



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

**7:30 p.m.  
March 21, 2016  
REGULAR SESSION**

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

**Present:** Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gekas, Mr. Hess, Ms. Verrill, Mr. Caskey, Mr. Cron (arrived at 9:15), Mr. Alvarez  
**Absent:** None  
**Excused:** None

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

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** as modified.  
*Switch Public Comment with Presentations*

**Moved by:** Mr. Alvarez      **Seconded by:** Mr. Gekas  
**Yea:** 6                              **Nay:** 0                              **Abstain:** 0

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There are issues with noise and pollution caused by the two stroke engine leaf blowers in the neighborhood. The suggestion is not a total ban on these machines but rather looking into new kinds of equipment such as new batteries that can power leaf blowers in a cleaner and quieter way. In the meantime, maybe there could be some way to manage this issue so people would know when to expect the noise and be able to handle it better.
- The noise of the leaf blowers has affected resident’s quality of life.
- A Council member encouraged residents who are concerned about the noise of the leaf blowers to attend the next Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee meeting scheduled for March 30 to discuss this issue.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. NATIVE PLANTS IN THE PARK**

Chair of the Trees, Parks and Environment Committee Chris Aubry introduced Committee members Alice Leaderman and Tiegh Thompson to discuss a project to install native plants in the park. A packet was distributed which included a map of the sites for the proposed planting, slides of plants being considered and the cost of the plants. The Committee came up with the idea of experimenting with native plants at three different sites: near the elementary school, the west branch of the stream and in the woods. The estimated time to begin planting is April.

**B. GREEN STREET ON COLLEGE HEIGHTS DRIVE**

Tetra Tech Engineer Michael Clar and Landscape Designer Mary Abe gave a presentation on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction grant opportunity with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources regarding plans to install a Green Street on College Heights Drive.

- Proposing a partnership with University Park to apply for a grant.
- A Green Street is multiple things: safety, esthetics, stormwater.
- The project would begin at Beechwood Road and will stop short of Clagett along College Heights Drive.
- Proposing to narrow the street to 26’ wide.
- The street will consist of pervious pavement and rain-guards.
- The Town will be responsible for the maintenance of the Green Street.
- The County insures the structure.

**6. PERMITS**

**A. BUILDING PERMIT REQUEST TO REPLACE EXISTING SHED**

**(Matt Innes, 4012 Beechwood Road) Ward 6**

**Motion:** To approve the request for a building permit to replace existing shed with a new 12’ x 12’ shed, located on Lot 19, Block 34, Section 7 at 4012 Beechwood Road.

<b>Moved by:</b> Mr. Cron	<b>Seconded by:</b> Mr. Thompson
<b>Yea:</b>	<b>Nay:</b> <b>Abstain:</b>

**Motion:** To amend the original motion requesting a 12’ x 12’ shed provided it has siding substantially similar to that on the existing house or a 10’ x 10’ or smaller shed.

<b>Moved by:</b> Mr. Hess	<b>Seconded by:</b> Ms. Verrill
<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0 <b>Abstain:</b> 0

**Motion:** To approve the request for a building permit to replace existing shed with either a new 12’ x 12’ shed provided it contains building materials substantially similar to the existing house, including siding or a new 10’ x 10’ or smaller shed, located on Lot 19, Block 34, Section 7 at 4012 Beechwood Road.

<b>Moved by:</b> Mr. Cron	<b>Seconded by:</b> Mr. Thompson
<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0 <b>Abstain:</b> 0

**B. BUILDING PERMIT REQUEST TO ADD A 1-STORY ADDITION**

**(Katharine Alter and Foster Lott, 4326 Underwood Street) Ward 4**

**Motion:** To approve the request for a building permit to add a 16’ x 20’ 1-story addition on Lot 33 & 34, Block 23, Section 6-B at 4326 Underwood Street.

<b>Moved by:</b> Ms. Verrill	<b>Seconded by:</b> Mr. Hess
<b>Yea:</b> 7	<b>Nay:</b> 0 <b>Abstain:</b> 0

**C. BUILDING PERMIT REQUEST TO REPLACE DRIVEWAY, SIDEWALK AND RISERS  
(Sam and Pat Walker, 6502 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue) Ward 2**

**Motion:** To approve the request for a building permit to replace an existing 39'x 8' driveway, a 35'x 4' sidewalk and two front risers on Lot 22, Block 9, Section 2 at 6502 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

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

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the following consent agenda item.

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

- A. TO ENDORSE THE RIVERS TO ROCKETS BIKE RALLY ORGANIZED BY ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA, INC. (ATHA) ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016 FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M. THROUGH UNIVERSITY PARK. UNIVERSITY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT ESCORT IS REQUESTED.**

*The police department has been notified and supports this request.*

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ADOPTION OF REVISED PAY RANGE PLAN**

**Motion:** Per Section 10.4 of the Town of University Park Personnel Manual, to adopt a revised Pay Range Plan reflecting 18 grades of 15 steps each, as recommended by the Mayor.

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

**B. APPLICATION FOR GRANT WITH MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Motion:** To authorize an application for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bay Trust Fund Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction grant to design and build a Green Street on College Heights Drive in University Park.

**Moved by:** Mr. Gekas                      **Seconded by:** Mr. Thompson  
**Yea:** 6    **Nay:** 1 (Cron)    **Abstain:** 0

**C. AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 2 SPEED TABLES**

**Motion:** To declare two speed tables surplus and to authorize the Mayor to sell them.

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

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *March 7, 2016*** as modified.

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

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

**Abstain:** 0

**10. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

**A. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Housing Code Officer Paula Martino has resigned. Mayor Carey is recruiting for the position.
- The Town election is scheduled for May 3. Financial disclosures and petitions are due by April 4.
- Mayor Carey will attend the District Council Work Session on the Prince George's Plaza TDDP on March 22.
- Met with a playground focus group to discuss the possibility of building a playground and a fitness trail in Town, to be funded by a grant.
- The Mayor's proposed FY 2017 budget for the Town will be delivered to the Council on Friday, April 1.

**B. COUNCIL REPORTS**

None

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

No Report.

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

- Preparing for the upcoming Town election.
- MML registration reminder.
- Azalea Classic applications for those who want to participate in the race are available.

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

- February 2016 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

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

- February 2016 Crime Report was distributed.
- The Home Security Rebate Program is set to be in this month's newsletter.

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

- Emilie Moghadam Dworkin and Kara Frome are the co-chairs of the playground focus group.
- WSSC needs two more weeks to complete their project on Woodberry Street, Ward 4.

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