

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, October 1, 2012
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Johathan Ebbeler	Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3 (8 :45pm)
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4

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 8:07p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

CM Ebbeler motioned to approve the agenda.
CM Thompson Second.
Motion passes 3-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer recommends to move the discussion for the soccer program from M-NCPPC toward the beginning of the agenda and to move the Ward Reports to the end of the agenda, after the Legislative Items.

Teacher Appreciation to Mr. Howard Knights from Hyattsville Middle School.

Mayor Archer presented Mr. Knights with the Teacher of the Month Award and presented him with a plaque. Mr. Knights thanked Mayor Archer and Council for starting the Teacher of the Month initiative. He accepted the honor on behalf of his personal family who were present and his Hyattsville Middle School family.

M-NCPPC Soccer Program – Cheryl Moran would like to implement a soccer program at the Riverside Park (on Taylor St) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. M-NCPPC will supply all of the equipment and instruction for the youth to play soccer on organized teams. It will be totally free to the community. CM Ebbeler asked if there were any local organized soccer teams in this area. Cheryl responded that there weren't any and that the Boys & Girls Clubs only have football and baseball programs. M-NCPPC will provide face painting, a skate mobile and games for Riverdale Park day this Saturday. They will also provide the staging, chairs and tables for the event.

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Mayor's Report

- Riverdale Park Day – This Saturday! Mayor Archer welcomes residents to talk and review the two proposals for the Youth and Community Wing. The architect, Paul Morrison will be there as well.
- Small Town Energy Program – A reception at 5904 Cleveland St. @ 7:30pm to talk about the energy program tomorrow night.
- Annual Thanksgiving Coat Drive – Town of Riverdale Park will be partnering with Passion and Compassion Ministries. Mayor Archer encourages residents to donate cash and/or coats for this drive.
- NOA Climate and Weather Prediction Center – Ribbon Cutting on Oct 15th @2pm. Sen. Mikulski is scheduled to attend. CM Thompson, CM Lingua and CM Ebbeler will attend.
- River Road Construction – The Town's 2nd traffic circle is under construction on the end of River Road and Research Ct.
- Cafritz Project – The Cafritz development team has opted for the 70 day extension for the placement of the bridge where it crosses the east side of the railroad tracks. The C Plan seems to be looking good.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

Correspondence Summary

- CM Thompson asked about Item #3 (STP-1203). Administrator Imhulse pointed out that this was not in the Town of Riverdale Park.
- CM Thompson requested a copy of Item #5, letter to Cafritz.

Treasurer's Report

Budget as of July 31,2012: Revenue = \$1,338,280.51 Expenses = \$1,038,805.91 .

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

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- Mixed Use Town Center Meeting is likely to be canceled.
- Cafritz Project – They cannot apply for another extension. They must act now or withdraw.
- Riverdale Park Subdivision (aka the **Nagy** Property) – The application is expected soon.
- **Taco Ria Tres Reyes** – Application for a loading dock has been submitted to M-NCPPC. Not sure if it's been accepted yet.
- Request of name change of Briar's Ditch to Briar's Mill Run.

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- October Work Session – There is a tentative reception for the principals scheduled for October 29th @ 7pm.
- Student Art – Working with Parkdale High School and other school to have rotating student art in the Council chambers.
- Riverdale Park Day – Free event this Saturday, Oct 6th. Thanked the volunteers.
- International City Managers Conference – Administrator Imhulse will be attending.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- Public Safety – Chief Morris has been in talks with Chief Tom Gianni of highway safety about breathing life back into the DWI task force.
- Ward 2 Community Walk – Sat, Sept 22nd there were a lot of residents that came out on a perfect day. CM Lingua and CM Ebbeler were there for support
- Training/Seminar – All Town staff has an opportunity to participate. Other jurisdictions attended including City of Annapolis police department.
- Chief Morris served on the panel of Standards and Training Commission.
- Riverdale Park Day – looking forward to it!
- Code Enforcement Citizen Concern Form – Working on having a form put on the Town's website so that Code Enforcement and residents complaints can be tracked.
- Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge Photo Shoot – This is the photo shoot for the event in January for the Polar Bear Plunge.

Code Enforcement Issues

Report was previously submitted.

CM Thompson shared a message from a resident that they were pleased at the work Code Enforcement has done in the Town.

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Saturday Drop off on October 30th
- There will be trash collection on Columbus Day (next Monday)
- Speed Humps – a contractor has already installed them in Ward 2. If the work in Ward 3 can't get done by Wednesday than it won't be done until next week, after Riverdale Park Day.
- Madison Hill – Preparing for the upcoming permit parking.
- New equipment – 1. Radar device on Lafayette Street (Ward 2). The sign will be moved around to test traffic speeds. 2. Street Painting Machine, this equipment is being tested. As soon as the crews are acclimated it will be used more.
- Farmer's Market – Night lights will go up this week.

