



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
held Monday, April 20, 1998, for the purpose of discussing the FY99 Proposed
Budget for Green Ridge House.

The meeting began at 7:30 PM. It was held in the Dining Room of Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

PRESENT WERE: Council members Edward V.J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, Thomas X. White and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Alan Turnbull was not present.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager and W. Bowman Ferguson, Liaison to Green Ridge House.

ALSO PRESENT WERE Ann Garner, Green Ridge House Community Director, and Joyce Jones of Community Realty.

The discussion began with an overview of the Green Ridge House budget presented by Mr. Ferguson. In particular, the line items for New Equipment and Building Improvements were explained in detail for Council. Council asked questions about the various items to be purchased and replaced. Council went on to discuss Capital Projects. Lighting around the building exterior, restriping of the parking lot, and enforcement of the parking restrictions were all discussed by the Council. Residents asked questions of Council and staff regarding these projects. In particular, residents wanted to know what enforcement strategy would be used to control the new short-term parking spot.

Residents were encouraged to suggest any "wish list" items that they would like to have for the building. One resident requested that a steam table be purchased for the kitchen to keep food warm while it is waiting to be served. No other requests were made.

The Council then asked for an update on the study regarding the proposed new parking lot. Mr. McLaughlin provided an update and discussed the report prepared by Terri Hruby. Mr. White requested that this item be added to the next Council agenda. Residents were asked to comment on the parking lot, and many expressed their support for the construction of a new lot. In particular, staff was asked to comment on the option that would route an access road down Gardenway to Green Ridge House's back yard. Staff reported that the option was currently being studied by the City's engineering firm.

After closing comments and the introduction of Ann Garner as the new Community Director, refreshments were served by the Residents Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Bowman Ferguson
Acting City