



MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET
7:30 P.M.

June 7, 2010
REGULAR SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Mallino, Mayor Pro Tem at 7:30p.m.**
(Mayor Tabori was attending the Hyattsville City Council meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding on the Wells Run and the University Park Stream Committee report)

Present: Ms. Mallino, Ms. O'Connor, Mr. Lucas, Ms. Toscano, Ms. Bradley Chacón, Mr. Carey
Excused: Ms. McPherson
Absent: None

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Ms. Bradley Chacón

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: Ms. Mallino
Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Carey
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 0

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *May 17, 2010 Meeting*

Corrections:

- p. 1, agenda item 2: Ms. Lorraine Nicely, not Ms. Loraine Mosely
p. 3, agenda item 7A: Senator Mikulski, not Senator Mukulsky

Moved by: Ms. O'Connor
Yea: 6

Seconded by: Ms. Toscano
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 0

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Michelle Leonardi of 6714 Queens Chapel Road asked Chief Wynnyk and the Council questions about the crime wave that University Park is experiencing. She said that she returned home from a brief errand and found a white van casing her home. The van left when her dog came out and started barking. She asked what University Park could do differently to prevent

these issues. She specifically asked about community policing, foot patrols from UPPD officers, and other actions residents could take to deter crime. Chief Wynnyk responded to Ms. Leonardi's concerns. He said the department is currently short two officers due to illness. A replacement has been hired to fill the third vacancy created by Lt. Bacon's retirement. Overtime for the officers already on the force is being used to fill the gap. Chief Wynnyk noted that the crimes occur at specific times – the car breakins take place at night, and the burglaries from homes take place from noon to 5p.m. Chief Wynnyk has a mutual assistance agreement in place with local jurisdictions and has arranged for plainclothes patrols. Only two UPPD officers are currently trained for bicycle patrols. Once the department is fully staffed, there are plans to train additional officers. Chief Wynnyk noted that patrol cars are one of the most visible ways to demonstrate policing.

Mr. Lucas brought up the status of the Belcrest development application. County Council members Mr. Campos, Mr. Olson, and Mr. Dernoga were present at the meeting. Mayor Tabori and Attorney Ferguson made very strong statements of University Park's position on the development. Council member Mr. Olson strongly expressed his views. The developer was told to meet with the City of Hyattsville and the Town of University Park to resolve the concerns the communities have raised before the developer returns to the County Council.

Mr. Lucas said a hearing was held on the Landy property. The development proposal was sent back to staff for reconsideration. The Landy property developer was told to comply with the 16 story height restriction to conform to the Transit District Overlay Zone (TDOZ) requirements. Mr. Carey said that Council member Mr. Olson pushed for the development application to be taken under advisement. The developer did agree to comply with the new storm water management regulations. Ms. Bradley Chacón asked Mr. Carey for his view of Council member Mr. Campos' position on the development. Mr. Carey said that Councilman Campos realized that while the developer has held many meetings, the developer has not listened to the communities' concerns. Mr. Carey said that Mr. Campos was worried about smart growth being carried out appropriately, and skeptical about the developer's claims about traffic impact. Ms. Mallino commended Mayor Tabori, the members of the Stream Committee, and all the other citizens that contributed greatly to making University Park's concerns be heard. She noted the developer will continue to pursue development opportunities, and that University Park residents will need to maintain their interest and engagement in the process.

Ms. Mallino brought the new mosaic installed on the exterior of the University Park Elementary School to the attention of the Council members.

6. PERMITS

A. APPLICATION TO INSTALL 3 FOOT FENCE (Brockman, 6308 Queens Chapel Road) Ward 2

Mr. Brockman attended the meeting.

Motion: To approve the installation of a 3 foot steel picket fence on Lot 24, Block 17, Section 5 A at 6308 Queens Chapel Road.

Moved by: Mr. Lucas
Yea: 6

Seconded by: Ms. Toscano
Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda items.