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Discussion: CM Henry stated that the Welcome to Riverdale sign is crooked on Kenilworth Ave.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- Chief Lamphier provided Mayor and Council with his report previously.
- Vice President/Assistant Chief Dave Sutton is present tonight.
- The Fire Department will be participating in Riverdale Park Day.
- New Ambulance – progressing.
- Bunker Room Repairs – almost there.
- Aerial Tower needs a \$100K repair and will hopefully get repaired through insurance. It may take as long as 6 months.
- Career staffing has moved to the Riverdale Heights location. Riverdale’s fire station is 100% volunteer now.
- 199 EMS calls, 179 engine call for the month

Discussion: CM Henry and Mayor Archer thanked Chief Lamphier for working hard to maintain coverage at the station for the residents of Riverdale Park.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ebbeler, Economic Development Committee

- Working through Cafritz project
- Attending the MML Fall Conference this week.
- Lion’s Club awarded three scholarships (\$1K/per child)
- Economic Development Meeting scheduled for October 16th @7:30pm in Town Hall. Jey’s Auto and Town Center Development will be discussed.
- October 2nd @ 6:30pm in Upper Marlboro’s Wilson Glice House is a joint committee meeting.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ebbeler’s Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- MUTC Meeting – Meeting tentatively scheduled two weeks from Wednesday.
- Public Safety Walk – Lots of participation from Town Staff and residents. Awesome weather.
- Speed Humps – residents in Ward 2 are very happy
- Riverdale Park Day – CM Thompson will be there to support this event.

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- Former CM Alice Ewing had her baby last week.
- Finance Committee Meeting – tentatively scheduled for October 22nd @7:30pm.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Central Ave Revitalization Committee Mtg. – Meeting tomorrow night at 6200 Sheridan Street. A rep from the County small business development will be in attendance.
- Anacostia Trails Board Mtg will be held on Oct 25th or 26th.
- Ward 3 Walk has not been scheduled yet.
- Special Thanks to Public Works Department for draining the ditch that caused a lot of mosquitoes.
- 198th Anniversary of the Battle of Baltimore – Thanked Mayor Archer for his rendition of the Star Spangled Banner at the event.
- 6000 Block of Riverside Drive – no sidewalk due to a tree and root structure. CM Lingua asked if there could be some brick work done.
- This Monday CM Lingua will be celebrating his 6th anniversary of sitting on the body of the Town of Riverdale Park Council. It's been a pleasure!
- Support Riverdale Park Day!

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Thanked staff and council for support while he was out of the country tending to his sick father.
- Public Works Meeting – October 12th @ 7:30pm to discuss the speed hump policy.
- Madison Square Community Parking – Most residents favor the idea to have permit parking in their community. Thanks Dir. Addison for his work on this.

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

Not in attendance.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Silva's Report

Public Comments

- Joe Kelly, 4522 Tuckerman St. – Mr. Kelly saw a posted letter about the 70 day grace period for a planted subdivision. Mayor Archer explained that the 70 day grace period is to protect the applicant from County Government not acting on the application. There is no real Legislative Action. CM Thompson added that the approval process is moving slower than the County had anticipated. CM Ebbeler also added that this is statutory protection for the applicant. If you don't have the statutory guidelines when submitting the application they can sit on for two years.

Legislative Action

1. Letter of support for CR-63-2012, County legislative regarding residential storage.

CM Thompson moved that we direct the Mayor and Town Administrator write and deliver a letter in support for CR-63-2012, County Legislative regarding residential storage.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 3-0

2. Support for Town's CDBG PY 39 project application

CM Thompson moved to support the Town's CDBG PY 39 project application.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 3-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse explained the application includes street improvements and additional parking on Queensbury Rd, east of Taylor St. CM Thompson spoke in favor of this motion.

3. Letter of support for Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal initiative.

CM Ebbeler moved to send a letter of support for the Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal initiative HR-719 to Congressman Hoyer's office.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 3-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler is a member of this volunteer organization. He explained the Maryland operation of the Civil Air Patrol. Supporting this initiative is a free way of supporting a good cause.

4. MOU with Prince George's County for residential recycling.

CM Henry moved to renew the MOU with Prince George's County for residential recycling.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 3-0

Discussion: Administrator Imhulse stated that the Town of Riverdale Park has an existing MOU with PG County for residential recycling that needs to be renewed. This will mean a \$2 increase for residents.

5. Waiver of bidding requirement for purchase "live scan" equipment from Applied Technology Services, Inc. under State of Maryland contract bid #060B9800011.

CM Lingua moved to waive the bidding requirement to purchase "live scan" equipment from Applied Technology Services, Inc. under State of Maryland contract bid #060B9800011.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: The police departments and the FBI will no longer accept fingerprints on cards. They require the use of "live scans". CM Thompson stated that this has gone through a state bidding process already

6. MOU with M-NCPPC for facility use.

CM Thompson moved to accept the MOU with M-NCPPC for the facility use.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 3-0

Discussion: Chief Morris explained that the facility is a fire arms range. This facility is essential to maintain the police department's ability to maintain its annual qualifications as well as trainings. This is a renewal. Resident Bruce Warnick asked if this is a public facility. Chief Morris answered that it is a public facility.

