

**TOWN OF GLEN ECHO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
December 8, 2014**

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

VISITORS:           Aaron LaRocca, NPS Supervisory Park Ranger  
                      Bill Vincent, reporter for The Echo  
                      Jordan Lieberman, resident  
                      Jeff Broadhurst, Broadhurst Architects  
                      Gloria Levin, resident  
                      Edie Springuel, resident  
                      Renny Springuel, resident

Steve Matney called the meeting to order at 8: 00 p.m. He started the meeting sharing special thanks to Gloria Levin for all her work with the snow removal vendor selection process.

**6010 PRINCETON AVENUE**

Resident Jordan Lieberman and Jeff Broadhurst of Broadhurst Architects presented scope of work and site plan for 6010 Princeton Avenue. There will be a modest modification to the back of the house with no variance necessary. Matt McFarland is the builder and Montgomery County has issued a permit. Councilmembers did not have any objections to the plans.

**GLEN ECHO PARK REPORT**

Discussion ensued about cars driving on the bike path. The stanchions that were removed for road striping need to be put back in place. Plans are underway for the National Park Service Centennial August 2016.

Aaron LaRocca provided the following updates:

**Montgomery County Shared Use Path**

The project to construct the shared use path and rehabilitate the trolley trestle was scheduled to end November 15, 2014. The NPS, Montgomery County and the contractor will have a walkthrough this coming Friday. If everything is completed to the satisfaction of the NPS, this walkthrough will complete the project.

**Glen Echo Park**

The NPS and GEPPAC have begun to plan for the National Park Service's centennial in 2016. The NPS and Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (GEPPAC) have negotiated the use of the Candy Corner building. GEPPAC and a cooperator, Playgroup in the Park, will continue to use the space. The agreement is for a year and will be reevaluated one year from now. The space has been used part-time by NPS for interpretive programs.

### Clara Barton NHS Rehabilitation Project

The collection (furniture and other items) move has been completed and the house has reopened to the public. The collection was moved to the Museum Resource Center in Landover, Maryland. The NPS will offer tours on the hour, every hour between 10am and 4pm. The house will close to allow for the construction to begin sometime in early January. The exact date is yet to be determined.

The compliance process for the roof replacement and fire suppression system is ongoing. NPS is working with a contractor to develop an Environmental Assessment (EA). The compliance process is scheduled to be completed this winter. The construction will not begin until the compliance process is completed. NPS is currently reviewing a draft EA. Once the review is complete and edits are made the EA will be made available for public comment.

### George Washington Memorial Parkway Reorganization

Job announcements have closed for Deputy Superintendent, Chief of Staff (Assistant Superintendent), and District Ranger positions. The certificates for the jobs expire before the end of the year. If a selection is not made before the certificates expire, the jobs will need to be re-announced. Hiring officials are currently conducting interviews.

Aaron LaRocca, acting North District Ranger will continue to serve as liaison to the Town Council.

Todd Alexander will serve as the Acting Deputy Superintendent in January and February. He replaces Kenneth Ferrari who currently holds the position.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion 2014-32** Council approved November Meeting Minutes with changes as follow: A typo was corrected and a few words added for clarity. Councilmember Matney made the motion; Councilmember Long seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **TOWN SIGNAGE**

Councilmember Stiglitz raised the issue of placing a stop sign with programmable flashing LED light on Oxford Road. He indicated the lights would do a better job of attracting driver attention to the stop sign. The cost would be in the \$1,500 range. He considers this money well spent given this (failure to stop at the stop sign on Oxford Road at University Avenue) is the “biggest” crime problem in Glen Echo. He showed an example of the sign as well as examples of no parking signs. He indicated approximately 11 no parking signs would be needed around Wellesley Circle and 7 around Vassar Circle at a cost of \$15 - \$20 per sign. Signs could be added to some existing sign posts or to Pepco poles. Aaron Larocca, NPS Supervisory Park Ranger raised the issue of visual impact of flashing signage bordering Glen Echo Park.

### **SPEED BUMPS**

The fact that the speed bump has not been restored on upper Bryn Mawr Avenue was discussed. However, it was noted that speed bump installation on Oxford Road needs to be revisited as the current placement is not effective. Councilmember Matney indicated access to green space on the Glen Echo park side of the crosswalk would need to be addressed.

**SNOW REMOVAL VENDOR CONTRACT**

Due to health issues Mark Peyton will be unable to perform snow removal as he has done for the Town for the last 30 years. Support of and praise for Mr. Peyton was shared. Input from surrounding municipalities about their snow removal services was considered. Proposals were received from Hughes Landscaping, Rolling Acres Landscape and Rasevic Snow Removal Services. Deliberative discussion ensued. The members of the council unanimously approved Rasevic as snow removal vendor. Contract will be sent to the Town's attorney for review. See attached "notes" and "chart".

**TOWN HALL USE**

The Glen Echo Holiday party will be held December 13, 2014.

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

The previously scheduled meeting of the board was cancelled and will be reconvened in 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Malmgren

Clerk-Treasurer

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Deborah Beers, Mayor

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Date