Moved by: Mr. Lucas
Yea: 6

Seconded by: Ms. O'Connor
Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

- A. **APPLICATION TO REPLACE SHED**
(Cruz/Flores, 6702 Forest Hill) Ward 6

- B. **APPLICATION TO MAKE MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS**
(McConnochie, 6525 40th Avenue) Ward 2

- C. **APPLICATION TO REPLACE FRONT WALKWAY**
(Monroe, 4103 Woodberry Street) Ward 7

- D. **APPLICATION TO REPLACE FRONT WALKWAY & REPAIR/REPLACE FRONT STEPS** (Grantham, 6515 40th Avenue) Ward 2

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Mallino

Ms. Mallino said that Mayor Tabori and UP resident Mr. Tom Stickles were attending the Hyattsville City Council meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding on the Wells Run and the University Park Stream Committee report.

B. REPORT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES- Chief Michael Wynnyk

Chief Wynnyk distributed a handout of the May Crime Statistics report, which is included in these minutes as **Attachment 7B**.

Mr. Carey asked if there was a way to backfill department vacancies from other jurisdictions while the department is shorthanded. Chief Wynnyk said that would not be feasible with the current budget status. Another issue is that there is a process for hiring officers that can take some time, including drug and psychological testing and a familiarization training period, and this process applies whether the officer is full time or part time.

Ms. Bradley Chacón asked for a status of police department staffing. Chief Wynnyk said Lt.

Bacon's position has been filled. Officer Barreto has been on extended medical leave. The third vacancy is due to an officer undergoing a series of medical tests.

Mr. Carey discussed the relationship between the Town budget and the ideas that residents have put forth for public safety. Chief Wynnyk said the crime statistics are not disproportionately high compared to previous years. He noted the youth unemployment in the area is 70%. Chief Wynnyk will hold open forums for the community one night a month for the next three months, for people to come and discuss their concerns and learn about the actions the police department is taking.

Chief Wynnyk reported on a pedestrian accident on U.S. Route 1 today. The victim was not crossing in a crosswalk and was struck by a car. She refused medical treatment at the scene.

Chief Wynnyk and Mr. Beall discussed the impact of the State Highway Administration work at East-West Highway and Adelphi Road. There is incredible amounts of cut-through traffic driving through University Park as a result of the lane restrictions and back-ups on East-West Highway.

Chief Wynnyk said the new police radios go on-line today. These radios were purchased through a grant.

Chief Wynnyk and Mr. Beall reported on the SEPTED training they attended. This training provides information on how to design and maintain public spaces, included parks, in a way to make the areas less attractive to crime.

9. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON BELCREST PLAZA/LANDY PROJECT

Covered under the Public Comments agenda item.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. PARKING WAIVER RENEWAL FOR RENTAL PROPERTY (Accetta, 6908 40th Avenue) Ward 7

Motion: To approve the application for an on-street, six month parking waiver renewal for up to five vehicles at 6908 40th Avenue.

Moved by: Ms. Bradley Chacón

Seconded by: Mr. Lucas

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

B. PARKING WAIVER RENEWAL FOR RENTAL PROPERTY (Ng, 6705 40th Avenue) Ward 6

Motion: To approve the application for an on-street, six-month parking waiver renewal for up to 5 vehicles at 6705 40th Avenue.

Moved by: Ms. O'Connor

Seconded by: Mr. Carey

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

C. PARKING WAIVER FOR RENTAL PROPERTY

(Schaper, 6701 Forest Hill Drive) Ward 6

Motion: To approve the application for an on-street, six-month parking waiver for up to 5 vehicles at 6701 Forest Hill Drive.

Moved by: Ms. O'Connor

Seconded by: Ms. Toscano

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

D. BUDGET TRANSFERS-Introduction

Ms. Bradley Chacón asked if any information on reimbursement for February snowfall expenses had been received from FEMA. Mr. Beall said there is a meeting on that topic on Thursday. Ms. Toscano commended the Public Works crews to Mr. Beall. She said that crew members working on the vegetation on Wells Parkway had politely and thoroughly explained to residents the reasons for cutting back trees and shrubbery and removing invasive species along Wells Run.

Motion: To approve the introduction of the transfer from reserves of \$ 39,775 to the following accounts: *Travel & Dues*-\$500, *Gasoline*-\$2,000, *Landfill*-\$8,000, *Salaries*-\$15,500, *Snow Removal*-\$13,775.

