget process.

7. Baltimore Washington Parkway Widening: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is initiating a study to determine the feasibility of adding a lane in each direction to the Parkway from I-695 to New York Avenue. The City has sent a letter to the FHWA expressing concern with the study.
8. Concerns about New Bus Routes in Greenbelt: The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation have agreed to work with the City and Transit Riders United of Greenbelt regarding this ongoing situation. Concerns about the changes should be referred to Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning.
9. PEPCO: Tree trimming and light pole problems: Pepco has announced plans to more aggressively trim trees to reduce outages and will be working with municipalities on this project. Street light outages should be reported directly to Pepco at 1-877-737-2662 or through their website. The City conducts monthly surveys of street lights and reports these to Pepco as well.
10. 75th Anniversary: 2012 will mark the City's 75th Anniversary. A volunteer committee is planning a year long schedule of activities. Volunteers are needed to help plan and conduct this celebration. Several applications were distributed to those in attendance.

The meeting ended at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cindy Murray
City Clerk*