

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 8, 2022

*All Councilmembers were present.  
The recording of this meeting is available on the Town website.*

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Discussed and accepted financial report.
- Heard Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments.

II. VARIANCE HEARING

- Voted 4-1, with Councilmember Lane opposed, to approve, with conditions, variances for driveway width and front yard retaining wall height at 4216 Oakridge Lane. Conditions include: 1) the Town arborist will be present when the retaining wall on the west side of the driveway is demolished; 2) the Town arborist will stop the demolition and excavation work if he identifies potential material damage to tree roots; and 3) if the Town arborist stops the work, the homeowners will revise the position of the new wall to accommodate the concerns of the Town arborist.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed the updated concept plan for redevelopment of the former 4-H property and heard comments from the 4-H Special Committee. Agreed to request additional information from the developers, including details about the height and massing of the proposed buildings. Once that information is received and shared publicly, the Town will solicit resident feedback. Councilmembers spoke about the project timeline and opportunities for Town engagement.
- Discussed the Farm Women's Market parks project and the draft Letter of Intent (LOI) between the involved parties as well as the financial commitments from each party. Mayor Rush noted that the draft LOI requests that the Town increase its financial contribution by \$500,000. The Town's Long-Range Planning and Land Use Committee will review the LOI and provide feedback to the Town Council. The Council will then solicit input from residents and formulate a response to the LOI.
- Discussed stormwater management and environmental infrastructure projects to be undertaken with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The projects include:
  1. Coquelin Run Stabilization  
Asked staff to continue to engage the County to seek engineering and construction oversight assistance for stabilizing the Coquelin Run stream banks. If the County is unresponsive, the Council expressed support for engaging the Town's consulting civil engineer to produce a plan and cost estimate for the project. Staff will continue to engage the residents on whose property the work would take place.
  2. Rosemary Triangle Redevelopment  
Requested additional details regarding the proposed redevelopment concept plan developed by the Town's Climate and Environment Committee and agreed to discuss at a future meeting.

3. Rainscapes Rebate and Technical Assistance Program  
Agreed to hold a public hearing at the July meeting on reviving the Town's program to reimburse residents for costs associated with designing and implementing stormwater management/green infrastructure projects on private property.
4. Thornapple Street Stormwater Drainage Improvements  
Agreed to accept the County's offer to install additional inlets on Thornapple Street at Oakridge Avenue and Maple Avenue and to ask the Town's consulting engineer to identify potential green infrastructure improvements in this area.
5. Green Infrastructure Assessment  
Agreed to engage the Town's consulting engineer to perform an initial feasibility study to identify opportunities, limitations, and best practices for implementing public property green infrastructure.
  - Discussed the current PEPCO streetlight tariff request. Agreed to review and send a letter to the Maryland Public Services Commission expressing our agreement with the State/County letter and our support for a clear process and fair tariff for municipalities that wish to own and maintain their streetlights.
  - Discussed status and timeline of Purple Line construction. Mayor Rush reported on discussions at the recent Purple Line Community Advisory Team meeting. Construction activity will begin this summer and continue for three years. This will be followed by 12 to 16 months of testing. Full commercial operation is expected by late 2026. During the next six months, the new consortium intends to undertake the following work in the vicinity of the Town: (i) complete the Sleaford underpass; (ii) continue building the retaining walls behind Town homes; and (iii) re-start blasting and excavation of the lower concourse for the new southern entrance to the Red Line. The Council agreed to send a letter to the Maryland Transit Administration and the new Purple Line partnership detailing past agreements with the Town.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.