



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

**November 4, 2013
REGULAR SESSION
MINUTES**

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

Present: Mr. Brosch (7:45 due to locked entrance door), Mr. Gekas, Ms. Christiansen,
Mr. Carey, Mr. Cron, Mr. Alvarez
Absent: None
Excused: Ms. Sorensen

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

Mayor Tabori calls for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Francis “Mickey” Lucas July 31, 1933
- November 1, 2013.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 8-B will suspend the order of business due to a time constraint.

The Tree Committee will give a report under Council and Committee Reports.

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 5

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

4. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: *October 28, 2013*

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 5

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

5. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: *October 21, 2013*

Motion: To table the approval of October 21 Executive Session Minutes

Moved by: Carey
Yea: 5

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

7. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

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

- Community Conversations, to discuss the possible acquisition of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Two Special Sessions will be held, Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. and tentatively Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- Riverdale Park is discussing the bridge configuration.
- Leaf pick up has begun. Leaves should be put along the curb, not in the street.
- The 2015 budget preparation will begin early this year. Those wanting to participate

should contact Mayor Tabori.

- There is an invitation for 11/11/11 Landover Hills Veterans Memorial Dedication, an RSVP is required.
- A long time resident of University Park, Mickey Lucas, passed away on November 1, 2013.
- Mayor Tabori received a letter from Matthew Tedesco, Attorney for Safeway, asking that University Park waive their 30-day appeal right. This item was added to New Business.
- Riverdale Park is discussing the **Cafritz** bridge configuration.

B. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Facilities and Services - Mr. Carey

- There will be no Public Facilities and Services Meeting on November 7, as scheduled.
- The Veterans Memorial Design and Advisory Committee had a successful meeting on Saturday and hope to bring a proposal to the Council next spring.
- Veterans Day Observance is scheduled for Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Site.
- Veterans Day - November 11, Ward 4 and Ward 7 are co-hosting a Public Safety Walk and Talk with Chief Wynnyk. The walk will begin at the intersection of College Heights Avenue and Van Buren Street at 7:00 p.m.

Tree Committee - Mr. Alvarez

- Chris Aubry made a presentation concerning a city wide tree ordinance which would include public and private property. Mr. Aubry asked the Council to endorse a public forum in order to get the town's opinion on this matter.

Motion: To endorse a public forum and to send a letter requesting attendance.

Moved by: Mr. Carey

Seconded by: Mr. Alvarez

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure - Ms. Christiansen

- The Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee is scheduled to meet on November 20, 2013.
- Ms. Christiansen expressed frustration with the Council's e-mail functions and suggests inviting a representative from ALPHA to have a discussion and training session on the matter. Mayor Tabori agreed to arrange a training session with ALPHA and Council.

8. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. TOLL BROTHERS KNOX VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED IN COLLEGE PARK; DSP-13025 UMD STUDENT HOUSING AT KNOX ROAD

Motion: To approve letter of support on the matter of the DSP-13025 University of Maryland Student Housing at Knox Road for the Planning Board Hearing on November 14, 2013.

Moved by: Ms. Christiansen

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

B. CB-77-2013 NEIGHBORHOOD NUISANCE BILL, SPONSORED BY COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC OLSON

Motion: To approve the Mayor and Council write a letter of support for Prince George’s County Bill CB-77-2013 and to circulate it to the Council for comment prior to sending.

Moved by: Ms. Christiansen

Seconded by: Mr. Brosch

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

- Dannielle Glaros, Eric Olson’s Chief of Staff, stated that CB-77-2013 was aimed at reducing the damaging effect that a neighborhood nuisance property can have on the surrounding community. For these severe cases, this civil mechanism would allow the police to take action such as fines and referral to a Nuisance Abatement Board.
- The County Council will hold a public hearing on this bill on November 19, 2013.

C. CONTRACT FOR AN INITIAL SUSTAINABILITY ANALYSIS OF RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND ASSOCIATED PROPERTY.

This motion is tabled.

Motion: To approve the contract and award the bid to Sustainable Design Consulting, LLC for \$5,865 to conduct an initial sustainability analysis of Riverdale Presbyterian Church and associated property.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Yea:

Nay:

Abstain:

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON A POSITION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAN PRINCE GEORGE’S 2035

The preliminary plan is available on the project website; www.PlanPGC2035.com

No action was taken on this motion.

Motion: To approve a formal position on the Preliminary Plan Prince George’s 2035.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Yea:

Nay:

Abstain:

B. DISCUSSION ON THE PROCESS FOR CONTRACTING A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO EVALUATE STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS OF RIVERDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND ASSOCIATED PROPERTY.

Motion: To approve a process whereby direct solicitation with a structural engineer to evaluate the structural elements of Riverdale Presbyterian Church as associated property.

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Seconded by: Mr. Carey

Yea: 6

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

- It was explained that this evaluation is recommended since the building uses require a higher standard of evaluation, such as the police department, emergency shelter, etc. and will be ranked at a higher risk which triggers stricter code requirements.

C. UNIVERSITY TOWN CENTER SAFEWAY

Motion: To approve drafting a letter of support with conditions on the University Town Center Safeway DSP-05084-02.

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Yea: 6

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

10. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 9:35 p.m.