

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
June 12, 2023

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

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Heard May 2023 financial report.
- Heard and discussed Town Manager’s report.
- There were no public comments.

II. VARIANCE HEARINGS

- Held a public hearing regarding a variance for a rear yard retaining wall setback at 4004 Underwood Street.
 - Agreed to a continuance of the hearing at a future date to give an impacted neighbor an opportunity to work with the applicant to address concerns raised about the request/further weigh in on the requested variance.
- Voted unanimously to approve, with conditions, a variance for a side yard retaining wall setback at 7011 Hillcrest Place.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed East West Highway corridor and crosswalk safety.
 - The State Highway Administration has proposed two options for red light signals serving the pedestrian crossing near Maple Avenue. The Town, in consultation with State and County officials, selected the option that provides a full-color traffic signal and a marked crossing on the north, south, and west side across all roadways along with countdown pedestrian signals and accessible pedestrian signals activated by push buttons. SHA anticipates having a final design plan in November 2023, with installation tentatively proposed for the second half of 2024.
- Discussed a proposal to remove the entry restriction onto southbound 46th Street from Leland Street.
 - Reviewed a memo prepared by the Town’s Traffic Engineer and Town staff memo summarizing options. Discussion included possible future impacts to traffic patterns resulting from the conversion of the adjacent public parking lot into a park.
 - Agreed to solicit feedback on the alternatives from residents in the fall, most likely through a Community Forum.
- Discussed an upcoming meeting with the state legislative delegation at the July 12 Council meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES

- Provided an update on the Bethesda Market Park development project.
 - The landscape architect has developed more detailed concept plans and the developer has prepared preliminary estimated costs for the proposed amenities.
 - Estimated costs are higher than anticipated, and the Parks Department wanted to have the costs reviewed carefully and determine what savings might be made

before plans are submitted to the communities. The Town will participate in that review, with the goal of finding means of cutting costs without eliminating the activities and features that residents have supported.

- The Parks Department will reschedule the virtual community meeting to review the plans once they are revised and vetted.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.