

Council Reporter

Of July 9, 2008

Public Comments

- Ann Wild, 7104 Oakridge Avenue, spoke about the need for more communication to residents about crime in the neighborhood.

Variance Hearings

- Council voted unanimously to grant a variance for a side yard setback variance of 1.5 feet at 4114 Stanford Street.
- Council voted 4-0 to grant a variance for a side yard setback of 1.5 feet and a rear yard setback of 9.8 feet at 4212 Thornapple Street. Councilmember Lublin recused himself.
- Council voted unanimously to grant a variance for a front yard wall and driveway width variance of 5 feet at 3909 Leland Street.

Public Hearings

- Council held a public hearing on proposed sidewalks for Oakridge Avenue and Thornapple Street. Council voted unanimously to adopt option 5 which places the proposed new sidewalks on the east side of Oakridge and the north side of Thornapple. Council agreed that the sidewalk would be concrete and would have a width of 3.5 feet. Council further agreed to the installation of a 3-way stop sign and crosswalks at Curtis and Oakridge.
- Council decided to have a work session on the proposed Chevy Chase Elementary School Traffic Plan in late July and to hold another public hearing on the proposed plan a week after the work session. The CCES traffic work session and public hearings are to consider both existing proposals as well as new ideas.

Council Actions:

- Council voted unanimously to introduce an ordinance to establish special school zone speed limits on certain Town roadways and to erect appropriate signs. This ordinance will be considered at the July public hearing on the CCES traffic plan.
- Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperation Agreement with Montgomery County for participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Home Investment Partnership Program for fiscal years 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- Council voted unanimously to donate \$30,000 for the construction of a new playground at the Leland Community Center. M-NCPPC will cover the balance of the costs.
- Council agreed unanimously to purchase \$780 of carbon offsets for Town streetlights.
- Council voted unanimously to remove the “Access to Wisconsin Avenue Restricted” signs on streets intersecting Connecticut Avenue.

Discussions

- Council supported legislation to modify the requirement for 30-day notification to Montgomery County for building code changes.
- Council directed staff to ask the Park police and County police to increase patrols in Elm Street Park in light of recent events. Staff will monitor the police coverage.
- Council asked Community Services Committee to work on determining how best to communicate with residents concerning crimes.