



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

**UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4315 UNDERWOOD STREET**

7:30 p.m.

March 20, 2017

MINUTES

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

Present: Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gekas, Mr. Hess (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), Ms. Verrill, Mr. Cron, Mr. Alvarez
Absent: None
Excused: Mr. Caskey

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Carey.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA as modified.

(Move 8b after 6)

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 5

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

4. PERMITS

**A. BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION TO REPLACE WALKWAY AND STEPS
(Charles and Norma Babington, 4331 Clagett Road) Ward 5**

Motion: To approve the request for a building permit to replace walkway and steps located on Lot 8, Block 25 and Section 6A at 4331 Clagett Road.

Moved by: Mr. Cron
Yea: 5

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: To approve the following consent agenda item.

Moved by: Mr. Thompson
Yea: 5

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

A. TO ENDORSE THE FEDERAL INTERAGENCY ANNUAL SPRING WALK, RUN, ROLL ON THURSDAY, MAY 4 FROM 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. AND TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC CONTROL AT THE TOLEDO ROAD AND ADELPHI ROAD INTERSECTION.

The police department has been notified and supports this request.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Note: Responses from Council Members, Town Attorney and the Mayor are italicized.)

- A resident asked if the Policy, Rules and Municipal Structure Committee plans to have a March meeting?

It is unlikely that the meeting will be held in March but it is not completely off the table. Arrangements will be made with Chief Wynnyk about scheduling the next meeting.

- A resident expressed concern for the tree canopy cover throughout the Town. There seems to be a lot of good looking trees coming down on private properties. Maybe the Town could have an arborist look at the trees on private properties before they are cut down.

Approximately three years ago the Committee on Trees, Parks and Environment presented the possibility of having an ordinance that would have an arborist look at the trees on private property and make suggestions but the final decision was on the property owner. The Committee had extremely vigorous objection to that proposal. If anyone feels that this might be a good time to reconsider the ordinance, the Committee may be interested in trying it again.

- A resident who was opposed to the suggested tree ordinance three years ago hopes that the Town will inform residents if a decision is made to reconsider the ordinance.
- The General Manager from Junior Tennis Champion Center is looking for an opportunity to partner with University Park and bring more tennis to the area. They plan to offer a combination of free tennis, tennis festivals and a variety of other ways to engage University Park in what the Junior Tennis Champion Center has to offer. The Junior Tennis Champion Center is asking for a contribution of \$2,500.00.

University Park would like to receive a formal request so that the Council can review it. It was also asked that the General Manager give University Park a price on what a new tennis practice wall would cost.

- A reminder that on April 2, 2017 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. there will be a Sustainability Fair to coincide with the Stream Clean-up. This will be an opportunity for Town residents to learn about some activities to help keep the environment of the Town nice.
- The traffic light on Baltimore Avenue and Van Buren Street does not appear to be on a sensor.

The State Highway Administration will be contacted to evaluate the timing of that light.

- What is the purpose of the right turn on red sign at Baltimore Avenue and Van Buren Street especially when there is no traffic coming down Baltimore Avenue?

The Town has specifically asked that there not be a right turn on red at that intersection for two reasons: pedestrian safety and the concern of cut-through traffic.

- Maybe the Town can reevaluate some of the decisions regarding the right turn on red on Baltimore Avenue and Van Buren Street.
- A resident who often walks throughout Town said it is very dangerous to have right turns on red, especially for elderly residents.

- Could pedestrian flashing lights be placed at the end of Tennyson Road and Adelphi Road?

Mayor Carey is talking with the County and the City of Hyattsville about all of the crossings along Adelphi Road, including the intersection at Tennyson where there is a crosswalk but no pedestrian protection.

7. CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS (*Second reading*)

Motion: To adopt budget adjustments as recommended by the Director of Public Works in the February 28, 2017 memo.

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
<u>Public Works</u>		
Street Repairs	5,000.00	
Park Upkeep	5,000.00	
Public Works Salaries		10,000.00

*** Budget transfers require 5 votes.**

Moved by: Mr. Hess
Yea: 6

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. AMEND 2017 UNIVERSITY PARK COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion: To approve the amended 2017 University Park Council meeting schedule where the April 17 Council meeting will be moved to April 24.

Moved by: Mr. Thompson
Yea: 6

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

B. RESOLUTION 2017-R-02 IN RECOGNITION OF TIEGH THOMPSON

Motion: To adopt Resolution 2017-R-02, recognizing Mr. Thompson for his 41 years of care and maintenance of the Deakins family cemetery.

