

TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
Town Council Meeting
December 12, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Debbie Beers, Mayor
 Nancy Long, Councilmember
 Mark McCaffrey, Councilmember
 Steve Matney, Councilmember
 Nicole Fraser, Town Clerk-Treasurer

VISITORS: Debi Sacks, Echo reporter
 Eleanor Balaban, Resident
 Polly Angelakis, NPS¹ Site Manager of GEP

Mayor Beers called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

GLEN ECHO PARK

Polly Angelakis, NPS site manager of GEP, reported that recent park events (Winter's Eve, Victorian Greeting Card Workshops) were well attended. She reminded Council that the test well will occur for geothermal heat in the Clara Barton NHS will occur this week. Ms. Angelakis noted that Dottie Marshall's (Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway) retirement party is Thursday December 14th.

Ms. Angelakis reported that the blood drive was successful. Donors received a ticket to a Redskins game. About 70 donors signed up, but the total count was uncertain.

Ms. Angelakis reported that the EA for the shared use path is still ongoing (*N.B.* – The EA is concerned only with the path portion that goes through NPS land at GEP). No date has been set for a public meeting.

Mayor Beers discussed with Council and Ms. Angelakis the November 16, 2011 letter from Superintendent Marshall regarding storm runoff from Oberlin and Tulane Avenues and erosion on the parkway below the area (*N.B.* – the confluence of the two streets is Oberlin and Bowdoin; Tulane and Oberlin do not meet). A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes; Mayor Beers announced that she is disinclined to take action without a report from an engineering firm. Mayor Beers said that the town brought streets up to Montgomery County code and it has been the NPS position that the storm drains are on NPS property. Mayor Beers hypothesized that when the NPS took out a tree on the slope, that may have contributed to the erosion. Councilmember Long noted that she recalled that NPS had said at one point that their intention was to make a more efficient drain (larger or a different configuration). Ms. Angelakis said that it would be helpful if Mayor, Council and GEP NPS representatives would take a look at the area. Mayor Beers said that the town will cooperate to do what we can, however removing the curbs is

¹ Abbreviations used in this document include EA (Environmental Assessment), FSGW (Folklore Society of Greater Washington), GEP (Glen Echo Park), GEPPAC (Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture), NCC (National Community Church), NHP (National Historical Park), NHS (National Historic Site) and NPS (National Park Service).

not an option and that she will respond in writing to Ms. Marshall and it was discussed with the Park Service about potential drainage impact.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2011-36 to approve the minutes with changes of November Council Meeting.

Changes include:

- 1) Under GEP report, insertion of “Councilmember Long reported that the NPS has received \$3.1 million funds with the help of Congressman Van Hollen to repair the breach in the Old Angler’s Inn area of the C&O Canal NHP.”
- 2) Under Contribution to GEPPAC, last sentence, insertion of “The motion was seconded by Councilmember McCaffrey.”
- 3) Under GEBC Update, first sentence, “state” was changed to “stated.”
- 4) Under Maryland Municipal League, first sentence, “to” was inserted after “invited.”
- 5) Under Glen Echo Fire Department, last sentence, a comma was inserted after “bagpipers.”

Motion passed unanimously.

POLICE CITATION REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Fraser reported that when the police visited Oberlin Avenue, all inoperable vehicles or those without up-to-date registration tags were gone. Only one car with out of date registration was there, but it was parked in a driveway. Town Attorney, Norman Knopf, drafted a letter to be sent to Exeter Financial Trust, reminding them of town and county ordinances that are applicable to the abandoned or inoperable vehicles on Town Streets. Mayor Beers asked that it be sent to Exeter and also Richard Leggin Architects, the landlord of Exeter Financial Trust at 6110 Oberlin Avenue.

Mayor Beers reported that Willem Polak, town resident, said that a small malfunction occurred with the camera at Oxford and University and some data had not been recorded.

TOWN HALL USE

Councilmember Long reported that on upcoming Town Hall events, copy attached:

- Four Town resident private parties
- December 17th – Town Holiday Party
- January 5th – Meeting with Pastor Batterson of the NCC
- January 8th – FSGW Family Dance

Councilmember Long noted that she was happy to see more town residents using the hall in January 2012.

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Councilmember Long reported that there is standing water in a depression where Yale Avenue meets the Right-of-Way. She asked Clerk-Treasurer Fraser to contact Mark Peyton to remedy the problem.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.