



**MEETING OF
UNIVERSITY PARK MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL**

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

7:30 p.m.

October 16, 2017

MINUTES

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

Present: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Schultz, Mr. Hess, Ms. Verrill, Mr. Caskey, Ms. Wells,
Absent: None
Excused: Mr. Alvarez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mr. Thompson.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mr. Thompson
Yea: 6

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

4. PERMITS

**A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO PARTIALLY EXCAVATE AND WATERPROOF EXTERIOR FOUNDATION WALL
(Matthew Tobias of 6909 Oakridge Road) Ward 5**

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to partially excavate and waterproof exterior of foundation wall in front of the house located on Lot 41 and Block A at 6909 Oakridge Road.

Moved by: Mr. Caskey
Yea: 6

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

**B. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REPLACE SIDE STEPS AND LANDING AND ADD A GATE
(Michael Small of 4206 Tuckerman Street) Ward 2**

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to replace side steps and landing and add an 8' wide by 4' high cedar gate located on Lot 2, Block 9 and Section 2 at 4206 Tuckerman Street.

Moved by: Mr. Schultz
Yea: 6

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mayor Carey introduced Principal Toi Davis and PTA President Antigone Dempsey of University Park Elementary School. They gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation (hard copy was distributed) on the demographics of the population, goals and successes of the school.

Discussion:

- Prince George's County granted University Park Elementary School a third 6th grade teacher in order to decrease the class size and a fourth special education teacher for the students with disabilities.
- The administration and a few teachers received training on the positive behavior intervention program. The school is now implementing a program that recognizes the students that are doing what they are supposed to do and be rewarded for it.
- Ms. Davis asked that anyone interested in being a judge for the STEM Fair should contact her. This event takes place on January 30.
- Ms. Davis was able to get a Talented And Gifted (TAG) Program certified for the school.
- Ms. Dempsey pointed out some of the PTA's goals for the year: strengthen math skills by working with parents, support all families and voices, including families behind Prince George's Plaza and better communication with families and parents.
- Two main events that the PTA promotes the Azalea Classic and the school play.
- Ms. Dempsey said that they are talking about ways to help improve the operational space of the school, since the County does not have a lot of resources.
- At the time, University Park Elementary School does not have a nurse. A nurse is currently in training and is expected to start at the end of October.
- Due to the shortage of crossing guards in the County, the University Park guard was relocated to an area of more need.
- Double parking and children being dropped off in the street causes a traffic jam. The PTA would like to find a way of getting the traffic to flow at the corner of the school for the safety of the children.
- Mayor Carey suggested announcing school events open to the community in the Town newsletter.

B. MOSQUITO PROGRAM REPORT

Report by Dr. Dina Fonseca and Town Mosquito Program Coordinator Amy Milne.

Mayor Carey introduced Town Mosquito Program Coordinator Amy Milne who presented on the findings from the 2017 University Park joint Mosquito Abatement Program.

Discussion:

- The yard inspections detected the problem properties.
- A resident supports the idea of getting the students at University Park Elementary School involved with the mosquito program.

Dr. Dina Fonseca presented on the findings from the 2017 University Park joint Mosquito Abatement Program. The conclusion of the experiment is that mass deployment of GATS by residents can reduce abundance of biting urban Asian Tiger mosquitoes.

Discussion:

- For the future, residents need to deploy the traps and keep them clean.
- Bamboo is a huge problem with attracting mosquitoes.
- Some residents may need help in setting up the traps and placing them.
- Dr. Fonseca recommended educating the residents by placing formally organized information on the Town website and give feedback through the list-serve.
- Dr. Fonseca will not be able to help University Park with the program in the future.
- This experiment is being put together as a publication and Dr. Fonseca will try to publish it in the journal Science. What this experiment needs now is some degree of press. If the communities hear about the results and are excited about it then this program can take off.

Dr. Fonseca reminded the Council that there is a balance of \$2,500.00 owed to her for the remaining traps. If the Town is not interested in purchasing these traps, she will offer the traps to other groups.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. REDESIGN AND EXPANSION OF TOWN HALL

Motion: To introduce the transfer of \$12,750 from Unreserved Undesignated Funds to G4 Architecture and Related Services Line Item for costs associated with a feasibility study and conceptual design for the redesign and expansion of the Town Hall.

The earliest this transfer may be considered is at the November 6, 2017 Council meeting.

Moved by: Ms. Wells
Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Hess
Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: Mr. Hess is concerned about the amount of noise from the Town employees throughout the day. He asked, “whatever can be done to make Town Hall sound like a residential place, act residential, because that is what it is zoned for, he would really appreciate it.” He asked that this comment be represented in the minutes.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *October 2, 2017*

Moved by: Mr. Thompson
Yea: 4

Seconded by: Ms. Wells
Nay: 0

Abstain: 2 (Hess, Schultz)

9. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Carey and Mr. Schultz attended a Maryland Municipal League event where the Town of University Park received a plaque for re-certification from Sustainable Maryland.
- Groundbreaking for the playground scheduled for October 28 will be rescheduled.
- Delegate Tawanna Gaines will attend the November 6 Council Meeting.
- It appears that part of Ward 4 did not receive the Town newsletter, Mayor Carey spoke with supervisor at the Calvert Annex and this will be addressed.
- The North County Transportation Action Plan is going forward. There will be a leadership meeting on November 13, which the Mayor will attend.

B. COUCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Overview Committee - Ms. Wells

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

- The Bozzuto property (Platos and Quality Inn) will give a presentation at the October 18 meeting.
- Dannielle Glaros and Deni Taveras are holding a session on October 23 to discuss the Zoning Rewrite along Baltimore Avenue. There will be listening sessions from October 24-27 to discuss the

Zoning Ordinance as a whole.

Helping Hands University Park- Ms. Verrill

Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Green Team - Mr. Schultz

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 25.

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee - Ms. Verrill

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 1.

C. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK ~ Tracey Toscano

No report.

D. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE~ Chief Wynnyk

September 2017 Crime Report was distributed.

- Captain McCully had surgery last week. Sergeant Enig will be acting Lieutenant.
- Attended a meeting on the Governor's Bicycle Safety Task Force.
- Town-wide yard sale went well. Upcoming events are the Chili Cook-Off and Halloween.

E. REPORT FROM THE TOWN TREASURER ~ Dan Baden

September 2017 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

- The Audit Report will soon be finalized and filed to the State by November 1.

F. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ~ Michael Beall

- Guardrails along Baltimore Avenue have been installed.
- Tennyson Road BMP project by the Anacostia Watershed Society has been completed.
- A ramp has been installed at the front door of Town Hall, which will make the first floor accessible at ADA requirements.
- The Falkenberg bridge project is in progress and is expected to be completed in two weeks.
- Public Works will now purchase employee uniforms, rather than renting them as has been done.
- The geotechnical engineering analysis of the tennis court should be completed soon.

10. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 10:10 p.m.