

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 11, 2018

Council & Staff

Barney Rush, Mayor
Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor
Kirk Renaud, Secretary
Joel Rubin, Treasurer

Wicca Davidson, Community Liaison
Todd Hoffman, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Cathy & Mier Wolf, 7624 Lynn Drive
Frances Pitlick, 4420 Stanford Street
Berit Enge, 4112 Woodbine Street
Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street
Barbara Bryniarski, 4228 East West Hwy.
Irene Lane, 4106 Aspen Street
Bren Lizzio, 4218 Oakridge Lane
Jim Roy, 4511 Elm Street
Bridget Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue
Lees Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue

Kathy Strom, 7212 Ridgewood Avenue
John Fitzgerald, 4502 Elm Street
Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street
Vicky Taplin, 4120 Leland Street
Andrew Berg, 7217 Oakridge Avenue
Jacob Lustgarten, 4305 Thornapple Street
Caroline Michaelis, 6812 Meadow Lane
David Plattner, 4403 Elm Street
Michael Schnitzer, Stanley Martin Homes

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Rush called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 Council Meeting. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Acceptance of April 2018 Financial Report

The Council discussed and accepted the May 2018 financial report.

E. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported on the initiatives undertaken by staff over the past month.

F. Public Comments

Mier Wolf, 7624 Lynn Drive, reported that a dog attacked him while he was walking in Town and observed that many dogs in Town are unleashed. He also commented on the proposed improvements to Zimmerman Park and the need to retain green space.

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street, expressed her support for the Town to provide funding to the Chevy Chase at Home organization.

II. VARIANCE HEARINGS

A. Plattner/Muhari, 4403 Elm Street, Garage Door Offset

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported that David Plattner and Nora Muhari, 4403 Elm Street, were requesting a variance for a garage door offset.

The applicants described the plan and the need for the variance.

Several residents asked questions and made comments on the variance request: Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44th Street; Dedun Ingram, 4411 Elm Street; and Jim Roy, 4511 Elm Street

Council discussed the request.

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the variance. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Partnership Opportunity with Chevy Chase at Home

The Council discussed a partnership opportunity with Chevy Chase at Home. Catherine McCallum, the organization's Executive Director, spoke about the services provided by the organization.

Mayor Rush moved to undertake a campaign to encourage awareness of the organization among the Town's elderly and disabled residents; to hear from the Community Liaison at the Council's September meeting regarding plans for this campaign; and to appropriate \$5,000 to Chevy Chase at Home to support dues assistance for the Town residents who currently qualify for the Naomi Kaminsky Membership Support Fund, Storm Buddy and Home Safety Visit programs for current and new Town of Chevy Chase Members and expenses involved in administering its volunteer-provided services. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Zimmerman Park Improvements (Dog Exercise Area and Sustainable Garden)

Town residents and Land Use Committee members Dedun Ingram and Lees Hartman presented a feasibility report on a potential dog exercise area in Zimmerman Park. Town resident and Climate and Environment Committee chairperson Irene Lane presented a report on a proposed sustainable garden in Zimmerman Park. The Council discussed a process of soliciting public input to develop a master plan for the park and agreed to hold a community forum in the fall on possible changes in uses of the park.

C. Purple Line Mitigation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to Purple Line mitigation, including noise mitigation and pedestrian safety improvements along East West Highway

D. Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to implementation of the Bethesda Downtown Plan, including possible creation of additional parkland adjacent to the Town.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Baskir suggested, and the Council agreed, to ask the Town's Special Committee on Purple Line Mitigation at its next meeting to consider a resident's request to retain an attorney to assist with the Town's Purple Line mitigation efforts.

Councilmember Baskir thanked everyone who was involved in the Town's July 4 celebration and suggested that the Town purchase a new speaker system for the event.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirk Renaud, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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