

**TOWN OF GLEN ECHO
COUNCIL MEETING
March 9, 2015**

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

VISITORS: Jim McGunnigle, reporter for The Echo
Olivia Delaplaine, (intern for delegate Marc Korman)
Aaron LaRocca, National Park Service
Angela Hirsch, resident
Phyllis Fordham, resident
Gloria Levin, resident
Emily Parsons, resident
Mary Parsons, resident
Tisha Anderson, resident
Edie Springuel, resident
Renny Springuel, resident

Debbie Beers called the meeting to order at 8: 02 p.m.

GLEN ECHO PARK REPORT

Aaron LaRocca shared that he is the new Chief of Staff of George Washington Memorial Parkway. He reports to the superintendent and is responsible for external communications, public affairs and partnerships. He provided the following report:

Clara Barton National Historic Site-The hours of operations for Clara Barton NHS have changed. Currently tours are available Saturdays at 11:00, Noon, 2:00 and 3:00 and on Sundays at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00. Group reservations are accepted for Wednesdays and Thursdays by calling 301-320-1400 to schedule.

On March 15, at Noon and 2PM the staff will host two performances of “Clara Barton: Red Cross Angel,” a solo, interactive, and fun play by award-winning Actress Mary Ann Jung. On April 11, there will be one performance at 2:00 p.m. The performances will be held in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park.

Centennial Funding- The Park has been tasked with submitting funding requests for National Park Service Centennial projects. All centennial funds are a required to have a 1:1 partner match. GWMP is working with Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture to identify projects for fund available in FY16/17. Once projects are submitted (March 20 deadline) the park’s projects will compete for funds nationwide.

George Washington Memorial Parkway reorganization-Over the past year, George Washington Memorial Parkway has re-organized to better meet the needs of the visitors. Over the past three months, park

management recruited key positions for the new organizational structure. Selections have been made for the following positions effectively ending the reorganization.

Deputy Superintendent- Blanca Alvarez Stransky

Blanca is currently the Superintendent at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial in Put-in-Bay, Ohio. The deputy Superintendent is responsible for daily operations of the park to include the Maintenance and Visitor Services. The deputy is also directly responsible for safety.

Chief of Resource Management –Simone Monteleone

Simone comes to the George Washington Memorial Parkway from Rock Creek Park where she served as the Cultural Resource Program Manager. The Chief of Resource Management is responsible for Natural Resources Stewardship, Cultural Resource Management, Museum/Curatorial Management Environmental Protection/Compliance and Horticulture.

Chief of Lands, Planning and Design-Jason Newman

Jason served as a Transportation Planner with the Washington Office Park Facility Management Division, Transportation Branch. Jason began his National Park Service career as a Park Planner for the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island Immigration Museum. His responsibilities include Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Civil Engineering, Community Planning, Rights of Way and Geographic Information System.

Councilmember Stiglitz raised the issue of a large and deep pothole on the Clara Barton Parkway near the pumping station on the northbound side. Aaron LaRocca said he would bring this to the attention of the roving pothole crew.

YELLOW STRIPES ON CURBS

Phyllis Fordham raised the issue of yellow stripes on curbs that new to be redone around Town. Renny Springuel suggested we first verify ordinances and revisit the yellow striping distance from corners. The torch and burn method of decal application that melts into concrete was discussed.

SNOW REMOVAL

Mayor Beers indicated alternative snow removal contractors will be explored for next year. Resident Tisha Anderson stated she was incredibly pleased with the snow removal from Rasevic and appreciated the amount of sand and gravel that was applied. She indicated she leaves very early in the morning for work and did not have any trouble driving up hills in Town.

Mayor Beers shared hopeful news from Lee Peyton that his father Mark Peyton is doing OK and is anxious to get back to work in the near future. In the meantime, Lee Peyton will handle street sweeping/right-of-way clearing in Town.

FARMERS MARKET

Gigi Goin of Milk Ladies Farmers market did not attend the meeting as scheduled. General discussion about capacity for a Farmers Market in Town ensued. An alternative to a full market was suggested by Tisha Anderson. The Town of Glen Echo could serve as a pick-up location for C.S.A. (community supported agriculture) one time a week for approximately four hours.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 2015-36 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to approve the January 2015 minutes as amended. Councilmember Matney seconded. Motion passed.

Motion 2015-37 was made by Councilmember Stiglitz to approve the February 2015 minutes as amended. Councilmember McCaffrey seconded. Motion passed.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Councilmember Stiglitz reported the Police Advisory Board met Wednesday, March 4, 2015. In attendance were two representatives from the Policy and Planning Division. They seek feedback on updating the strategic plan. The focus will be on four key issues: crime/fear of crime, traffic/pedestrian safety, community relations, and crime prevention. Councilmember Stiglitz will distribute a survey via the Town list serve and share results with the advisory board. He will also email Annual Report of Crime Statistics by district. There will be seven new officers in our district which is a net increase of three- four officers. The next meeting will be in May. Theft from automobiles remains an ongoing issue. A recent pick-pocket incident at the Sangamore Safeway was mentioned as a lesson for others. A wallet was taken from a purse that was in a shopping cart.

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Proposals from Uneeda and Griffith for furnace replacement (oil to gas conversion) were examined and discussed.

Motion 2015-38 was made by Councilmember McCaffrey to conditionally approve the Uneeda contract pending Uneeda will provide a one year service contract, remove and dispose of oil tank, and seal chimney. Councilmember Matney seconded. Motion passed.

Motion 2015-39 was made by Councilmember Matney to renew Chapel Valley Landscaping contract pending date correction. Councilmember Stiglitz seconded. Motion passed.

TOWN HALL USE

Councilmember Long reported the February 5, 2015 public meeting of the C&O National Historical Park was moved from Glen Echo Town Hall to a larger venue. A large crowd was expected due to the topic of proposed increase of fees. The St. Patrick’s Day party is scheduled March 14, 2015.

TOWN ELECTION

An election for the seats of two Town Councilmembers, currently held by Nancy Long and Mark McCaffrey will be held Monday, May 4, 2015, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All seats will be a four-year term. A written declaration of candidacy must be given to Susan Grisby, Supervisor, Board of Election by April 14, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Malmgren, Clerk-Treasurer

Deborah Beers, Mayor Date