Moved by: Mr. Gekas
Yea: 6

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Care of the Deakins family cemetery had been done by a Boy Scout troop from St. Matthews Episcopal Church. After a few months without any appearance by scouts, Mr. Thompson began taking care of the Deakins family cemetery for next forty-one years.
- The 40/41st Street alley group thanked Tiegh for creating a natural habitat that they all benefit from. A request that the Town form a committee of interested people to do the research on this historical cemetery.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *March 6, 2017*

Moved by: Mr. Alvarez
Yea: 5

Seconded by: Mr. Gekas
Nay: 0 **Abstain:** 1 (Hess)

10. DEPARTMENT AND COUNCIL REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

- County Councilmember Dannielle Glaros is sponsoring a District Free Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Forum on March 30, 2017 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Parks, Recreation and Administration Building in Riverdale. Mayor Carey encouraged Council members to attend this event.
- At the next Council meeting, Mayor Carey will ask the Council to approve a concept plans for the multi-age playground. He hopes the playground RFP goes out in early May for bids. When confirmation is received from the Department of Natural Resources, Mayor Carey will present a contract and a final design to the Council for approval. The committee on Public Facilities and Services will be asked to present a final design and make a recommendation to the Council.
- April 3 Council meeting: 1) FY 17 Town budget; 2) presentation by Mark Regulinski, Project Manager for the Riverdale Park Station.
- April 24 Council meeting: 1) budget; 2) Council Work Session on Sustainability Action Plan.
- The Town election will be held on May 2. Four petitions have been submitted one for each of the open Council seats. Financial Disclosure Statements need to be filed with the petition. All sitting Council members along with the Mayor have to file their Financial Disclosure Statements by April 30.

B. COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gekas

The Hyattsville Branch Public Library is scheduled to close on March 31 for demolition and replacement. The temporary location for library service will open on April 5, and is located at 6502 America Blvd. For more information visit: www.pgcmlls.info/website/branch/location/Hyattsville.

Green Team - Mr. Thompson

Meeting scheduled for April 13. The group will discuss the mechanics behind the recertification process with Sustainable Maryland Certified.

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

Not present

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

- The Town election will be held on May 2, 2017. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Word of God Baptist Church (side door entrance). Council candidate packets are available at Town Hall and on the website. The deadline to file as a candidate is April 3, 2017. Election notices will be published in the Town Newsletter and will include the names of candidates. In addition, election notices will be posted on telephone poles in Town beginning the third week in April. The Azalea Classic registration form and flyer was distributed.
- The Maryland Municipal League Conference is scheduled for June 25-28 at the convention center in Ocean City, Maryland. Councilmembers interested in attending should contact Tracey Toscano.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE ~ *Chief Wynnyk*

February 2017 Crime Report was distributed.

- The recently hired police officer should be on board in approximately two weeks.
- Letters for licensing rental properties will go out on April 1, from the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Chief Wynnyk spoke with Sergeant Johnson, Resource Officer and the Prince George's County school security about truants from Northwestern High School.
- Events for April 8: The Azalea Classic run and the Health Fair at Word of God Baptist Church.

F. REPORT FROM THE TOWN TREASURER ~ *Dan Baden*

February 2017 Treasurer's Report was distributed.

G. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ~ *Michael Beall*

- The process has begun on installing the seven Historic District street signs. This project should be completed by the end of the week.
- Mr. Beall was asked to develop a plan to maintain the cemetery. After reaching out to Congressional Cemetery, Mr. Beall met with a conservation manager and explained the history of the cemetery in University Park. The conservation manager volunteered his time to repair all of the headstones.
- Mr. Beall has done some research on the cost of purchasing a tennis practice wall. Rather than purchasing a fiberglass wall, he is considering a solid plastic wall made by Rally Master costing approximately \$4,400.00 with a 20-year warranty. The plan is to place the practice wall on the tennis court that does not have water issues.
- Mayor Carey reported that a wooden pedestrian bridge is being considered for Van Buren Street.
- There was a discussion of residents helping neighbors to remove snow from their sidewalks.
- Mayor Carey said that satellite dishes in the front yard is a zoning matter and this issue is being worked on with the County Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement.

Mayor Carey reported that University Park is proceeding with the bike plan. Signs have been placed in Town indicating where the mBike stations will be installed.

11. ADJOURNMENT by 9:00 p.m.