

COUNCIL REPORTS

February 2013

RECREATION COMMITTEE – Joe Clark

All committee requests for the 2013-14 budget have been submitted to the Town Treasurer.

WEBSITE – Joe Clark

Nothing to report.

CONTRACTS – Joe Clark

Nothing to report.

FORESTRY AND BEAUTIFICATION – Audrey Maskery

Nothing to report.

MEMORIALS – Audrey Maskery

Nothing to report.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION – Joli A. McCathran

Building Permit Applications: A project application was presented to the HPC for 315 Brown Street, Liz Robertson residence for a garage. (This was submitted after the monthly meeting.)

Town Archives Report and Budget: Pat Patula, Town Archivist, and Wendy Harris, archives volunteer, presented the 2012 Annual Report of the Town Archives Project. The HPC discussed the following actions with regard to managing the Archives and larger historic preservation issues:

- Formulation of a records management plan in compliance with State Archives guidelines;
- Participation in the State Archives initiative to inventory local government archives;
- Maintenance of a record of volunteer hours spent with the Archives or other historic preservation activities;
- The Maryland Historic Trust update of the State Preservation
- Evaluation of adequacy of current Archives room.

PC Liaison: Margot Bohan reported on the 2/06 Planning Commission meeting. The Commission discussed; the upcoming Towne Crest hearing, the Oakmont senior day care center Grand Hall rental issue, CSX's "beyond our rails", "trees for tracks", and "quiet zones" programs that might be appropriate mitigation for the Bridge project, proposed landscaping and other improvements to the station, draft railings ordinance, and plats.

Joint TC/PC Meeting & Policy Discussion: There was a discussion about reinstating this tradition. HPC recommends it be invited. One HPC policy item to discuss would be a demolition/demolition by neglect ordinance.

Permit Review Procedures: Freda Temple on the PC and Margot Bohan will collaborate on revising the current permit application process and forms.

Towne Crest: Bob Booher reported on the 2/15 hearing. The Washington Grove consultant prepared an excellent report critiquing the Towne Crest proposal.

Potential grants for Hall project and others: Gail Littlefield reported the Maryland Historic Trust potentially has matching grant funding, maximum \$25,000, for rehabilitation projects on properties that it holds easements on. Preservation Maryland has matching grants available, maximum \$5000.

Transition: After 6 years of exemplary service on the HPC, Margot Bohan is stepping down. Wendy Harris has agreed to step up as an HPC member.

PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS – Joli A. McCathran

Nothing to report.

WASHINGTON GROVE CONSERVATION MEADOW PARK – Joli A. McCathran

A good job of mowing was done this month by M-NCPPC maintenance staff. There was an unconfirmed reporting of possible deer poaching in the park or surrounding properties. Park Police were called. Committee Chair, Ernie Kawasaki contacted Brenda Sandberg, LOS, and Mike Jones, M-NCPPC Area Park Manager, regarding the incident and requesting no hunting signage to be installed.

ROADS AND WALKWAYS – Bill Robertson

Town maintenance cleared brush along Oak Street from Grove Rd. to Hickory Rd. and also along Grove Rd.

MAINTENANCE – Bill Robertson

Maintenance of all Town equipment continued through the month.

Christmas tree collection and disposal continued throughout the month of February.

Due to the slight amount of snow during the month, Town Maintenance sanded and scraped snow from notorious areas around Town and the school bus stops. To date all road treatment for snow has been performed in house, utilizing available Town equipment.

The foot bridge to the island in Maple Lake is in the process of being repaired. When the decking was removed the full extent of the project was revealed. The water level is being lowered to facilitate the repairs.

The street light on Day Lily Lane will be replaced by the Town Maintenance. This is a Town owned fixture.

Several minor repairs to the Town Hall were completed including replacing exit lights.

MAPLE LAKE – Greg Silber

The Lake Committee met on Wednesday, 20 February to begin planning for the 2013 summer season. The process for seeking and hiring lifeguards is underway. Addressing the presence of geese, spring lake cleanup, the purchase and spreading of new sand for the beach and expenses for lake needs were all discussed. The annual Lake Clean-up is scheduled for Sat. April 13th at 10 AM (rain-day Sunday the 14th, 12:00). The next Committee meeting will be held on March 20th at 7:30.

SAFETY – Greg Silber

The Outdoor Lighting Advisory Committee continues to meet.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL – Greg Silber

Nothing to report.

MCCATHRAN HALL – David Young

With the temporary work (including a support pole) completed with the Hall, letters requesting bids to perform further repair work have been sent out. Bids are expected to be opened at the March 11 Council meeting. Preparation of the Hall budget for FY14 is progressing.

PLANNING COMMISSION – David Young

Building Permit Applications: There were no building permit applications. Charlie Challstrom reported that the updated report from code inspector Larry Plummer for 302 and 346 Ridge Rd was received.

17051 Oakmont Ave. Update: Charlie Challstrom reported that the large event rentals of the Oakmont Grand Hall will no longer take place since that type of use is not permitted at the location because of parking restrictions and County zoning regulations. The large signs have also been taken down.

Deer Park Bridge Update: Chairman Challstrom reported that meetings and discussions continue and a representative from MARC attended the most recent meeting. A discussion ensued about the number of stops, parking issues, rights-of-way, funding for upgrades and deadlines.

Draft Ordinance No. 2013-02: Discussion took place including County Code, exemptions, International Construction Code, platform vs. deck and the need for additional details before any actions are taken. The next steps will be establishing benchmarks, reviewing definitions, researching specific County standards, safety and the intent of the ordinance.