

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2010

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Beers, Mayor
 Nancy Long, Councilmember
 Eve Arber, Councilmember
 Dan Macy, Councilmember
 Cathie Polak, Clerk-Treasurer

VISITORS: Nicole Frazer, Echo Reporter
 Polly Angelakis, Site Manager, Glen Echo Park (GEP)
 Matt Stiglitz, Resident

Mayor Beers opened the Council meeting at 8 p.m.

GLEN ECHO PARK

Ms. Angelakis reported that volunteers from Andrews Air Force Base sandblasted and primed the trolley exterior. Ms. Angelakis expressed her gratitude to this group for volunteering their time while waiting deployment to Afghanistan. Funds for the project came from a NPS volunteer grant and a Montgomery County Heritage grant.

Matt Stiglitz asked about condition of trolley interior; the interior needs painting and cleaning. (The trolley, when restored, is intended to be part of the Park's interpretive program to tell the story of the trolley parks in the U.S.; Glen Echo was a trolley park.)

GEP plans to have the vacant Park Ranger position and Head Curator position filled by December.

Clara Barton National Historic Site (CBNHS) will hold a Victorian holiday greeting card workshop on November 27/28 and December 4/5. Reservations are required.

Restoration of Clara Barton's sitting room and Dr. Hubble's bedroom are complete. Asbestos removal from staff offices and non-public areas continues.

C/T Polak asked if the problem of standing water on the bike path (caused by repaving the upper parking lot) has been resolved. Councilmember Matney previously expressed concern that the water could freeze and create a hazard for bicycle commuters. Ms. Angelakis said the request has been given to Maintenance; she will follow up with that department.

Councilmember Long inquired if Katey Boerner has approached the NPS about developing an interpretive tour on architecture in the Park. Ms. Long said there is interest in such a tour because the Park buildings are a mix of architectural styles that are symbols of the Park's history. Ms. Angelakis has not had such a request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2010-18 to approve as amended the October 11, 2010, Town Council meeting minutes:

- Change line 3, paragraph 4: the Canal, stating that debris ~~breeds debris~~ attracts mosquitoes and creates a health hazard.

Motion passed.

TOWN HALL USE

Councilmember Long reported that the Folklife Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) Family Dance series will begin this Sunday afternoon and continue monthly until spring. The Glen Echo Fire Department will use hall free of charge for a meeting on November 19.

Other upcoming events are:

- December 5 -- C & O Canal Association Board meeting;
- December 11 -- Town's annual holiday breakfast.

ORDINANCE REVIEW

Mayor Beers reported that no progress has been made on the ordinance updating due to a misunderstanding with Norman Knopf's office; Mayor Beers clarified council's directive (see October 2010 minutes). Mr. Knopf will research the Town right to install a stop sign camera at Oxford Road and University Avenue; he indicated that there may be a precedent for Glen Echo to keep revenues generated through a stop sign camera installed by the Town.

Mr. Knopf does not support the most recent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the Department of Interior on Oxford Road ownership and asked to rewrite the MOU for council's approval. Mayor Beers suggested first trying to renegotiate the MOU with the Department of Interior's Solicitors Office.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (GEPPAC) has requested a donation of \$2000, an increase of \$500 from previous years. Mayor Beers supports the donation; Council agreed.

Motion 2010 -19 to approve a \$2000 donation to GEPPAC. Motion passed unanimously.

NOISE COMPLAINT

A resident (who asked to remain anonymous) complained about excessive, early weekend- morning construction noise. Mayor Beers explained that the Town does not have its own noise ordinance, Montgomery County's noise ordinance applies in Glen Echo. She asked the Echo to post Montgomery County quiet hours: weekdays -- 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.; Saturday and Sunday -- 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. Residents are asked to comply with these quiet hours.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1. Condition of C & O Canal (between Sycamore Island and Lock 8): Mayor Beers reported that, due to the efforts by Council and other groups, release of canal restoration funds will be accelerated from FY 2014 to 2012. Mayor Beers plans to pursue State funding. Councilmember Long said that she brought up this subject, and it was discussed, at the C & O Canal Commission meeting on November 5. Superintendent Kevin Brandt also indicated that some funds should be available in 2012.

2. Shared Revenue Resolution: Councilmember Arber presented a request from the Maryland Municipal League (MML) to adopt a resolution to petition the State of Maryland Administration and the Maryland General Assembly to reinstate highway user fund revenues, to grant authority to raise additional revenues, and to request state aid for police protection. MML has asked all municipalities to adopt the resolution before the December legislative meetings.

Resolution 2010-3 approved as presented and attached to these minutes. Resolution passed unanimously.

3. Local Bus Stop: Councilmember Long noted that a bench and shelter have been installed at the Goldsboro Road/MacArthur Boulevard bus stop. Included on the shelter is a poster slot, which currently reads "Welcome to Glen Echo." Councilmember Long said map showing pathways to the C & O Canal and other sites would be more helpful. Mayor Beers asked who is responsible for poster selection. Councilmember Long will investigate by calling the Montgomery County information phone number: 311.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.