

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, July 2, 2012
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Jonathan Ebbeler	Ward 1
CM Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4 (8:38pm)
CM Alejandro Silva	Ward 6

Town Administrator – Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Police Chief David Morris
Public Works Department – Director Addison
Fire Department – President Lamphier

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:05p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

CM Thompson motioned to approve the agenda.
CM Ebbeler Second.
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer added a presentation from the Community Crises Services, Inc. for awareness and fundraising. CM Thompson added the approval of minutes from the Special Legislative meeting on June 18, 2012. CM Thompson would like to remove Legislative Item #2. CM Thompson added a proclamation after the Mayor’s Report. CM Henry will be approx 30 minutes late. CM Rivas is dealing with issues in Park Tanglewood and will not be in attendance.

Proclamation for Mayor Archer’s Birthday

CM Thompson moved to pass a proclamation for Mayor Archer’s Birthday.
CM Ebbeler Second
Motion passes 4-0

Presentation – Bolan Smart Market Study presentation

Stewart Eisenberg introduced the presentation (Eric Smart of Smart Corporation) and thanked the Mayor, Council and residents of Riverdale Park for their support for the Route 1 Corridor Project.

CM Thompson asked “How do you model the University of Maryland student’s spending habits?” Mr. Smart replied that they compared changes from 2000 to get a snapshot of this type of data.

CM Thompson asked “What types of retail will survive in the next 5 years?” Mr. Smart replied that the internet has impact on comparison shopping but people are still shopping. People can’t get restaurant food on the internet.

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Rep. from College Park asked how we can solve the quandary of fast casual dining. Is it a fad? Mr. Smart replied that dining of that nature will continue to be a lifestyle.

Presentation – Laila Riazi, Director of Development at the Community Crises Services, Inc.

Help the Homeless Walk – Opportunity for the Town of Riverdale Park to continue to build the community and help the homeless in this area. Proposed date is Saturday, September 15th.

CM Thompson moved that the Ward Reports be moved after the Legislative Items.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

Mayor's Report

- Trees Down/Power Outages – No fatalities in the Town of Riverdale Park. Avoid the dangers of candles!

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Correspondence Summary

CM Thompson asked the location of the Storm Water Plan in Letter #3. Administrator Imhulse replied that it will take place in College Park, MD.

Treasurer's Report

Budget as of June 30, 2012: Revenue = \$6, 097,116, Expenses = \$4, 672,525.52.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: This year the Town has received an excess of \$61K of what was budgeted.

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- Help during the storm – Many Town residents have called in and thanked the Department of Public Works and Town Hall for assistance during the power outages and downed trees. Special thanks to Sgt. **Emmerick's** squad.
- Administrator Imhulse will be on vacation from July 13th thru July 30th. Director Addison will be in charge.
- The next meeting for the Council is a Work Session on August 27th.
- Happy Birthday to Mayor Archer.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

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- The walk in Madison Hill has been rescheduled due to the weather.
- Challenging Weekend – Special thanks to Corp. Hayes and Officer 1st Class Jermaine Green for helping at the Park Tanglewood disaster by carrying out residents when the roof was ripped off the building during the storm.
- Wished the Mayor Happy Birthday.

Code Enforcement Issues

- 4600 Block of Queensbury (Ward 1) – The owners are out of the area but have maintained the ownership of this property.
- 5000 Block of Oglethorpe – They have been cited for an addition to the home without having a permit.
- 5000 Block of Rittenhouse – Working on getting dumpsters to clear off the property.

Discussion: CM Ebbeler would like enforcement for the broken window at Jay's Auto that has been boarded up for some time now. Chief Morris will be checking on that.

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Storm – Thanked the Police Department for helping open up the street at Park Tanglewood with the Public Works Department.
- Bulk Trash/Yard Waste – No service on July 4th. Next scheduled pick up is on July 11th. The Department of Public Works asks that residents hold onto their yard waste until they or Bates Trucking have the opportunity to service them.
- Drop-Off Day - Saturday, July 21st
- Happy Birthday to Mayor Archer – DPW has a gift for him.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

Chief Lamphier was unable to stay and will provide a report later.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

- Happy Birthday to Mayor Archer.
- Thanked DPW for their level of service during the storm
- Economic Development Committee Mtg. – July 23rd @7:30pm, location TBD
- Opening of Town Center Market – One of the few stores that were opened for business during the storm. They attracted a lot of first time customers.

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- Thanked Chief Morris for arranging the Ward 1 Walk. It was highly successful.
- Trolley Trail – It is in the works. It should be open for business in approx 12 - 18 months.
- CM Ebbeler is trying to collect more information on the Town Center and Douglas Development before the committee meeting.
- Jay's Auto – Would like to discuss what the Town would like to do with this property. CM Ebbeler will bring this up in a near future Legislative Meeting.
- CM Ebbeler would like to see Town Hall with a book documenting what the Town should do in a storm like the one that happened this past weekend.
- Thanked serviceman for their work for this country.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- Wish everyone a Happy Fiscal New Year.
- Ward 2 Meeting at the Dog Park was attended by Mayor Archer, CM Lingua and Thompson and member of M-NCPPC.
- Parking Issues – Residents north of Taylor Road by Gosnold Pond are complaining about the people working in that area
- MML – Thanked the residents of the Town for sending to this conference. CM Thompson attended Developing Retail Strategy, Maryland Department of the Environment and Safe Planning. Their maybe an opportunity to get some money from the State for Town projects.
- Thanked all of Town Staff for their response to the storm. The work that DPW did was amazing.
- Wished a Happy Birthday to Mayor Archer
- Happy and Safe 4th of July.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Not aware of a Central Kenilworth Ave CDC meeting.
- Thanked Staff for their efforts over the weekend. Recognized CM Rivas for his work during the disaster at Park Tanglewood. There is a Red Cross Facility across from Northwestern High School if anyone still needs help.
- Happy Birthday to Mayor Archer.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Happy birthday to Mayor Archer.

