



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

**June 3, 2013  
REGULAR SESSION  
MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tabori**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Mr. Gekas.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Christiansen requested an Executive Session at 9:45pm to **CONSIDER THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE AND MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED THERETO.**

**Moved by:** Mr. Cron  
**Yea:** 7

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *April 15, 2013***

**Moved by:** Mr. Cron  
**Yea:** 7

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

**5. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES: *April 18, 2013***

**Moved by:** Mr. Gekas  
**Yea:** 5

**Seconded by:** Mr. Alvarez  
**Nay:** 0                      **Abstain:** 2  
Mr. Carey  
Ms. Sorensen

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *May 6, 2013***

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez  
**Yea:** 7

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

**7. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES: *May 15, 2013***

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez  
**Yea:**

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

**Motion: To table the approval of May 15, 2013 Special Session Minutes.**

**Moved by:** Ms. Christiansen  
**Yea:** 5

**Seconded by:** Mr. Gekas  
**Nay:** 0  
**Abstain:** 2  
Mr. Carey  
Mr. Cron

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 20, 2013**

**Moved by:** Ms. Christiansen  
**Yea:**

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

**Motion: To table the approval of May 20, 2013 Special Session Minutes.**

**Moved by:** Mr. Cron  
**Yea:** 6

**Seconded by:** Mr. Brosch  
**Nay:** 0  
**Abstain:** 1  
Ms. Sorensen

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Jude Cassidy of 4309 Tuckerman Street strongly supports the Asian Tiger Mosquito Control Project because it will improve the Town's quality of life; curb the threat of contracting diseases that mosquitos carry; allow Town residents and children to reap health benefits of being outside; and provide an environmentally-friendly alternative to spraying pesticides.

Mr. John Kim-Norris of 4315 Tuckerman Street asked if the Town intends to reduce trash pickup days since more residents have started to compost. The Mayor said that he and Michael Beall have spent at least six months looking into how to transition to 1 day per week trash pickup and 1 day per week recycling pickup. He and Mr. Beall are developing a plan as well as discussing how to encourage more residents to begin composting. They will establish a formal plan by the end of the summer.

**10. PERMITS**

**A. APPLICATION TO ENCLOSE AN EXISTING PORCH  
(DeJohn, 4203 Sheridan Street) Ward 1**

**Motion:** To approve the application to convert an existing 9'2" x 13'6" porch into a den located on Lot: 15, Block: 7, Section: Two at 4203 Sheridan Street.

**Moved by:** Mr. Brosch  
**Yea:** 7

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

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the following consent agenda items

**Moved by:** Mr. Cron  
**Yea:** 7

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

- A. APPLICATION TO REPLACE FLOOR BOARDS ON EXISTING DECK LOCATED ON LOT: 16, BLOCK: 20, SECTION: 5A (White, 6523 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue)**
- B. UPCA REQUEST TO CLOSE QUEENS CHAPEL ROAD FROM BALTIMORE AVENUE TO UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY BIKE PARADE FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.**

**12. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

**A. TREE COMMITTEE**

**Motion:** To consent to the appointment of Kim Mitter to the Tree Committee.

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez  
**Yea:** 7

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

**13. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

The Mayor announced that his wife will be undergoing surgery on Friday June 7, 2013 and will be working from home during the couple weeks following her surgery. He will be available by telephone and for emergencies. Len Carey has been acting as Mayor Pro Tem for the past few days and will resume this role for a couple days surrounding the surgery.

The Mayor spoke with Danielle Glaros, Eric Olson's Chief of Staff, regarding the scheduling of a Cafritz hearing before the District Council. The District Council has stated that July 8<sup>th</sup> would be the earliest possible date for the hearing. By rule, the Council must have 30 days from the date which the planning board's resolution is received. The planning board intends to vote on the plan by June 6<sup>th</sup> so that they can get it into the District Council by July 7<sup>th</sup>. This will give the District Council thirty days. Mayor would like to have a discussion on June 17<sup>th</sup> regarding whether the Town should appeal.

McNamee Hosea Attorneys and Advisors submitted a renewed application for the Detailed Site Plan asking for changes to the University Town Center. Mr. Cron stated that the changes are to rezone for a Safeway being brought into the site. Toll Brothers will bring a Detailed Site Plan to rezone the Knox Box Apartments to put an eight-story high rise.

**B. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT (UPATMCP) IN UNIVERSITY PARK**

Report presented by Mr. David Brosch, with Dr. Charles Mitter and Dr. Dan Strickman

Mr. Brosch began the report by stating that a presentation, proposal, and work plan has been finalized. He has worked with the Drs. Mitter and Strickman to address the issues and questions that arose following his last presentation. He then turned the report over to the two experts.

Mr. Mitter stated that the measures that will be used to control the Asian tiger mosquito

population have been proven to be effective. The major concern with the project is if enough residents will be part of the program. Clear and detailed objectives have been devised in order to decide whether project participation was sufficient. He feels that the project will raise community morale and promote volunteering. If the project garners enough support by Town residents, it would serve as a model for other sustainability-related enterprises in the future, thus in turn allowing the Town to continue to distinguish itself as a community that champions similar initiatives.

