

Town of Riverdale park
Monday, October 4, 2010
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

Town Administrator- Ms. Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Chief Teresa Chambers
Director of Public Works – Leonard Addison

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:05 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 Ewen Second.
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Ewen requested that the legislative action items be acted on before reports were given. CM Thompson requested a street closure be added as action item #4.

Proclamations

Mayor Archer gave a proclamation to American and Guatemalan teachers in recognition of the teacher exchange with Ipala, Chiquimula Guatemala.

Presentation

Leonard Wertz and Patricia Parker, Board members of the Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization (CKAR) Community Development Corporation (CDC), spoke on the newly formed CDC and invited everyone to attend their next meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the multicultural center.

Legislative Action

1. To approve minutes for regular legislative meeting on September 7, 2010.

CM Thompson moved to accept the minutes.
CM Ewen Second
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Changes were made to page 1 to amend “Navy” to “Nagy”, page 4 to amend “Daniel” to “Dannielle Glaros”, page 4 to add “POP workshop” to CM Lingua’s comments, page 5 to amend “climbing reports” to “crime reports”, and page 6 to strike Item #4, which was removed from the agenda that evening.

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2. To approve minutes for special legislative meeting on September 21, 2010

CM Thompson moved to accept the minutes.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

3. Motion to approve resolution 2010-R-10 requesting Governor and General Assembly to reinstate municipal governments full funding for highway user revenues and state aid for police protection.

CM Thompson moved to approve the resolution

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Thompson read the resolution into the record

4. Motion to approve street closure at 48th Avenue and Sheridan Street for ½ block in each direction on October 24, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

CM Thompson moved to approve the street closure.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

Mayor's Report

- Mayor thanked the Recreation Board members for their efforts, including Nova Johns, CM Rivas, and Town staff
- Thank you to host families for the teachers on exchange from Guatemala.

This concludes Mayor's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Subject to audit, as of September 30, 2010: Revenue = \$1,116,301.77, Expenses = \$1,090,933.50

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

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report.

Town Administrator's Report

- The railroad crossing at Queensbury Road is closed for crossing repairs. The intersection will reopen Monday, October 11th in time for the morning rush hour. Pedestrians can cross at the train station.

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- Thank you to the Recreation Board members, which include Nova Johns, Falvia Brown, Liz Green, Melissa Avery, Raymond Rivas, and Emily Fanning. The Board worked very hard to plan Riverdale Park Day, which was a great event.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report.

Police Department Report

- Four staff members just returned from the Problem Oriented Policing (POP) conference in Arlington, Texas: Alexander, Alford, Ferguson, and Blanco.
- On September 14th the Department of Justice (DOJ) awarded the Town with a grant in the amount of \$10,665.
- Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant (B-JAG) was approved today in the amount of \$11,817 to be used for CCTV equipment.

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- Thank you to the volunteers for Riverdale Park Day.
- We are beginning leaf collection season. Please refer to the Town Crier or the Town website (www.riverdaleparkmd.gov) for information.
- The Department is preparing for snow season. We recently purchased a new truck with a salt spreader, and we are working with Hyattsville and College Park regarding the purchase of salt.

CM Rivas asked if apartment complexes can drop off bulk items. Director Addison explained that this service is only for residential properties, not commercial properties.

CM Henry explained oil was being dumped in the storm drains in his neighborhood. Director Addison explained that residents can bring oil to the Public Works facility to recycle oil. This container is available to residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. CM Ewen commented that it is a criminal offense to put oil in the storm sewers, and she suggested that Town staff contact Anacostia Watershed Society regarding storm drain stenciling.

This concludes the Public Works Department Report

Fire Department Report

No fire report.

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ewen, Economic Development Committee

- Thank you for a great Riverdale Park Day! The committee did a fabulous job.
- Congratulations to Jim Coleman and the Farmers Market for grant seeking
- She is excited to host a teacher from Ipala, Guatemala as part of the teacher exchange.

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- She remains concerned about the blue house on Queensbury Road and would like staff to follow up with any new information.
- She was in contact with Mr. Kaputo regarding the sign at Wachovia and would like staff to follow up.
- Hyattsville Traffic Study makes recommendations for roads that are actually in Riverdale Park. She would like staff to follow up with Hyattsville to make sure that they will contact us before moving forward with implementation.

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ewen's Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- Finance Committee was held on September 21st. Highlights include: cost of accounting services and going to an open bid to solicit these services; tax credit to encourage occupancy of businesses in Town; and new reports from Town staff to log in daily calls.
- Riverdale Park Day was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the volunteers and the Recreation Board, especially Nova Johns and Raymond Rivas.
- Wells Run – In mid September, the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) stabilized a section of Wells Run using riprap. This will give us time to work with other municipalities on a larger solution.
- Town Crier report indicates that M-NCPPC has offered to buy two lots on 51st Avenue, which would remain as area parkland. Riverdale Park Town Council will hold a public hearing on this topic on October 25th at 7:30 p.m. Please notify CM Thompson if you are unable to attend the hearing but would like to provide comment.
- He is pleased to be hosting Ms. Javier from Ipala, Guatemala as part of the teacher exchange.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson's Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Please refer to his Town Crier report.
- He provided a tour of Riverdale Park to teachers from Ipala, Guatemala.
- Thank you to Raymond, Recreation Board, and Town staff for Riverdale Park Day.
- CKAR will meeting Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Multicultural Center, 6200 Sheridan Street, near William Wirt.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Thank you to all for a successful Riverdale Park Day, especially to Nova Johns.
- Public Works Committee met on October 1st. Highlights include: scheduled maintenance of equipment; Christmas in April nominations are due soon; and snow removal signs will go up before first snowfall.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

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Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

- Spoke about robberies in his Ward. Encourages all to stay alert. Thanked Police Department for quick responses recently.
- Thanked Fire Department for their response to a fire last week.
- He is trying to get a Neighborhood Watch organized in Ward 5.
- Riverdale Park Day was a big success. He thought it was a great location and hoped that we would use the same location next year. He thought the kids especially liked the skate truck and the piñatas. Structures Dance group was great as well. He wondered if the Town should extend the time of the event from 12-7.
- International Food Day will likely be held on November 6th at Town Hall. This will be a pot luck event. More information will follow.
- He asked about total occupancy for Council Chambers and asked staff to follow up.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Public Comments

Jim Coleman of Farmers Market – Town received a grant from USDA in the amount of \$33,149.00 for signage, banners, and equipment related to the Riverdale Park Farmers Market.

CM Henry asked if these funds would provide relief to Town budget. Ms. Imhulse indicated that these are additional services, and the grant would provide additional funds to cover these services. These grant funds will not be used for items currently in FY 11 budget.

CM Henry commented that if the prices at the farmers market were lower, then participation would likely be higher.

CM Thompson congratulated Mr. Coleman on the grant.

New Business

No new business

Unfinished Business

Mayor Archer reminded Council and staff of the special dinner on October 13th at Riverside House Museum at 7:00 p.m. and requested that everyone RSVP by Friday, October 8th.

Adjournment

CM Thompson moved to adjourn 9:51pm

CM Lingua Second.

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