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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING May 9, 2016

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; John R. Mertens, Chairman; Michael J. Dorsey, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; David Lewis, Parliamentarian; Clara M. Lovett, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 30 Residents.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Mertens called the Village Council Meeting to order.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNCIL:

The Council heard questions and concerns from members of the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. White made the following announcements:

The Council met with the Chevy Chase Land Company in late April and extended a formal invitation to present its plans for Parcel 6 and listen to Village residents' concerns.

The redesigned Village website will be launched later this week. We will include a profile of the new site in the June newsletter.

The Program Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 18, at 5:30 p.m.

The Community Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 25, at 5:30 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin recommended approval of the public session minutes of the Council meeting held on April 11; minutes of the Communications Committee meeting of April 21; and minutes of the Capital Improvements Committee meeting of May 3.

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. Lovett seconded, to approve the public session minutes of the Council meeting held on April 11; minutes of the Communications Committee meeting of April 21; and the minutes of the Capital Improvements Committee of May 3. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending April 30, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on plans for Village Center renovation; discussion/vote on recommendations from Capital Improvements Committee: Mr. Mertens presented an update on plans for the Village Center renovations. His attached report is incorporated into these minutes.

Mike Poness presented a brief review of design plans and options for refurbishing the Village Center as approved by the Capital Improvements Committee.

Mr. Dorsey moved, Ms. Durbin seconded, to advertise for bids for the Village Center renovations based on the design presented.

The Council approved by unanimous consent opening the solicitation for bids for renovation of the Village Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/vote on recipient of Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award: Mr. Mertens presented nominees for the Elizabeth Scull Award: Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad; Montgomery County Police Chief Thomas Manger; Jamie Raskin, Ben Kramer and Mr. and Mrs. Rich Leotta, who worked on Noah's Law; and Connie Morella, Former Maryland Congresswoman.

The Council approved the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad as recipient of the 2016 Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award by a 5-to-2 vote. (Connie Morella received two votes).

Discussion/vote on appointment of Council member Clara Lovett to Bethesda Fire Department Board of Directors: Ms. Lovett presented a background summary on the Bethesda Fire Department and its Board of Directors. She recommended that the Council defer the discussion/vote on appointment of a representative to the Bethesda Fire Department Board of Directors until the June meeting.

Discussion/vote on proposals for restriping pavement markings: Mr. Mansfield reported the receipt of three proposals from very capable companies interested in restriping pavement markings in the Village, including the double yellow lines on all roads, the white bars in front of stop signs, and the cross walk at the intersection of Hills Plaza and Willard Avenue. Mr. Mansfield recommended the proposal from Carroll Striping, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) contractor. The estimated cost is \$10,400. The bids are priced per linear foot. The total cost will vary based on the actual linear footage.

Mr. Dorsey moved, Ms. Durbin seconded, to approve the proposal from Carroll Striping. The Council approved the proposal from Carroll Striping Company by unanimous consent.

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Mr. Lewis reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on April 20, 2016. His attached report is incorporated into these minutes.

Discussion of County-owned property at 5320 Willard Avenue near Willard Avenue Park: Mr. Dorsey presented information obtained from County representatives and online research regarding the property at 5320 Willard Avenue near Willard Avenue Park. His understanding is that the property, which is fenced, has been rented month-to-month to the current occupant since 2009 and was acquired by Montgomery County in 1995. Normally property purchased by the County adjacent to parkland is incorporated into the park within a few years of acquisition. At the Council's direction, the staff will draft a letter for the Mayor's signature asking the County Parks Department why this property has not been incorporated into public space.


Discussion of proposed site plan amendments to Chevy Chase Center, including proposed removal of obligation to maintain a grocery store on site: Chevy Chase Land Company representative Miti Figueredo reported that, as confirmed in a letter to Mr. Mansfield, the company is withdrawing its request to the Planning Board to eliminate the condition agreed to in the site plan requiring that its tenants include a grocery store. Ms. Figueredo asked the Village Council to consider supporting the remaining elements of the site plan amendment. The

Council asked the staff to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature memorializing the Council's objection to eliminating the requirement to maintain a grocery store in space that would revert to public use if not occupied by a grocery store. The Council did not take action on the remaining elements advanced by Chevy Chase Land Company to amend the site plan.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Mertens moved, Mr. Lewis seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Durbin
Secretary