

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING
December 11, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Willem Polak, Mayor
Dia Costello, Councilmember
Nancy Long, Councilmember
Dan Spealman, Councilmember
Matt Stiglitz, Councilmember
Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

VISITORS:
Gloria Levin
Renny Springuel
Edie Springuel
Aaron LaRocca, NPS
Julia Wilson
Tim Bragan

Mayor Polak called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2017-28 was made by Councilmember Spealman to approve the November 13, 2017 Town Council minutes as amended. The following was added to the minutes, “Councilmember Stiglitz made it clear that he voted in favor with the understanding that the mayor’s recommendations would be voted on by council” Councilmember Stiglitz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Mayor Polak indicated the Town Hall roof replacement will begin December 12, 2017. Mayor Polak reported the roofers from Katchmark will remove the weather vane so it can be repaired and will reinstall it at no charge. The sense of the Council was to move ahead with the duct work cleaning as proposed by Quality Air Solutions at the cost of \$2,175.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REPORT

Aaron LaRocca attended the meeting to answer any questions and provide updates. He received a warm welcome from all. He reported the chain and post along Oxford Road will soon be replaced by rocks. He expects this work to be done within two months. Renny Springuel mentioned he was harassed by unleashed dogs at Glen Echo Park. Aaron asked Renny to provide a written report that he will bring to the attention of the Park Police.

Kimley-Horn, a transportation engineering consulting firm, working with the National Park Service is conducting a transportation safety study at two sites along Clara Barton Parkway near Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, MD. The first site is the parkway access ramp to MacArthur Boulevard just east of Glen Echo Park. The second site is the intersection of Ericsson Road and the Clara Barton Access Road in the Cabin John community.

As a part of the study there is a stakeholder outreach event Tuesday, December 12th at Glen Echo Park. There will be a brief introductory presentation of the project and study locations. Following the presentation, input from community stakeholders about transportation needs and concerns will be discussed. A Glen Echo streets and sidewalks committee member will represent the Town at the December 12, 2017 community stakeholder presentation.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE

Renny Springuel reported about the recent work of A.B. Veirs Paving asphalt patch repairs throughout the Town as well as Oxford Road speed hump relocation and striping town curbs. Mayor and Council expressed deep thanks to Renny and Tim for their work on these projects. Their committee also met to discuss traffic calming possibilities such as 3-D crosswalks, installation of 4 way stops signs on University and Bryn Mawr and University and Princeton.

LIVEABLE TOWN COMMITTEE

Julia Wilson reported on the work of the Liveable Town Committee. The committee was established to consider the feasibility of a wide range of possible town activities and improvements. Examples of ideas are walking and cycling groups, block parties, picnic tables, a dog run, a community garden, easier canal access, and more functional uses of town-owned spaces. The committee drafted a survey for town resident input and the Council approved moving ahead with the survey process. After research and broad consultation within the town, the group will make recommendations to the council. Any improvements identified would require council approval. The committee is also planning a movie night for children to be held January 2018 at Town Hall.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Holly Shimizu has offered to provide education to Town residents about native plantings and sustainable plantings and to provide ideas for Town owned property. Dia Costello reported on the “Sustainable Maryland” program. Its mission is to enhance livability for all Marylanders by helping municipalities choose a direction for their sustainability efforts, improve access to resources needed to implement action, measure their progress, and gain recognition for their accomplishments.

GLEN ECHO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LAND ACQUISITION

Karim Khalifa and Shannon Kraus will facilitate a meeting where residents can provide input in a charrette style discussion about the Town's land use options. More details to follow in late January 2018.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilmember Stiglitz reported to Police Advisory Board met December 7, 2017. A new police commander for the second district, Paul Liquorie, a 20+ year police force veteran, was introduced. Amazon thefts from drop-off deliveries are on the rise during the holiday season. Crimes for automobiles continues to be a trend. The new Bethesda police station on Rugby Avenue will open late January 2018.

FIRE BOARD

Gloria Levin reported the Glen Echo Fire Department Santa is scheduled to drive through Town December 20, 2017, between 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. She said she plans to provide a snapshot report of Fire Board activity that will include information that is relevant to the Town of Glen Echo.

WELLESLEY CIRCLE RIGHT-OF-WAY

The Town sent the directly affected Wellesley Circle Right-of-Way residents a draft revocable license outlining permissive use. The conversation continues.

Motion 2017-29 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to adjourn. Councilmember Costello seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

Willem Polak, Mayor

Date