

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Willem Polak, Mayor
Dia Costello, Councilmember
Nancy Long, Councilmember
Dan Spealman, Councilmember
Matt Stiglitz, Councilmember
Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

VISITORS:
Bill Vincent, The Echo reporter
Ron Bolt
Alexis Feringa
Leon Chatelain
Christian Miles
Cris White
Richard Leggin
Aaron Hirsch
Gloria Levin
Renny Springuel
Edie Springuel
Matt Polak
Matt McFarland
Martha Morris Shannon
Andy Malmgren
Gerald Bodlander
Leah Hertz
Patrick Hooper
Kelly Cole
Diana Hudson-Taylor
Cathie Polak
Jo Anne Murray

Mayor Polak called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**POLICY RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO
OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS**

Ron Bolt, Town attorney presented policy resolution 17-10-1 addressing how the Town appoints members to outside organizations. The policy stipulates the Mayor will make appointments after consulting with Council. If Council disputes the appointee, they have the power to revoke the appointment. Councilmember Stiglitz made it

clear that the he voted in favor with the understanding that the mayor's recommendations would be voted on by council. Councilmember Stiglitz emphasized this as simply an operating policy and not a charter amendment.

Motion 2017-25 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to approve the policy resolution. Councilmember Costello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

GLEN ECHO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LAND ACQUISITION

Alexis Feringa, Chair of the Glen Echo Advisory Committee on Land Acquisition presented the committee report to Town Council. The extremely detailed, 52-page report will be posted to the Town website for review. The committee members were (Leon Chatelain, Alexis Feringa, Karim Khalifa, Shannon Kraus Christian Miles, Cris White) experienced architects, real estate management and management consulting executives worked pro bono, for a combined total of 300 hours on this project. They were thanked profusely by Mayor and Council and received a huge round of applause.

TOWN HALL ELEVATOR

Diana Hudson-Taylor reported the elevator malfunctioned during a recent event she hosted at Town Hall and a guest had to be carried down the stairs. She was concerned that the elevator certificate was not posted but was assured the inspection was up-to-date with certificate on file. Elevator repair has been scheduled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2017-26 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to approve the October 9, 2017 Town Council minutes. Councilmember Costello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

7311 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Kelly Cole of 7311 University Avenue presented plans for their screened porch project. The footprint remains the same with no variance necessary. Approximate porch dimensions will be 8 ft. x 16 ft.

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Proposals to repair the recently damaged Town Hall wrought iron fence were discussed. The repair costs range from \$925 - \$1,686. Councilmember Costello will be in touch with the vendors to discuss salvaging the damaged corner section of the fence. Mayor Polak suggested the Town explore option to install a bollard to protect the fence from future mishaps. Concerns were raised about cost and aesthetics of a bollard.

Motion 2017-27 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to authorize Mayor Polak to accept the lowest bid on this repair project. Councilmember Spealman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposals to replace the roof on Town Hall were discussed. Although the roof is not in dire condition, the decision was made to be proactive about maintenance, knowing the price will only increase. The bids ranged from \$20,000 - \$40,000. Katchmark submitted the lowest bid, had solid references and was selected.

Motion 2017-28 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to accept the Katchmark bid; authorizing the reallocation of sidewalk funding to cover costs. Councilmember Costello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE

Renny Springuel presented proposal from A.B. Veirs Paving to do asphalt patch repair (approximately 3,150 linear feet) throughout the Town. Renny stressed the importance of this work being completed before winter weather arrives.

Motion 2017-29 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to allow Mayor Polak to enter into a contract with A.B. Veirs Paving with the understanding price may change slightly from proposal. Mayor Polak has the authority to use his best judgment to finalize specifications. Councilmember Costello seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN DIRECTORY

Thanks to Alec Graham and Patty Sieber, the updated Town Directory will be distributed to all residents in the next few days.

MACARTHUR BOULEVARD CROSSWALK

Councilmember Stiglitz reported a pedestrian activated crosswalk signal is scheduled to be installed at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and Princeton Avenue in Spring 2018. This news was enthusiastically received by all present.

Motion 2017-30 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to adjourn. Councilmember Spealman seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

Willem Polak, Mayor

Date