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- Movie Night – July 7th in Madison Hill @8pm. Monsters, Inc will be showing. Chairs tents and tables are needed.
- Thanked Chief Morris and DPW for their work over the weekend.
- Public Works Meeting – July 20th @9am

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

Not in attendance.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Silva, Legislative Committee

- No major damage in Ward 6 but thanked the Town of Riverdale Park, Police Department, Fire Department and DPW for their outstanding work over the weekend.
- Thanked the Town Center Market for the invitation they did for the Spanish community.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report

Public Comments

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Legislative Action

1. DSP 04061-01, Redeemed Christian Church of God, 5617 54th Avenue.

CM Henry moved to send a letter to Park and Planning to support the conditions outlined by Administrator Imhulse.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse advised the following staff suggestions for a letter to Park and Planning to the Mayor and Council:

- A. Submit a Safety Plan
 - a. Pick up and drop off
 - b. When parents neglect to pick up their child
- B. Vehicular Pick Up using existing parking lot, not using surrounding and adjacent streets
- C. Chain link fence – The Town suggests they use another material besides a chain linked fence.

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Andre Umeh of the Redeemed Christian Church of God explained staffing and planning solutions to some of Administrator Imhulse's staff suggestions that will be highlighted in the letter. Administrator Imhulse explained that there is a playground proposed in the DSP along with a new chain link fence. She also pointed out that if the intention is to have up to 60 kids the plan should reflect that and not 40 kids. The pastor of the church and his representative agreed that the maximum number of kids they will have at their facility will be 40.

~~**2. ROSP 3473-01, Little Workers of Sacred Hearts Nursery, 4805 Queensbury Rd (Ward 2)**~~

3. Variance V-38-12, a request to validate existing conditions and obtain a building permit for a deck at 5315 Patterson Road (Ward 4).

CM Henry moved to draft a letter of support for Variance V-38-12, a request to validate existing conditions and obtain a building permit for a deck at 5315 Patterson Road (Ward 4)

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: The resident had neighbors sign that they agree of his deck.

4. Building permit request for street opening on 46th Avenue at the intersections of Riverdale Road and Queensbury Road.

CM Ebbeler would like to table.

Discussion: AV Consulting, Inc will be doing some drilling in this area as part of a larger project on 46th Avenue that involves correcting a storm drain problem. CM Ebbeler would like a week or two to make due notifications.

5. Resolution 2012-R-13 concerning restatement if town employee defined benefit plan.

CM Ebbeler moved to adopt Resolution 2012-R-13 concerning restatement if town employee defined benefit plan.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 5-0

6. Street closing – Town Center on August 7, 2012, from 6:00am to 9:00pm for National Night Out.

CM Ebbeler moved

CM Henry Second

Motion passes 5-0

7. Waiver of bids for new police vehicles, through a State of Maryland contract with Hertrich.

CM Lingua moved the waiver of bids for new police vehicles, through a State of Maryland contract with Hertrich.

CM Thompson Second

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Discussion: The Town will save approximately \$6,300 for 5 vehicles.

8. Waiver of bids for equipment to outfit new police vehicles, through a State of Maryland contract with Breckford.

CM Lingua moved the waiver of bids for equipment to outfit new police vehicles, through a State of Maryland contract with Breckford.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 5-0

9. Community Parks and Playground grant application.

CM Henry moved to apply for the Community Parks and Playground grant application.

CM Lingua Second.

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Last year the Town asked for \$1M and was denied. This year they will ask for \$195K in hopes to be awarded the grant.

10. Minutes from regular Legislative Meeting on June 4, 2012.

CM Thompson moved to approve minutes for the regular Legislative Meeting on June 4, 2012.

CM Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: page 5/Item #1 – Vote was 5-0 on CIP, Item #5 - CM Ebbeler would like to see County Clerk information (not Dispatch).

11. Minutes from Public Hearing on June 4, 2012.

CM Lingua moved to approve minutes for the Public Hearing on June 4, 2012.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 5-0

12. Minutes from Public Hearing on May 29, 2012.

CM Lingua moved to approve minutes for the Public Hearing on June 4, 2012.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 5-0

13. Minutes from Special Legislative Meeting on June 18, 2012.

CM Thompson moved to approve minutes for the Special Legislative Meeting on June 18, 2012.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0 (CM Ebbeler abstained because he was not present at the meeting.)

Unfinished Business

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New Business

• **Help For Homeless Event**

CM Henry moved to support the Help for Homeless Event on Saturday, Sept 15th.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Support for Public Works, Police support, permission to work with the Town Administrator and use of Riverdale Park (5801 Riverside Park). Mayor Archer suggests that the Town utilize some sort of social concerns finance be used to sponsor this event. Laila Riazi suggested that the Town's sponsorship be used to sponsor youth walkers which will have multiple positive effects on the community. Mayor Archer stated that the Town will sponsor 20 individuals for the walk. CM Lingua is concerned with overflow parking. Ms. Riazi will work with Public Works and the Police Department for advice on parking.

Adjournment

CM Henry moved to adjourn 11:23pm.

CM Ebbeler Second.

Motion passes 5-0

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