

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, March 7, 2011
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen	Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4
CM Raymond Rivas	Ward 5 (8 :15pm)

Town Administrator- Ms. Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Capt. Patrick Timmons, Acting Police Chief
Director of Public Works – Leonard Addison
Fire Department – President Lamphier

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:00 p.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 Henry Second.
Motion passes 4-0

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Archer went to a presentation about the Anacostia Levy Systems Improvement Project. There are certain required improvements that will happen to maintain the FEMA permits and maintaining flood insurance rates. Mayor Archer will keep residents informed of the progress.
- Wells Run Working Group will be meeting this Thursday in Hyattsville to explain a proposal to study the 9 ponds area.
- This Saturday Mayor Archer will testify in Annapolis before the State Delegates and the Senate on behalf of the application for bond funding.
- Walk and review of Kenilworth Ave. this Friday. County officials and representatives from the Kenilworth Ave. Revitalization Group will be looking at areas of code enforcement, day laborer issues and potential building and façade improvements.
- We will be coordinating with English and ESOL teachers for our Sister City Ipala to perform our 3rd Annual teacher exchange.
- Budget Proposal is being worked on for the upcoming year. Mayor Archer is very optimistic that the Town of Riverdale Park will have a solid budget for 2011.
- The Town is trying to position itself to use the EYA throughout Riverdale Park (on Route 1). The Jay's Property on the corner of Madison and Baltimore Ave. is going to lease that property.
- Mayor Archer will be seeking another term of Mayor of Riverdale Park in the upcoming election.

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This concludes the Mayor's Report

Treasurer's Report

As of February 28, 2011: Revenue = \$5,835,828.37, Expenses = \$3,044,554.77.

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

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 4-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- The Bond Bill Hearing will be on Saturday, March 12th. Mayor Archer will be testifying.
- Attended the 2nd Annual Washington Real Estate Summit. Some interesting points made at the summit:
 - Mixed use redevelopment continues to be the 'darling' of the industry.
 - There has been a lack of construction loans issued. Several important projects were able to move forward without financing.
 - No new development for new office space market.
 - The development cycle has extended due to the needs of phasing.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- We have chosen our two officers of the year; Officer Joseph Sommerville and Officer Rudy Castro. We are all very proud of our officers!
- Working on filling job vacancies. Waiting on background checks to come back.

Code Enforcement Issues

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Saturday Drop-Off – March 19th @ 9am – 2pm
- Tree cutting and removal will start today. The weather will dictate what days the public works department will be out performing these tasks.
- Smoke test until the end of May in the Town of Riverdale Park and the surrounding areas.
- Easter – Trash collection will not be affected by the Holiday.

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- Community Clean-Up/Spring Cleaning – Residents have an opportunity to get rid of old, unwanted items on Saturday, April 9th. We will be working with the Anacostia Watershed Project for a Town wide clean-up on the same day. We will need volunteers. Community Service hours can be credited for service. Please contact the Department of Public Works 301-864-1803.

Discussion: Mayor Archer announced that the local chapter of the Sister City Impala will be in attendance on April 9th to help with the clean-up. He hopes that students needing community service hours will show as well. CM Thompson asked if the soccer field was usable. Mr. Addison is working on replacing the soccer nets.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- Statistical Reports were sent to Mayor and Council by e-mail.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ewen, Economic Development Committee

- CM Ewen will not be running for Council seat in the upcoming election. She stated that it has been an enjoyable experience working with the Mayor and Council.
- Investments in appearance and code enforcement in the Town are important and CM Ewen would like to see the Mayor and Council keep these items in mind when considering the budget. Another smart and thrifty thing to keep in mind is to invest in the children events that CM Rivas coordinates.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ewen's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- CM Thompson looks forward to seeing CM Ewen outside of Council business.
- Soccer Season – Discussing which parks can be used.
- Dog Park – CM Thompson would like to come to a happy conclusion as to the placement of the Dog Park.
- University Park Wells Run Screen Committee Meeting – The Chair of the committee stated that the 9 ponds storm water management system is 95% likely to happen. They are planning on cleaning up their stream on April 19th. Stream clean up on April 16th.
- Finance Committee met on Feb 9th. Discussed a fee schedule for the Town and pension plan. Next meeting on March 16th @ 7:30pm.

