

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO  
Town Council Meeting  
August 13, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Deborah Beers, Mayor, absent  
Nancy Long, Councilmember, absent  
Eve Arber, Councilmember  
Steve Matney, Councilmember, acting President  
Mark McCaffrey, Councilmember  
Nicole Fraser, Clerk-Treasurer

VISITORS: Polly Angelakis, NPS Site Manager of GEP<sup>1</sup>  
Rex Rhein , Echo Reporter  
Will Harris, Scout, Troop 233 Concord St. Andrews  
Ellen Leary, Resident  
Matt Stiglitz, Resident  
Maddox Feldbaum, Resident  
Harley Feldbaum, Resident  
Nora Feldbaum, Resident  
Raya Bodnarchuk, Resident

Councilmember Matney called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**GLEN ECHO PARK REPORT**

GEP Site Manager Polly Angelakis reported that the Glen Echo Park Labor Day Art show is scheduled to be held 8/31-9/3. Clara Barton NHS will host an Art of Clara Barton exhibit and an open house and blood drive on 9/2.

Ms. Angelakis reported that the NPS is moving forward with an EA for Clara Barton NHS for a new roof and upgraded fire detection/suppression system.

Ms. Angelakis stated that NPS and Montgomery County are finishing the shared-use path proposal through GEP; the final EA should be completed by December and a public comment period and public meeting after that. Ms. Angelakis advised that Mr. Gary Johnson of Montgomery County Department of Transportation would contact the town directly to set up a meeting to address the residents' concerns about the shared-use path.

Ms. Angelakis thanked Council for hosting Ranger Kevin Patti's recent program about his trip to Armenia and she hoped to co-sponsor more events at the Town Hall in the future (see attached file).

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<sup>1</sup> Abbreviations used in this document include EA (Environmental Assessment), GEP (Glen Echo Park), GEPPAC (Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture), MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), NHS (National Historic Site), NHP (National Historical Park) and NPS (National Park Service).

Ms. Angelakis reported that GEPPAC is presenting "2nd Nature Exhibition," a partnership between the NPS and the Latin American Youth Center. The art work will be shown in the GEPPAC Office 7/21-9/1. Several NPS exhibits are planned for the Candy Corner and Shooting Gallery.

## VISITORS

Matt Stiglitz reminded Council that Captain Falcinelli of the Montgomery County Police Department will be attending the September Council meeting. Council asked Mr. Stiglitz to share their concerns about: abandoned cars, stop sign on Oxford Road, event parking in Town, and on MacArthur Boulevard and recent thefts in the neighborhood. Councilmember Arber asked if the police department could provide an MOU about jurisdiction. Councilmember Matney said that an unofficial MOU addressing local jurisdiction would be helpful.

Maddox Feldbaum, town resident, read a statement asking Council to consider changing the ordinances about keeping chickens in Glen Echo to conform to those of Montgomery County. Councilmember Matney said that the County rules may exclude most homes in Glen Echo as the average lot size is much smaller; however, it is one of the ordinances currently under review.

Ellen Leary requested that the Council allow her to use the Town Hall for a phone bank operation supporting the Obama re-election campaign on Tuesday evenings through the August and possibly into September and October. Several town residents have donated their Town Hall uses to Ms. Leary for the event. Ms. Leary said that she would be willing to move the event if another town resident requested a date already chosen by the phone bank group. Councilmember Matney voiced two concerns: 1) the Town does not encourage weekly reoccurring events in the Town Hall; 2) the Town might give the impression of partisan political support by allowing regular use of the Town Hall for a political candidate. Ms. Leary said that she had taken pains to make sure that it was clear that the government of the Town of Glen Echo did not officially support the candidate. Councilmember McCaffrey asked if the rental agreement for the Town Hall excludes partisan events. Councilmember Matney replied that people can do what they wish when they rent the Town Hall. Councilmember Matney offered to let Ms. Leary use the Town Hall for the phone bank until September 11 and the matter would be reviewed at the September Council meeting.

Ms. Bodnarchuk reported that former Town resident, Barbara Pierce, died in a boating accident.

**Motion 2012-14** to donate \$200 to Dando Amor (Ecuadorean orphanages) in memory of Town resident Barbara Pierce. Motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion 2012-15** to accept the June 2012 Council Meeting minutes with no changes.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion 2012-16** to accept the July 2012 Council Meeting minutes with three changes.

- 1) Under Visitors, first paragraph, first sentence insertion of “her personal use” after “July 28<sup>th</sup> for.”
- 2) Under Pepco, first paragraph, last sentence insertion of a space between “there” and “would.”
- 3) Under Town Hall Use, second paragraph, first sentence insertion of a space between “meeting” and “will.”

Motion passed unanimously.

## **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Councilmember Matney remarked on the recent media attention given to Glen Echo about the request to use stop sign cameras. Mr. Stiglitz suggested pedestrian stop signs that flash. Councilmember Matney said that the first step was to move the speed bump and crosswalk per the traffic engineers recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nicole Fraser, Town Clerk

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Deborah M. Beers, Mayor

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Date

Attachments: Letter to Roger Berliner, re: stop sign cameras  
Washington Post and Examiner articles, re: stop sign cameras  
Maddox Feldbaum statement, re: chickens  
NPS presentation on Clara Barton