

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
February 13, 2019

Council & Staff

Barney Rush, Mayor

Cecily Baskir, Vice Mayor

Kirk Renaud, Secretary

Joel Rubin, Treasurer

Wicca Davidson, Community Liaison

Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

Ron Bolt, Town Attorney

Residents and Guests

Bren Lizzio, 4218 Oakridge Lane

Susan Ziemann, 4202 East West Highway

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street

Grant Davies, 4313 Bradley Lane

Max Fainberg, 4403 Stanford Street

Maria Roche, 4313 Leland Street

Len Scensny, 4312 Willow Lane

Pat Burda, 4108 Woodbine Street

Sally Kelly, 7300 Oak Lane

Ernie Kelly, 7300 Oak Lane

Bridget Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue

Lees Hartman, 7214 Ridgewood Avenue

Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane

Linda Geiser, 4107 Woodbine Street

Dave Eason, 7507 Lynn Drive

Jeanine Thomas, Verizon Wireless

Susan Kahn, 3408 Bradley Lane (VMA)

Peter Kahn, 3408 Bradley Lane (VMA)

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

At 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, the Town Council held a work session to discuss possible locations for a dog exercise area in or near Town. The Council also reviewed and discussed the latest plans for a sustainable garden and a pathway and staircase in Zimmerman Park.

Lees Hartman, Co-Chair of the Town's Land Use Committee, presented a committee report on possible locations for a dog exercise area. The Council discussed the report, thanked the LUC for its excellent work, and agreed to continue consideration of a dog exercise area at its March meeting. The Council also discussed anticipated outreach to neighbors of Zimmerman Park to discuss potential park uses.

Edamarie Mattei from Backyard Bounty presented plans for a sustainable garden and a pathway and staircase in Zimmerman Park. The Council discussed the plans. Mayor Rush moved to proceed with development of final plans for the sustainable garden and solicitation of competitive bids. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mayor Rush moved to fund the costs for garden-related improvements on adjacent private property and to proceed with completion of conservation easement documents, development of final plans, and solicitation of competitive bids. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilmember Baskir moved to proceed with development of engineering plans for the staircase. Councilmember Renaud seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## I. GENERAL BUSINESS

### A. Call to Order

Mayor Rush called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

### B. Pledge of Allegiance

### C. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Baskir moved to approve the minutes of the January 2019 Council Meeting. Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### D. Acceptance of Financial Report

Councilmember Rubin presented the January 2019 financial report. The Council discussed and accepted the report.

### E. Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Todd Hoffman reported on the initiatives undertaken by staff over the past month.

### F. Public Comments

Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street, commented on issues related to downtown Bethesda redevelopment.

Bren Lizzio, 4218 Oakridge Lane, commented on the need for a dog exercise area in Town.

Grant Davies, 4313 Bradley Lane, commented on the need to reduce the speed of traffic on East Avenue.

## II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. Public Hearing on an Ordinance to Regulate Small Cell Facilities

The Council held a public hearing on an ordinance to regulate small cell facilities within the Town.

The following individuals commented: Deborah Vollmer, 7202 44<sup>th</sup> Street; Max Fainberg, 4403 Stanford Street; Maria Roche, 4313 Leland Street; Linda Geiser, 4107 Woodbine Street; Dedun Ingram, 4312 Willow Lane; Jeanine Thomas, Verizon Wireless; Susan Kahn, 3408 Bradley Lane (Village of Martin's Additions); Peter Kahn, 3408 Bradley Lane (Village of Martin's Additions).

The Council discussed the ordinance. The Council agreed to modify the ordinance to include a provision that would require a permitted wireless provider to comply with any future ordinance changes.

Councilmember Rubin moved to approve the ordinance, as amended. Councilmember Baskir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Council agreed to join other local municipalities in an ongoing assessment and homogenization of small cell facility laws.

The Council also agreed to communicate the Town's support for proposed Maryland Municipal League legislation regarding small cell facilities.

### III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

#### A. Montgomery County Accessory Dwelling Unit ZTA (Land Use Committee)

Dedun Ingram, Chair of the Town's Land Use Committee, briefed the Council on Montgomery County's proposed changes to accessory dwelling unit (ADU) laws.

The Council discussed the proposed changes and agreed to a position that would: 1) allow existing ADUs to be subject to existing off-street parking requirements, 2) retain the existing 1,200 square foot limit on ADUs, and 3) not allow existing non-conforming structures to be converted into ADUs (i.e., all ADUs must meet existing setback requirements).

The Council agreed to communicate the Town's position to the County Planning Board and County Council.

#### B. Project Updates

##### 1. East West Highway Safety

The Council deferred discussion of this agenda item.

##### 2. Purple Line Mitigation

The Council deferred discussion of this agenda item.

##### 3. Bethesda Downtown Plan Implementation

The Council discussed issues and efforts related to Bethesda Downtown Plan implementation. Pat Burda, Chair of the Town's Long-Range Planning Committee, briefed the Council on the latest development plans for 7121 Wisconsin Avenue and the Farm Women's Market site.

#### C. Public Services Committee Projects

##### 1. Permit Parking Program (Guest Cards)

Dave Eason, Chair of the Town's Public Services Committee, briefed the Council on Public Services Committee's recommendation to issue a second permanent guest card, upon request, to residences within a permit parking area.

Councilmember Baskir moved to direct the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance, which would codify this recommended change, for review and possible introduction at the March Council meeting. Councilmember Rubin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Town-Wide Traffic Study

Dave Eason, Chair of the Town's Public Services Committee, briefed the Council on the Public Services Committee's ongoing planning for a Town-wide traffic study.

3. Traffic/Bicycle Safety Signage Improvements

The Town Manager presented recommendations for types and locations of signage to increase bicyclist safety on Town streets. The Council authorized the signage improvements to proceed.

4. East Avenue Traffic Safety

The Council discussed resident concerns regarding traffic speed and volume on East Avenue. The Council asked the Town Manager to research and report back on possible short-term traffic calming measures.

D. Climate and Environment Advisory Board 2019 Work Plan

The Council deferred discussion of this agenda item.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kirk Renaud, Secretary

Transcribed by Todd Hoffman, Town Manager

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