



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

***UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET***

7:30 PM

**April 28, 2014
MINUTES**

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

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. Brosch.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA as modified.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *April 7, 2014* as amended.

Moved by: Ms. Christiansen	Seconded by: Mr. Alvarez
Yea: 7	Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ellen Whitaker, 4315 Clagett Road. Supports the continuation of the non-chemical mosquito abatement program that was started last year.

6. PRESENTATION

A. MARYLAND MILESTONES

Aaron Marcavitch, Director, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) gave a presentation of future plans and distributed brochures of the upcoming events in Prince Georges County which can be found on their website www.princegeorges1812.org.

B. UPDATE ON THE PRINCE GEORGE'S PLAZA TRANSIT DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDDP) AND THE TRANSIT DISTRICT OVERLAY ZONE (TDOZ)

William Washburn, ACIP, Community Planning, gave a power point presentation of the Prince George's Plaza development plan. The purpose of the plan is to establish a clear vision of the future community and to make sure that it is a community that is pedestrian, bicycle, transit as well as auto friendly. The planning process will take approximately 16 to 18 months and Mr. Washburn encouraged that citizens get involved with the planning. Those interested in updates of the project and upcoming meetings, can go to the Prince George's County Planning Board website at pgplanning.org/pgplazatddp.htm.

7. PERMITS

A. APPLICATION TO ERECT A 4 FOOT WELDED WIRE FENCE (Adam Weiss, 4315 Woodberry Street) Ward 4

Motion: To approve the application to erect 4' welded wire fence located on Lot: 9, Block: 24 Section: 6A at 4315 Woodberry Street.

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Seconded by: Mr. Brosch

Yea:

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion withdrawn by administration

B. APPLICATION TO ERECT A NEW SHED (Arthur Parker, 4011 College Heights Drive) Ward 6

Motion: To approve the application to erect a 10'x14'x10' shed located on Lot: 6, Block: 34 Section: 7 at 4011 College Heights Drive.

Moved by: Mr. Cron

Seconded by: Mr. Carey

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: The permit shall be subject to submitting the final design of the shed.

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

Motion: To approve a six month renewal parking waiver for up to five vehicles at 6511 40th Avenue.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas

Seconded by: Mr. Alvarez

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

8. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

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

- a. Tuesday, May 6th the Town Election will be held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. for the offices of Mayor and Council Members for Ward 1, 3 and 7.
- b. A budget hearing will be held on May 5, and on May 19 a Constant Yield Tax Rate Hearing will be held as well as the final vote on the FY 2015 Budget.
- c. The Cafritzs and the County submitted the special taxing district legislation for a first reading on Tuesday, April 22.

B. REPORT FROM THE TOWN ATTORNEY ~ *Suellen Ferguson*

No Report

C. REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK ~ *Tracey Toscano*

- A parking permit for approximately 30 cars was requested in Ward 5, for May 3.
- A vendor's permit has been issued for the Hyattsville Volunteer Fire Department, to solicit donations.
- The Constant Yield Tax Rate Hearing notice will be in the May 1 edition of the

Sentinel.

- Town elections will be held on May 6, from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. at Riverdale Presbyterian Church.
- An ATHA link for the Maryland Milestones can be found on the right side bar of the Town website.

D. REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER ~ *Dan Baden*

No Report

E. REPORT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES ~ *Chief Wynnyk*

March 2014 crime report was distributed

- Attended the Public Safety Committee Meeting in April.
- Sat on a panel for NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives).
- Preparing for the Azalea Run and a Citizens Volunteer's Live Training Exercise scheduled for Saturday, May 3.
- Will attend the 300 mile bike ride for the 2014 Policy Unity Tour.

F. REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ~ *Michael Beall*

No Report

G. COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mr. Alvarez reported that the notes from the Police, Traffic and Public Safety Meeting have been posted on the website.
- Mr. Carey thanked Lindsay Hicks, for serving as Chair of the Tree Committee and for her work with the Committee.
- Mr. Brosch reported that a Washington Solar Tour is scheduled for the second weekend of October 2014 and would like the Council to consider University Park participating in this tour. Registration is due by early June.

9. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. BUDGET HEARING AND DISCUSSION

Mayor Tabori and Council continued discussions on the FY 2015 proposed budget.

B. LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 14-O-05: Fiscal 2015 Budget (2nd Reading)

This Ordinance will be considered for passage on May 19, 2014. A super majority is required to adopt the budget.

Motion: To approve the adoption of Legislative Resolution 14-O-05: Fiscal 2015 Budget.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Yea:

Nay:

Abstain:

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. PROPOSED MERGER OF TIME WARNER AND COMCAST

Motion: To authorize the Town Attorney, with advice from Cable Counsel to request additional information from Comcast with respect to the merger with Time Warner.

Moved by: Ms. Christiansen

Seconded by: Mr. Cron

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

B. DISCUSSION ON COUNCIL POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE TOWN NEWSLETTER AND THE REPORT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HEIDI SORENSEN

Heidi Sorensen, Chair of the Council Committee on Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure introduced a motion from her recommendations for an ordinance set forth in the April 7, 2014 Memorandum.

Motion: To adopt the recommendations set forth in the April 7, 2014 Memorandum from Heidi Sorensen, Chair, of the Council Committee on Policy, Rules & Municipal Structure, regarding the University Park Town Newsletter, and to direct Ms. Sorensen and Town Counsel Suellen Ferguson, to prepare an ordinance and any other documents needed to implement the recommendations for introduction at the next Council meeting; with the ordinance and other documents to be scheduled for a vote in accordance with the Charter immediately thereafter.

Moved by: Ms. Sorensen

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas

Roll Call Vote:	Brosch	Yea
	Gekas	Yea
	Christiansen	Yea
	Carey	Nay
	Sorensen	Yea
	Cron	Nay
	Alvarez	Nay

Yea: 4

Nay: 3

Abstain: 0

Mayor Tabori indicated that he would veto the motion.

11. ADJOURNMENT by consent at 10:05 p.m.