

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2022

*All Councilmembers were present. Residents and guests attended by videoconference.
The audio recording of this meeting is available on the Town website.*

I. VARIANCE HEARING

- Voted unanimously to approve, with conditions, a variance for a temporary front yard fence at 7100 Connecticut Avenue. Conditions include:
 - The applicant will honor all representations made in the January 14, 2022 letter accompanying the amended plan.
 - The applicant will consult with the Town arborist on tree protection measures prior to fencing installation.
 - The applicant will install fencing to allow for passage of small wildlife.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- Voted unanimously to approve, with conditions, removal of the entry restriction on northbound Maple Avenue at Aspen Street. Conditions include:
 - Install a flashing LED Stop sign on northbound Maple Avenue at Aspen Street, if possible. Staff will need to determine the feasibility of installing a LED Stop sign at this location given its solar power source.
 - Agreement to hold a public hearing on the possible installation of a Stop sign on northbound Maple Avenue at Blackthorn Street.
 - Prior to the signage change, install a previously approved speed hump between Aspen Street and Blackthorn Street.
 - One year following implementation of the signage change, perform a traffic speed and volume study at this location.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed Zimmerman Park redevelopment concept plans, cost estimates, and community survey. Agreed to changes to the base concept plan and the concept plan with amenities, which the Town's consultant will incorporate promptly into revised plans. Expect to present revised plans to residents next week, along with a survey requesting resident views regarding the plans and possible amenities.
- Discussed East West Highway/Maple Avenue crosswalk safety. Considered a community survey to solicit additional resident feedback as well as engagement of State delegates, County transportation officials, and local school students to lobby for a safer pedestrian crossing system.
- Discussed gas-powered blower enforcement and publicity. Publicity will include community listserv and email messaging; door-to-door distribution of placards; lawn signs; outreach events to landscapers; and letters to landscapers who work in the Town.
- Discussed Thrive Montgomery 2050, the County's general plan update. Reported on meetings between Town officials and County Councilmembers; County listening sessions; and a timeline for the County's continued consideration of the plan.
- Discussed status and financing issues related to the redevelopment of the Farm Women's Market and the associated parks creation project.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.