The presentation turned to Mr. Strickman, who described the ineffectiveness of spraying pesticides as a way to reduce mosquito populations. Past measurements found only a 50 percent reduction in mosquito populations for 1-2 nights following each pesticide spray. Because spraying must occur at night, it does not affect daytime mosquito populations since there is no contact. The value of spraying pesticides lies in that it makes residents feel that action is being taken to assuage their mosquito related concerns. The project's treatment catch basins will kill both night and day mosquitos. Mr. Strickman stated that many of the Town's most problematic sites will see a significant reduction in the mosquito population, but that the first few weeks may be challenging.

Mr. Gekas asked who will be the hired intern. Mr. Mitter stated that Mr. Chris Taylor, a graduate student from the University of Maryland in College Park has been selected. Mr. Taylor will be certified and issued documentation allowing him to apply pesticides by Maryland Department of Agriculture. Pesticides in the form of bricks and pellets will be used. As the licensed applicator, Mr. Taylor will be responsible for the application of the products; however, the products are safe enough so that Town residents can apply them. Mr. Cron suggested advertising where chemicals may be obtained by residents.

Mr. Mitter suggested that a Frequently Asked Question page for the program be posted on the Town website.

The Mayor thanked the two experts and stated his strong support for the project.

Mr. Kim-Norris asked the experts regarding the safety of the project and if other communities have implemented similar programs. Mr. Strickman expressed his feeling that the project is very safe and that there is no toxicological reason that it would be harmful to any other insects or animals. He noted that some flies that feed on mosquitos and may be affected and that the pesticides in the catch basin may affect the development of some insects. A town in New Jersey adopted a similar program.

Mr. Alvarez asked how one person will ensure that all the homes in the Town are covered. Mr. Brosch stated that a block captain or person from each ward will be used to ensure coverage of the entire Town. Ms. Christiansen suggested finding two volunteers form each ward. Mr. Cron suggested the Fourth of July Town picnic as an opportunity to find these volunteers. Ms. Christiansen suggested the picnic event as a potential program kickoff time.

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

The Mayor stated that a report would be given during the June 17, 2013 Town Council meeting.

*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;

[http://www.pgplanning.org/Resources/Person\\_of\\_Record.htm](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 at Riverdale Park*

Project Number: Detailed Site Plan, *DSP-13009*

Special Permit, *SP-130002*

## 15. CONTINUING BUSINESS

### A. ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Mr. Brosch suggested finding a better name for the project. Ms. Christiansen mentioned that many residents did not want spraying at night for fear that it may kill bees. Mr. Strickman assured that night time spraying would not affect bees since bees are not out at night.

**Motion:** To approve the adoption of a Plan for Implementation of an Asian Tiger Mosquito Control Project (UPATMCP) in University Park for Summer 2013 and Summer 2014.

**Moved by:** Mr. Brosch

**Yea:** 7

**Seconded by:** Mr. Cron

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

## 16. NEW BUSINESS

### A. SMART ENERGY COMMUNITIES GRANT

Chuck Wilson provided a brief summary related to the \$37,500 Smart Energy Communities Grant that MEA has offered the Town. The grant would provide funds for the following three tasks: (1) Adoption of a policy framework committing to 15 percent efficiency gains and 20 percent renewable energy gains in Town facilities within 5 years; (2) Establishment of measurement baselines; and, (3) Implementation of projects that will achieve targets. Mr. Wilson reiterated that these funds can be used for STEP activities, thus providing a buffer for funding issues that may arise due to the surge in Town involvement in STEP activities. Of the \$37,500 grant, \$7,500 will be used for policy development, \$3,750 for administration of the program, and \$26,250 for projects including the STEP solar project.

**Motion:** To approve the Smart Energy Communities grant agreement with exhibits between the Town of University Park and the Maryland Energy Administration for the purposes of establishing a policy framework, energy use baselines and action plans for increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy use by the Town, and to authorize the Mayor to sign those documents necessary to effectuate this motion.

**Moved by:** Mr. Carey

**Yea:** 7

**Seconded by:** Mr. Cron

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**B. ORDINANCE 13–O-05 AUTHORIZING THE REFINANCING OF TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2011-1 AND 2009 SERIES, AT A LOWER INTEREST RATE BY THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, 2013-1, IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2,625,000.00, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE TOWN’S DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS. *Introduction***

*\*The earliest date that this Ordinance may be considered for passage is June 17, 2013.*

**Motion:** To approve the introduction of Ordinance 13-O-05, which will authorize the refinancing of Town of University Park General Obligation Bonds, 2009 Series and 2011-1, by the issuance of a new Town of University Park General Obligation Bond in an amount up to \$2,625,000, with Term Sheet dated May 13, 2013, issued by lender, STI institutional & Government, Inc. (“STING”).

**Moved by:** Mr. Cron

**Yea:** 7

**Seconded by:** Mr. Gekas

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**17. ADJOURNMENT** at 9:45 pm

**Motion:** To go into an executive session and not return to a regular session.

**Moved by:** Ms. Christiansen

**Yea:** 7

**Seconded by:** Mr. Gekas

**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0