

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING
RE-CODIFICATION PUBLIC HEARING
January 9, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Beers, Mayor (absent)
 Dia Costello, Councilmember
 Nancy Long, Councilmember
 Steve Matney, Councilmember
 Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer
 Matt Stiglitz, Councilmember

VISITORS: Ron Bolt
 Aaron LaRocca
 Dan Spealman, The Echo reporter
 George Hambrecht
 Edie Springuel
 Renny Springuel

Councilmember Matney called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REPORT

Aaron LaRocca provided the following report for George Washington Memorial Parkway, Glen Echo Park and Clara Barton National Historic Site.

Staffing Update

The park is working to fill many critical positions. The Historic Architect, Engineer and Architect all need to be filled. The Historic Architect who was detailed into a project manager position and responsible for the Clara Barton Rehabilitation Project has left the park and handed project management to a term position.

Clara Barton Rehabilitation Project

No update-The first phase of the rehabilitation project, the roof replacement project is substantially completed.

The contractors for the second phase of the fire suppression system are proceeding with upgrading the fire detection and alarm. The WSSC permit has not been resolved.

Clara Barton National Historic Site is closed to the public for a two part rehabilitation project. The site closed on October 3, 2015. The Visitor Service staff has developed interpretive programs to educate the public about the site during the closure.

Glen Echo Park Partnership Agreement

No update- In early September, a second draft of the Cooperative Agreement between Montgomery County and the NPS was sent back to the County for their review. The park is awaiting comments and edits from the County. The Superintendent is committed to some type of public involvement for the Cooperative Agreement.

POLICE CITATION REPORT

Due to schedule demands, officers did not provide traffic control services for the month of December 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2017-01 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to approve the December 12, 2016 Town Council minutes as amended (corrected typo “is” to “in”). Councilmember Long seconded. Motion passed.

TOWN HALL USE

Councilmember Long noted several uses of Town Hall in January and February by Town residents. She also mentioned the recent Royal Scottish Country Dance Society program of music and dance on January 7. (NB: to which Town residents are invited.)

COMPREHENSIVE RE-CODIFICATION PUBLIC HEARING

At the January 9, 2017, Town Council Meeting/Re-codification Public Hearing,

Motion 2017-02 was made by Councilmember Costello to adopt the ordinance to recodify and amend the Town of Glen Echo code. Councilmember Stiglitz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The ordinance reaffirms the code in its entirety, with the deletion of Articles 4 (Grading, Erosion and Sediment Control), 7 (Fire Prevention), 15 (Public Safety), and 16 (Bicycle Registration). These articles were deleted because the Town Council finds that these subjects are adequately regulated by the County. The Ordinance amends enforcement provisions and penalties to no longer declare certain violations to be punishable by imprisonment; to establish a default fine of \$100 for a municipal infraction; to allow abatement by the Town at the cost of the violator; and to allow violations to be prosecuted as municipal infractions rather than misdemeanors, at the Town’s discretion. The ordinance restricts parking during a snow emergency along the north side of University Avenue, instead of the south side as the county code provides. The ordinance makes other amendments to delete unnecessary provisions, correct typographical errors and to clarify existing provisions.

It was proposed that an open ordinance work session meeting be scheduled the fourth Monday of the month for detailed ordinance review. Dependent on availability of Mayor and Council, the first open session will be held February 27, 2017, 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Resident Renny Springuel was thanked for his careful review of the ordinances and encouraged to provide further input.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilmember Stiglitz reported, as resources and time permit, officers will step up patrol of the crosswalk at Macarthur Blvd. and Princeton Avenue, especially during prime school transportation hours. He also mentioned possible funding allocations available for the installation of a temporary electronic sign to reinforce that pedestrians have the right of way.

PUBLIC SPACE

Councilmember Stiglitz relayed from Matt McFarland that the survey to document the private use of the public right-of-way and associated properties (6103 Cornell Avenue, 1 Vassar Circle and 6108 Bryn Mawr Avenue) will be completed within a week and electronically sent to Town Hall.

Motion 2017-03 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to adjourn. Councilmember Long seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

Deborah Beers, Mayor

Date