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This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Taylor Rd Project is going out to bid. This is a County project that will address a storm water issue that will improve drainage. This is a good example of 'tax dollars' hard at work.
- Central Kenilworth Ave Revitalization Committee met on March 1st. Case studies for the 7-Eleven along Kenilworth Ave as well as Day Labor. The next meeting is on April 5th.
- There is a walk along Kenilworth Ave on March 11th @ 4pm.
- Landscaping Committee – Mr. Jenner would like to see a budget for planting flowers along the medians.
- Mark from ECO received funding to paint a mural in town. CM Lingua requested that CM Rivas be involved in this project to help recruit volunteers.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- DPW Challenges – Town signs, etc
- CM Henry thanked CM Ewen for her service on the Council.
- Enhancing and beautification of the Town – CM Henry asked for public support to reach out to the DPW to identify buildings and structures that need improvement.
- Thanks to Director Addison for his new ideas and equipment that he has brought on board.
- Administrator Imhulse is working on language for illegal posting of signs.
- Clean-Up Day – April 9th. CM Henry would like to reach out to the homeowner in Ward 4 to see if they need help to clean up on that day.
- Thanked Acting Police Chief Timmons for having officers keep a watchful eye on the community.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

- Doll making classes are going well. Emily Fanning's birthday was last week. The kids were excited to share her birthday with her.
- CM Rivas read his report into record.
- More volunteers – CM Rivas hosts many events for children and he needs adult volunteers to help in these endeavors.
- Easter Egg Hunt @ the Riverdale Museum on April 16th (tentative)

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- May 1st, Arts Council Festival – We will need vendors. Please call CM Rivas @ (301) 625-9435 or by e-mail (located in the Town Crier).

Discussion: CM Henry asked CM Rivas what kind of volunteers are needed and for what time frame. CM Rivas needs volunteers for sports activities, teenagers and/or young college students who can relate to the kids. Volunteers are needed from 5pm – 7pm Monday thru Friday. Mayor Archer added that CM Rivas has attacked this task of Community Affairs Committee Chair like no other and encouraged him to keep up the good work.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Legislative Committee

CM Allen-Smith was unable to be in attendance.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith's Report

Public Comments

Legislative Action

1. Approval for February 7, 2011, minutes for Regular Legislative meeting.

CM Thompson moved to accept the minutes.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Page 4 – Ward 2 Report bullet 1 Jan 2nd, bullet 2 Wed, Feb 9th @7:30pm
Ward 3 Report bullet 2 St. Bernerd's Church, bullet 3 C-CAR.

2. Approval of January 31, 2011, minutes for Special Legislative meeting.

CM Thompson moved to approve minutes from January 31, 2011 Special Legislative meeting.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 5-0

3. Approval of building permit application for 4907 Oglethorpe (Ward 3) for a 6 foot fence.

CM Lingua moved to approve the building permit #1934 application for 4907 Oglethorpe (Ward 3) for a 6 foot fence.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

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Discussion: CM Lingua asked the council to support this permit. He also thanked the applicants for applying for the permit before they built the fence.

4. Resolution to Appoint Election Judges for Ward 5.

CM Thompson moved to appoint judges the following judges for Ward 5 for Town elections on May 2, 2011; Fatima Moore – Ward 5.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

5. Introduction of Ordinance 2011-OR-01, an ordinance establishing a capital expenditure reserve fund.

CM Thompson introduced this legislation by reading it into record. A fair summary of this Ordinance will be included in the Town Crier.

6. Introduction of Ordinance 2011-OR-02, an ordinance establishing Town employee post-retirement health insurance benefits.

CM Thompson introduced this legislation by explaining the purpose of the Ordinance. A fair summary of this Ordinance will be included in the Town Crier.

New Business

- SHARPCOM – Regarding a new telecommunication infrastructure for the Town of Riverdale Park. When you get a voice message you can receive it in your e-mail as well also known as voice over IP technology. They will attend the next worksession.
- C-KAR passed a Resolution to convene an ad-hoc committee made up of Town, County, State, religious groups, etc to address day laborer situation surrounding the Town of Riverdale Park.

Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Lingua moved to adjourn 9:12pm

CM Rivas Second.

Motion passes 5-0

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