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**MINUTES OF GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Congressman Hoyer on the Jaeger Tract, held Monday, August 28, 2001.**

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. It was held in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building.

PRESENT were Mayor Judith F. Davis, Edward Putens, Rodney Roberts, Alan Turnbull and Thomas X. White.

ALSO PRESENT were Congressman Steny Hoyer, Tom Craddock, Hoyer's assistant; Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Robert Manzi, City Solicitor; John Hale, Glenn Eugster and Fred Cunningham of the National Park Service (NPS); Susan Hawley and Ray Sherbill of the National Park Trust; members of the Westchester Park civic association; Amy Boyes of the Gazette; and Judy Bell of the Greenbelt News Review.

The meeting was held at the request of Congressman Hoyer to discuss the opportunity to acquire the Jaeger tract. Congressman Hoyer updated the status of the federal funding. He believes the funding remains secure and is hopeful that the project can be realized.

Mr. Hale and Mr. Eugster provided an update on the status of activities at the federal level. The NPS will contract with an appraiser within a week and expect a report by mid-October at which time an offer can be made on the property.

Mr. Sherbill spoke on the role of the National Park Trust (NPT). They can coordinate the interests and activities of the various parties. They can also negotiate an agreement with the seller. Mr. Sherbill noted that he has spoken with the owners' representative and is working to get an option or agreement on the property in the short term with the intention of finalizing a deal in 6 to 9 months.

Ms. Hawley added that NPT has agreed to be the receiver of donations dedicated to the Jaeger acquisition and provided forms and envelopes to enable people to contribute. It was noted that these funds would be solely for the acquisition of the Jaeger tract, are refundable and tax-deductible. NPT will also be contacting local foundations and groups to seek funding.

Mayor Davis updated everyone on what is occurring in terms of community partnerships.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McLaughlin

City Manager