



**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 PM
January 5, 2015
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER: *Mayor Carey* at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gekas, Mr. Hess, Ms. Verrill, Ms. Sorensen,
Mr. Cron, Mr. Alvarez
Absent: None
Excused: None

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mr. Cron **Seconded by:** Mr. Gekas
Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Urge top priority to instituting the use of the Granicus’ Legislative Suite. This program can be used with the current website and will allow residents to view and hear the Town Council meetings and to view all documents and materials referred to in the agenda or the Council minutes.

5. PERMITS

**A. PERMIT REQUEST FOR AN ADDITION
(Cynthia Cox and Suzanne Niemeyer, 6404 40th Avenue) Ward 2**

Motion: To approve the request for a Building Permit to add a 8.3 foot x 11 foot - 1 story bathroom addition located at Lot 8, Block 17, Section 5-A, at 6404 40th Avenue.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas **Seconded by:** Mr. Hess
Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

**B. PERMIT REQUEST TO REPAIR AND STABILIZE FOUNDATION
(Wayne Dressler and Dixie Meadows, 4010 Van Buren Street) Ward 7**

Motion: To approve the request for a Building Permit to repair and stabilize the house foundation located at Lot 11, Block 41, at 4010 Van Buren Street.

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez **Seconded by:** Mr. Hess
Yea: 7 **Nay:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Note: Mr. Cron proposed moving #6A NEW BUSINESS - COUNCIL AGENDA-SETTING FOR 2015 to the end of the agenda

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 15, 2014 as amended

Moved by: Mr. Hess

Seconded by: Ms. Verrill

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 (Thompson)

7. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT ~ Mayor Len Carey

- Council consideration of actions on the Newsletter will begin in February and adequate notice to the public will be given.
- The Riverdale Park Station stormwater drain issue has been resolved and as a result, no permit is necessary for the Town of University Park. Mayor Carey thanked Senator Paul Pinsky, the Office of the County Executive, and County Council Member Dannielle Glaros for their help in this matter.
- Mayor Carey stated that the engineer hired to evaluate the Riverdale Park Station stormwater issue does not plan to submit an invoice for the small amount of work done. Several Council members suggested that the engineer submit a report on his findings for future reference.
- Mayor Carey reported that he and Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson had met with Reverend John McCoy from Word of God Baptist Church. Rev. McCoy is aware of all of the documents pertaining to the code issues at Riverdale Presbyterian Church as well as the Town's parking concerns. He is also very aware of the interest in community uses.
- Mayor Carey is working on setting up a meeting with the Superintendent of Prince George's County Schools to discuss the unresolved issue of the fence around the temporary classrooms at University Park Elementary School.

B. COUNCIL REPORTS

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. COUNCIL AGENDA-SETTING FOR 2015

Council discussion, about public concerns, policy or program initiatives for Council to work on during 2015. *Public comments encouraged.*

- Website, Granicus, Transparency, Accessibility. This process will help residents look back and see what was done and why.
- Budget for the improvement of the website.
- Solve the problem of being able to access materials electronically at UPES from personal computers.
- Branding the Town to show that you are in University Park. Additional signs. Unique street signs. Reaching out to new residents. Sense of place.

- A proactive code enforcement. Improve rental properties. Digital pictures of rental properties posted on website.
- Changes to the permitting process. Notification of neighbors.
- Format for the minutes, and what is and what is not included.
- Take action on the flooding of the stream. Erosion under the drains.
- Refer to Route 1 as Baltimore Avenue.
- Link transportation projects.
- Improve the sidewalks along Baltimore Avenue going towards Hyattsville.
- Bicycle/pedestrian connectivity.
- Network of circulator buses. Hyattsville, College Park, Riverdale Park.
- Veterans Memorial.
- Promote the use of pervious paving materials. Offer incentive to residents for using pervious paving materials.
- Tools available for future traffic management issues in town.
- Improvement of University Park Elementary School. Community Center. Police Department.

Public Comment:

- Branding University Park is very important.

Mayor Carey suggested that the Council continue grouping and prioritizing the above list at a future meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 9:30 p.m.