



**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET
7:30 PM**

**March 4, 2013
REGULAR SESSION**

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tabori

Present: Mr. Brosch, Mr. Gekas, Ms. Christiansen, Mr. Carey, Mr. Cron, Mr. Alvarez
Excused: None
Absent: Ms. Sorensen

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Ms. Christiansen.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 6

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

4. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES: *January 14, 2013*

These meeting minutes are in the process of being drafted.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Yea:

Nay:

Abstain:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *February 25, 2013*

These meeting minutes are in the process of being drafted.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Yea:

Nay:

Abstain:

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Linda Verrill of Van Buren Street requested that permits for solicitors be placed in the Town Newsletter to increase public awareness that permits are required of solicitors. She also asked if permitted solicitors are listed on the website. Mayor Tabori agreed that both her requests would be beneficial to the Town. Mayor Tabori also stated a reminder that religious organizations are not required to have solicitor's permits. He also warned that many newspaper-type solicitors are scams and noted an increase in telephone scams in the past 6-12

months. Mayor Tabori asked that residents be watchful and report newspaper-type and telephone scams to the police.

7. PERMITS

A. PARKING WAIVER FOR RENTAL PROPERTY (Speck, 6511 40th Avenue) Ward 2

Motion: To approve the application for an on-street, six-month parking waiver for up to five vehicles at 6511 40th Avenue.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas
Yea: 6

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

B. APPLICATION TO INSTALL A 4' FENCE (Robert and Lisa Seiler, 4211 Tuckerman Street) Ward 2

Motion: To approve the application to install a 4 ft chain link fence along the back section of the property to enclose the yard located on Lot 27, Block 8, Section 2 at 4211 Tuckerman Street.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas
Yea: 6

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

C. APPLICATION TO BUILD A DETACHED GARAGE (Joshua Abell, 4326 Woodberry Street) Ward 4

This new garage is a replacement structure; there had been an existing garage in the same location that was demolished before the property was purchased.

Motion: To approve the application to build a 12' x 20' x 12'-3" detached garage located on lot 29, Block 25, Section 6-A at 4326 Woodberry Street.

Moved by: Mr. Carey
Yea: 6

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

8. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT ~ *Mayor John Rogard Tabori*

The Town received DPW&T's letters in response to the left-hand turn signal at Adelphi Road and Wells Parkway were returned. Please see Appendix 8A for these letters.

Mayor Tabori reminded the Town Council that the County Council is to meet on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. Three transit related bills will be discussed at this meeting. Please see Appendix 8A to see these three bills.

Michael Asante with the County Planning Department will get a PowerPoint Presentation on Prince George's County Formula 2040 – Functional Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space.

Pepco overstepped its tree removal permit on 40th Avenue. Pepco cut trees before the permit was finalized and arborists were able to convene. The Town stopped the tree cutting efforts as soon as it was aware of the problem; however, by this time, 8-10 trees had already been cut. A notification system plan is being devised to ensure communication between Pepco and the Town in order to prevent similar future incidents.

B. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Police, Traffic and Public Safety Committee

High traffic at 40th Avenue and Tennyson has raised concerns. Robert Borque of 40th Avenue expressed his concerns and suggested a traffic study of the roads surrounding this intersection. Mayor Tabori suggested integrating this study into the larger Cafritz traffic study that is to be conducted by Ed Papazian.

Residents have expressed concerns regarding cars speeding on Van Buren Street after entering Van Buren Street onto Route 1. Further, many drivers fail to stop at the stop sign on the corner of 44th Avenue and Van Buren Street. Because this is a key Cafritz intersection, the Cafritz traffic study will examine the best ways to mitigate this traffic.

Speed limit signs on College Heights Drive have been moved to be more visible and hedges have been trimmed around the stop sign as well.

b. Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure Committee

Proposed rules will be discussed at the March 18th Town Council meeting.

c. Cafritz Oversight & Monitoring Committee

A separate Cafritz Committee meeting was suggested in order to allow for increased Town Council time. This meeting would intend to provide a clear overview of the entire project process while providing the chance for the Town to take charge of the meeting. Mayor Tabori expressed support for a separate meeting.

d. Stormwater Meeting in Annapolis

Mr. Carey and Mr. Alvarez attended a Stormwater Management briefing presented by Governor Martin O'Malley's office in Annapolis on March 4th. The briefing discussed sources of funding for tree canopy enhancements and mentioned that Prince George's County residents will have an additional property tax fee for county stormwater management.

9. UNIVERSITY PARK BUDGET PRESENTATION ~ Mayor Tabori

A. BUDGET TRENDS, PATTERNS, AND PLANNING ISSUES

Mayor Tabori gave a presentation on the University Park Budget. Please see **Appendix 9A**.

10. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 13-O-01 ~ 2nd Reading

Resolution and Ordinance of the Town of University Park, to amend the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Ordinance to add revenue line item *Cafritz Revenue* for receipt of the sum of \$48,700.00 and expense line item *Traffic Study-Cafritz* for the expenditure of the sum of \$48,700.00, to make provision for receipt and expenditure of funds for the anticipated costs

associated with the traffic study related to the Cafritz development during FY2013.

Motion: To approve the adoption to amend the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Ordinance to add revenue line item *Cafritz Revenue* for receipt of the sum of \$48,700.00 and expense line item *Traffic Study-Cafritz* for the expenditure of the sum of \$48,700.00, to make provision for receipt and expenditure of funds for the anticipated costs associated with the traffic study related to the Cafritz development during FY2013.

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez
Yea: 5

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

B. REPORT ON THE CAFRITZ PROJECT OF RIVERDALE PARK 4-13002

Important note: M-NCPPC considers the Cafritz Project of Riverdale Park a *new* application, if you would like to be a Person of Record for this project you *must* register with the Prince George’s County Planning Department. The form can be found at this address: http://www.pgplanning.org/Resources/Person_of_Record.htm

To register as a Person of Record the following information is required for this project.
Name of Project: Cafritz Property of Riverdale Park
Project Number: Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, 4-13002

C. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 13-O-02 ~ 2nd reading

Motion: To approve the adoption of Emergency Ordinance 13-O-02*, to amend the effective date of Ordinance 12-O-03, which enacted Chapter 7 “Public Health and Sanitation” Section 7-107 “Dumpsters and other storage receptacles” to prohibit placement of construction and other storage receptacles on private property without a permit and to provide for a permit fee and penalty, to twenty (20) days from the date of adoption of this emergency ordinance.

*An emergency ordinance requires 4 votes.

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 5

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

D. Motion: To curtail the pruning permit by Pepco until the suspended permit is reinstated by the entire Town of University Park Town Council.

Moved by: Mr. Carey
Yea: 6

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. VETERAN'S MEMORIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Motion: To approve the creation of a Design Advisory Committee with a mission to advise the designers and Mayor and Council re: the design of a Veteran's Memorial in University Park to honor all who served; and to appoint to this Committee the following University Park residents: Tom Ashcraft (Chair), Mary Baugher, David Brosch, Stephen Cook, Colin Ferguson, Harold Freeman, Chris Garcia, Lindsay Hicks, Anna Mae Kobbe, Dixie Meadows, Leatha Thome, Tiegh Thompson, and Fred Werth.

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 5

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

B. Motion: To consider publishing a supplemental newsletter which will contain the minutes approved at the special session, emergency update on Pepco, and Cafritz Announcement.

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 5

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 5

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