

Meeting minutes, Public Services Committee, June 8, 2010

## PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

### ATTENDEES

Bill Pritchard, Chair

John Barnes

Dave Eason

Roy Gordon

Barry Hager

Sue Hill

Al Lang, Council Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

The PSC-related issues on the Council agenda for June 9 was reviewed: Traffic Committee Recommendations

The PSC notes that the data forming the basis for the Traffic Committee Report was collected in October-November 2001. The Committee reiterated its support for a new comprehensive traffic study with updated traffic data and recommendations that address both traffic issues and pedestrian safety.

### **Traffic:**

Councilman Lang reported that a contract had been signed with the consulting traffic-engineering firm to review traffic around CCES. The Chair reported that the Council had directed the Town attorney to draft a traffic ordinance to place stop signs at the intersection of Valley Place and Beechwood and making Beechwood one-way east and Valley Place one-way north during the periods when the entry restrictions on Hillcrest are in effect. This Traffic counts should begin this week with a report by July.

The Town received a request for placement of sign advising drivers to go slow because of children at play. The PSC recommends that this not be adopted.

Roy Gordon noted that Montgomery County does not post "Children at Play" signs as they suggest that it is safe to play in the street. Also, since there are children throughout the Town, this logic would lead to such postings throughout the Town.

Post meeting note from the Chair: this is discussed at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/trstmpl.asp?url=/content/dot/traffic/faq.asp>. The website notes that the signs are not approved for use by the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices", the national standard for traffic control signs.

**Water:** The subcommittee has asked the Town to compile information on the Water Consulting Program.

**Security:** The PSC should receive copies of reports from John D'Albora later this week, however monthly reports are not generated at this time. The PSC would like to see monthly reports that contain the following: police stops including location and outcome

(ticket, warning, no action) with a notation as to whether the driver was a resident; a summary of what was done on each shift; calls to which an officer responded; calls or incidents handled by the District 2 officers. Chief Gordon will provide a sample report that we may use as a template.

The PSC will request a copy of the Town's contract with Officer D'Albora.

The ability of the Town to provide emergency notification to residents was discussed. The PSC recommends that the next Forecast solicit residents to sign up for the Town Crier.

**Street Lights:** John Barnes reports that some of the initial issues have been addressed. Per Tolbert Feather, much of the tree trimming has been accomplished. John Barnes and Councilman Lang will draft a notice to residents on lighting that solicits input. The options for phased implementation of lighting changes were briefly discussed.

**Sidewalks:** The Town received a request for sidewalks on Lynn Drive and Oakridge Avenue. The previous Traffic Committee report recommended sidewalks on these streets.

Next meeting – Tuesday, July 13, 2010.

Meeting adjourned. 8:55 PM.