

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
Town Council Meeting
October 10, 2010

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Beers, Mayor
Nancy Long, Councilmember
Eve Arber, Councilmember
Mark McCaffrey, Councilmember (late)
Steve Matney, Councilmember
Julia Wilson, Acting Clerk

VISITORS: Jerry Bodlander, Echo reporter
Raya Bodnarchuk, Resident
Carlotta Anderson, Resident

Mayor Beers called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. She then invited resident Raya Bodnarchuk to speak.

Ms. Bodnarchuk stated that postal delivery trucks come very close to her property and when she asked one driver to be careful not to hit her fence, he was rude. She then went into the Post Office to complain, but no one came out to speak to the driver. Mayor Beers said she will write a letter to the Post Office manager about the issue. (NB – The record shows that Ms. Bodnarchuk’s picket fence has been damaged several times, at least once by a postal truck.)

Ms. Bodnarchuk also asked that the landscapers who blow leaves off the street on to cars should also then remove them from the cars, as well.

Mayor Beers invited Carlotta Anderson to speak. Ms. Anderson stated that the post office was closed on the Friday (October 7, 2011) before the Columbus Day holiday (Monday October 10, 2011) and asked if this was a new USPS policy. Council and the Mayor both said that they were unsure if there was a change in USPS policy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2011-29 to approve the minutes with changes (one word removed) of August Council Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2011-30 to approve the minutes of September Council Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2011-31 to approve the minutes of September Executive Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

GLEN ECHO PARK

Polly Angelakis, NPS¹ Site Manager of GEP², was not in attendance but sent an email with the updates. The email is attached to these minutes.

¹ Abbreviations used in this document include GEBC (Glen Echo Baptist Church), GEP (Glen Echo Park), NCC (National Community Church) and NPS (National Park Service).

Council and Mayor noted the retirement of Dottie Marshall, Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

GLEN ECHO BAPTIST CHURCH

The Council has not yet asked the NCC representatives, potential recipients of the GEBC property to meet with the whole town about their possible plans for use of the property on Vassar Circle. Councilmember Long said Norman Knopf, the town attorney, thinks Council should wait until there is an announcement of what the NCC's plans would do with the property.

The council members discussed the issue, and said they are inclined to proceed with a community forum to have the NCC representatives meet with town residents. It would not be a council meeting. Councilmember Long will call NCC officials. (NB – The GEBC plans to sell their annex at the corner of Harvard and University and give the proceeds to NCC to upgrade the church on Vassar Circle, which GEBC would give to NCC – according to a GEBC decision).

POLICE CITATION REPORT

Mayor Beers reported resident Willem Polak would like to place a motion sensor camera, at his cost, at the intersection of Oxford Road and University Avenue. Mr. Polak believes this could provide some evidence that drivers run the stop sign; such evidence could then be sent to Montgomery County. It was stated that such evidence would not be used to register the tag numbers of drivers or to send citations. Councilmembers Arber, Matney and Long recommended that the issue be discussed with the town attorney before proceeding.

TOWN HALL USE

On Oct. 6, 2011, the Glen Echo Fire Department will celebrate its 80th anniversary at the Town Hall. The fire chief will give a history of the fire house, starting with its inception in Glen Echo. Then there will be a parade around town, finishing with a fundraiser at the Irish Inn. The Town Hall use report was circulated, and a copy attached to these minutes.

On October 31st, the annual Town Halloween Party will be held.

ELEVATOR REPAIRS

Motion 2011-32 a motion was made to proceed with the proposal, as detailed, to authorize repairs to the Town Hall elevator. A copy of the proposal is attached to these minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Resident Jim Beaubien has donated to the town a framed map of the Great Falls area of the Potomac River showing construction plans for the Washington Aqueduct. Mayor Beers said she would write a letter of thanks to Mr. Beaubien.

Mayor Beers also expressed appreciation to former Echo editor Carlotta Anderson for her service of 30 years as editor of the Echo.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Wilson

Deborah M. Beers, Mayor

Date