

DRAFT PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 11, 2008

ATTENDEES:

Bill Pritchard, Chair
Catherine Cecere
Scott DeCain
Andy Freimuth
Sue Hill
Susan Milner Reynolds
Al Lang, Council Liaison

Absent: John Barnes, Larry Lannom, Michael Lebowitz, Arthur Schatzkin, Don Sherk,
Monique Shimm

Guests:

Danny Hager

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 pm.

Open public comment: There were no public comments.

The minutes of the October 13, 2008 meeting were approved.

Brief Updates:

Parks:

Leland Center: Equipment has been ordered with planned installation the 1st week of December, requiring approximately 6 weeks.

Elm Street Playground: Ms. Milner and Pat Burda met with the developer. Funds (approx. \$20k) will be available in 2010 at the earliest. Montgomery County has plans for 10 years from now. Ms. Hill suggested asking the Residence Inn if they would contribute.

CCES Playground: Ms Milner met with the County planners. The changes are in the early planning stages and will require school board approval.

Water Run-off:

1. Meeting planned with M. Mitchell, B. Bissell on Friday to review storm drain plans and status and review Phase I and the plans for Phases II and III.
2. Considering County vs. State issues
3. Considering public vs. private issues

Met with Town Manager to discuss problem:

1. Water pooling on Lynn Drive: may be able to address with resurfacing
2. Resident to resident issues with water diversion: no TOCC involvement as this is a County issue. Consider tracking the complaints

3. Cost of meeting the requirements of the water ordinance: Consider revisiting the water ordinance for improvement.

Power/Electricity: Mr Sherk is working on a financial analysis (costs/benefits) of the Town's purchasing the streetlights and assuming responsibility for their maintenance. Purchasing the lights opens up other options regarding the types of lighting.

Security:

Meeting scheduled for Dec. 5 with Todd Hoffman and the local MCPD sergeant to review the status of security matters, including foot patrols and security forces hired by the Town

Mr. Lang will forward a draft policy on Town communication that was prepared by the Communications Committee.

Traffic:

Committee identifies 3 general concerns: excess traffic volume, excess speed and an unsafe environment for pedestrians as well as vehicles.

Four major issues or areas to focus on:

1. Leland Street and East Avenue: the PSC agreed to have Joe Cutro, PE, evaluate the potential for stop signs, marked crosswalks or other mediation at the confluence of Leland Street, 44th Street and East Avenue.
2. Leland Center parking lot: the PSC agreed to ask Joe Cutro to evaluate the previous studies and recommendations and provide input into either design changes or specific traffic studies that need to be conducted to provide the information to make a rational decision.
3. Speed cameras: East-West Highway and Bradley Lane
4. Police officers: is current staffing adequate? Consider police staffing for speed cameras. Plan: meet with the Village of Chevy Chase police chief.

The Chair referred the PSC to the previous Traffic Committee report and the STS study developing a comprehensive, Town-wide traffic control plan that was intended to address these areas of concern. This report was formally submitted to the Council for consideration.

The Chair and Mr. Lang reported on other traffic matters:

Intersection of East Ave and Bradley Lane: Mr. Hoffman is developing a solution

Leland/Oakridge/Tarrytown: there are requests for sidewalks in the streets leading to this complex intersection.

Two-sided parking on Oakridge just north of Thornapple is under study.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 9, 2008