

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Beers, Mayor
 Dia Costello, Councilmember
 Nancy Long, Councilmember
 Steve Matney, Councilmember
 Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer
 Matt Stiglitz, Councilmember (absent)

VISITORS: Aaron LaRocca
 Julia Wilson, The Echo reporter
 Renny Springuel
 Edie Springuel
 Mary Parsons
 Emily Parsons

Mayor Beers called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE REPORT

Union Arch Trail

The George Washington Memorial Parkway has partnered with Student Conservation Association to conduct trail work throughout the Park. The Trail Supervisor for the George Washington Memorial Parkway has tentatively scheduled the Union Arch Trail restoration project this summer. The project is being vetted through the compliance process and should receive the most streamlined review allowed under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a categorical exclusion.

Pollinator Garden

The GWMP, GEPPAC and hosted Deloitte Consulting in a volunteer day in June. Sixty employees from Deloitte accomplished many tasks around the park. One of their projects was to transform three ponds in the Glen Echo Aquarium into garden beds for native plants. The ponds were a safety hazard and breeding ground for mosquitoes. Park staff worked hard to complete plants that were not completed on the day of service. The interpretive staff at the park will work to improve the interpretive messaging for the Garden.

Clara Barton Rehabilitation Project

The first phase of the rehabilitation project, the roof replacement project is scheduled to be completed by July 2016. Contractors continue to make good progress and should, weather depending be able to complete the work by the identified deadline. The second phase, the fire suppression system will start after the roof work is complete. The National Park Service is still working on obtaining permits from WSSC for the fire suppression work. The contractor for the work has been onsite and construction will begin once the appropriate permits are in place. Because of the staggered work schedule the construction staging area will have a smaller footprint.

Clara Barton National Historic Site is closed to the public for a two part rehabilitation project. The site closed on October 3, 2015 and will remain closed for approximately one year. The Visitor Service staff has developed interpretive programs to educate the public about the site during the closure.

Glen Echo Park Partnership Agreement

In late May, the park received a first draft written by Montgomery County for the new agreement between the County, the Park and Glen Echo Park Partner for Arts and Culture. The park reviewed that draft and sent it back with comments and edits to the National Park Service, National Capitol Regional Office for review. Once reviewed, it will be returned to the park to be shared with the County.

The Superintendent of the GWMP is committed to involving the public in this process.

POLICE CITATION REPORT

Attached. Officers will continue to monitor camp carpools.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

The board will reconvene in September 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2016-80 was made by Councilmember Matney to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 Town Council meeting. Councilmember Costello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TRAFFIC LIGHT PROPOSED FOR MACARTHUR BOULEVARD

Mayor Beers indicated she emailed Montgomery County officials to express dismay with how the proposed traffic light installation project was handled. It was the understanding of the Town that we would have input. Instead the project has been presented as fait accompli. Ken Hartman, Director of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Center, has requested the Department of Transportation get in touch with the Town to discuss.

TOWN HALL USE

Mayor Beers thanked the clerk-treasurer and Councilmember Costello for their work on the Town Picnic held Sunday, July 10, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. There was good weather, good food and a good time had by all.

Councilmember Long mentioned the Merrimack Swim and Dive Club will hold their annual banquet at Town Hall July 23. Councilmember Costello asked Councilmember Long to clarify parking procedures with the Wednesday night dance renters. Councilmember Costello suggested some parking being allowed in front of Town Hall in hope that University Avenue parking does not become too crowded.

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Mayor Beers indicated she is doing a Town inspection tour with a representative from Chapel Valley Landscaping the morning of July 13. She will point out vegetation overhangs, storm

drains that need clearing and weeds growing in paved areas that could degrade the streets and sidewalks.

The clerk-treasurer indicated Stanley Asphalt has confirmed August 4 or 5th as the target date (weather depending) of the Town Hall parking lot paving project. It was suggested that the paving company paint “exit only” on the Town Hall parking lot exit driveway and “slow” at corner leading to driveway.

Mayor Beers indicated Lee Peyton will perform Town wide-street sweeping August 3 and 4th and will do so annually in late May. Mayor Beers asked that the Town Hall gutters be cleaned. Councilmember Costello indicated she had received two bids for the exterior painting of Town Hall. She is waiting on a third bid and will present information at a Town Council meeting. The hope is painting takes place September 2016.

Renny Springuel volunteered to purchase and install clamp caps to recycling bins that are in need of wheels.

PUBLIC SPACE

Mary Parsons and Emily Parsons asked that the concept of a Town flag be explored at the next Town Council meeting. Ways to approach the project were discussed with details and discussion to follow.

Councilmember Long attended a meeting July 11, 2016 about a possible seasonal sales site on Goldsboro Road, west of 6789 Goldsboro Road (adjacent to the gas station) that is zoned R-90, a residential zone that allows light commercial use of the land. She noted the Town needs to be watchful of the development especially in light of the potential increase of traffic and parking.

As a side note, Councilmember Long reported that for the first time in history, the National Academy of Sciences will inaugurate a woman as president of the organization. (Councilmember Long worked at the Academy for 38 years.)

Motion 2016-81 was made by Councilmember Costello to adjourn. Councilmember Matney seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

Deborah Beers, Mayor

Date