Moved by: Ms. Toscano

Seconded by: Ms. Bradley Chacón

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

11. ADJOURNMENT at 9p.m.

Submitted by: _____

**Margaret Mallino
Mayor Pro Tem**

APPENDIX 7B. REPORT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Police Information Crime Statistics (May 1st-31st) 2010

Ward 1

Robbery- On May 25, 2010 at 10:35pm at 44th Ave. and East West Highway it was reported that the victim was walking home from Hyattsville, when he was accosted by two suspects that displayed a handgun and took a cell phone, i-pod, and other property from the victim. The victim was not injured. The suspects then fled north on 44th Ave. The suspects were described as two black, males, 5'10" and 5'8" tall. The area was searched for the suspects and witnesses. The follow-up investigation is being conducted by the PGPD Robbery Unit.

Theft- On May 6, 2010 between 7:00am and 5:30pm in the 4300 block of Tuckerman St. it was reported that suspect/s stole a silver Schwinn bicycle from the front porch of the residence. No suspect/s was located.

Theft- On May 8, 2010 between 9:30pm and 10:00pm in the 4400 block of East West Highway it was reported that a tenant was in a residence with the landlord working upstairs. She had left her purse on the rear porch and discovered that unknown suspect/s had rummaged through the purse and stole keys and cash. No suspect/s was located.

Ward 2

Stolen Auto- On May 3, 2010 between 10:00pm and 9:30am in the 4000 block of Tennyson Rd. suspects stole a 2006 GMC/Envoy from in front of the residence. Later on the same date the vehicle was observed in Riverdale Park, MD. The vehicle keys were found in the ignition and the suspects in the vehicle were identified and arrest warrants were obtained by the Riverdale Police Department. Case Closed.

Ward 3

Theft- On May 19, 2010 at 1:30am in the 6500 block of Baltimore Ave. it was reported that a laptop computer and an I-pod music player were stolen from an unlocked room in a residence. The victim advised that other roommates were in the house and when he questioned them a fight ensued. Victim was advised to apply for a warrant.

Ward 4

Theft - On May 14, 2010 at 3:00pm in the 4300 block of Van Buren St. witnesses observed a suspect placing two lawn mowers into a Dodge mini van. The homeowner also observed the suspect and yelled at him. The UPPD were contacted and searched the area for the vehicle and suspects. Vehicle tag information was provided, and the suspects were described as three adult, black males wearing dark clothing and one was wearing a do-rag. One of the mowers was found down the block on Van Buren St. The second mower was not recovered. Investigation is on-going.

Ward 5

Theft - On May 13, 2010 at 2:30pm in the 4300 block of Clagett Rd. a lawn service crew was working in the rear of a yard and discovered that unknown suspect/s had stole a backpack

blower, power edger and a string trimmer that was left by the front street curb. The neighborhood was canvassed. No suspect/s was located.

Ward 6

Breaking & Entering– On May 23, 2010 between 12:00 pm and 6:05pm in the 4000 block of Beechwood Rd. the resident arrived and notice his laptop computer missing from the dining room table. He notified the police and continued to check his home for missing items. Suspects entered the residence through an unlocked bathroom window and stole a Dell Laptop computer, a Toshiba Laptop computer, a lockbox containing personal papers and approximately \$50.00 in coins. The area was canvassed for possible suspects and the scene was processed for fingerprints. The investigation is on-going.

Theft from Auto- On May 8, 2010 it was reported that between April 30th and May 5th suspects entered an unlocked 1998 Chrysler minivan and stole a Nikon digital camera. No suspect/s was located. The investigation is on-going

Ward 7

Attempt Breaking & Entering– On May 1, 2010 1:20pm in the 7000 block of Forest Hill Rd. the UPPD the homeowner advised that they observed an unknown person leave the rear porch area of the home and run north on Forest Hill Road. The homeowner checked the rear porch and discovered two windows had been broken, but entry was not made. The suspect was described as a black, male, 5'8", wearing dark colored pants and a black shirt, carrying a black backpack. The area was searched for the suspect with negative results.