7. Resolution regarding a property known as Jey's Auto.

CM Ebbeler moved to approve Resolution 2012-R-17, to purchase property known as Jey's Auto.

CM Thompson Second.

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: The owner of Jey's Auto was approached several times by the Hyattsville CDC and other entities to offer tenants to rent the store front with no response from the owner by e-mail or phone. This business has been unoccupied for some time now. CM Thompson asked if this resolution has been reviewed by the Town attorney. CM Ebbeler stated that the Town attorney has reviewed this matter. This Resolution is the first of many legal steps for the Town to take over ownership of this property. Resident Joe Kelly, 4522 Tuckerman St., asked "What if the land needs to be remediated?" CM Ebbeler assured Mr. Kelly that that was part of the

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appraisal. Bruce Wernick, 4606 Queensbury, asked “What are the guidelines for the use of this property?” CM Ebbeler replied that is not an allowable use that requires a special exception.

8. Resolution regarding Sustainable Maryland.

CM Ebbeler move to pass the Resolution 2012-R-18, supporting participation in Sustainable Maryland certified municipal certification program.

CM Henry Second.

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Ebbeler explained that this resolution does not require any purchase but will start the ball moving with the completion of the application. This will open up the Town for additional grant opportunities. Other municipalities have been doing this already.

9. Ordinance 2012-OR-11 to amend the FY 13 Budget.

CM Thompson read Ordinance 2012-OR-11 into record.

Discussion: CM Thompson added that the Town has unexpected legal expenses that are included in this amendment.

10. Establishing a park dedicated to volunteers.

CM Ebbeler moved to establish a park dedicated to volunteers.

CM Henry Second.

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: This effort will hopefully help increase the number of volunteers in the Town of Riverdale Park. There is a park across from Town Hall that Administrator Imhulse suggested that would be a perfect area for this dedication. This item will act as the start of the planning process and is not in the budget.

11. Special Entertainment Permit for Calvert House Inn.

Discussion: Mayor Archer will follow up with the owner and schedule a Special Legislative Meeting on October 29th to further discuss the matter. Administrator Imhulse explained that the Special Entertainment Permit before them is simply a liquor license.

12. Resolution 2012-R-19 concerning a request to Prince George’s County

Department of Public Works and Transportation for review of Cafritz project.

CM Thompson moved to approve the Resolution 2012-R-19 concerning a request to Prince George’s County Department of Public Works and Transportation for review of Cafritz project.

CM Henry Second.

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: CM Thompson read Resolution 2012-R-19 into record.

13. Minutes for regular Legislative Meeting September 4, 2012.

CM Thompson moved to approve minutes for regular Legislative Meeting on September 4, 2012

CM Lingua Second.

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: Page 4/Ward 2 Report "MUTC", New Business – strike 'until' add 'through',
New Business – Joe Kelly, 4522 Tuckerman St.

CM Lingua moved to recess @ 9:20pm for 10 minutes.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 4-0

CM Lingua moved to reconvene @9:30pm.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

Unfinished Business

New Business

• **Letter of opposition CB-79-2012.**

CM Thompson moved that Mayor and Town Administrator send a letter of opposition of CB-79-2012 due to the potential adverse impact on the Cafritz project and on the existing 2004 MUTC zone.

CM Ebbeler Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: This would strip the MUTC committee of their review capacity and would make it almost a free for all zone for building anything you want as long as you are in the half mile zone. This would be disastrous for the zoning that is in place already.

• **Letter of opposition CB-80-2012**

CM Thompson moved that Mayor and Town Administrator submit a strong letter of opposition for CB-80-2012.

CM Lingua Second

Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: It requires the planning board to make a finding of transportation adequacy for development projects. The Town has agreements in place for the Cafritz project and they need to be preserved.

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- **Letter of opposition for CB-95-2012**

CM Thompson moved that Mayor and Town Administrator submit a letter of opposition for CB-95-2012.

CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: This legislation is very vague. There are no standards or requirements for the County to review. There is no time period for this review. This is specific for a new establishment or a current establishment. Administrator Imhulse added that there is a possibility that there will be an empty storefront that maybe there for an undefined time.

- **Letter of strong support for CB-75-2012**

CM Ebbeler moved that the Mayor and Town Administrator submit a letter of strong support for CB-75-2012.

CM Lingua Second
Motion passes 4-0

Discussion: This was an agreed upon coveted position.

- **Nomination for IMLS National Medal of Museum and Library Service**

CM Ebbeler moved that the Mayor send a letter of enthusiastic support for the Riverdale House Museum's nomination to receive the IMLS National Medal of Museum and Library Service.

CM Thompson Second
Motion passes 4-0

Adjournment

CM Lingua moved to adjourn at 10:47pm.
CM Thompson Second.
Motion passes 4-0

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