

TOWN OF CHEVY CHASE
COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 2023, 7 p.m.

*All Councilmembers were present.
The recording of this meeting is available on the Town website.*

At 7 p.m., the Town Council and Town residents held a discussion with County Council President Evan Glass on issues of interest to the Town.

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Discussed financial report. Council Treasurer Lane noted the prospect for a substantial surplus this fiscal year, arising primarily from savings in snow removal operations and additional interest earned on Town reserve funds.
- Heard and discussed Town Manager's report.
- Heard public comments.

II. VARIANCE HEARING

- Voted unanimously to approve a variance for a rear yard setback at 4312 Stanford Street.
- Voted unanimously to approve variances for a wall plane length and a side yard setback at 3911 Virgilia Street.

III. COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

- Discussed the final rezoning application for Corso Chevy Chase.
 - Discussed Town testimony to be presented to the Planning Board on March 9 in support of Corso's rezoning application. Asked staff to publicize the testimony to Town residents.
- Discussed the Bethesda Market Park development project.
 - Noted the public charette process that will be held by the Parks Department in the Town on March 15 and at Bethesda Elementary School on March 16. There will be a 30-day period after those meetings to collect online public comments.
 - Discussed progress in determining the requirements for obtaining the Town's state capital grant for the project. The Town is now confident that its \$1 million grant can be accepted without requiring conformance to various state procurement requirements.
 - Discussed undergrounding utilities related to this project. Noted that the developers have requested state funds to cover projected cost overruns and an expanded project scope required by Pepco for this work. State funds also could cover the cost of undergrounding utility wires along 47th Street to complement the design of the surface Capital Crescent Trail. Agreed to have conversations with State Delegates Korman and Solomon regarding support for this funding.
- Discussed the status of Zimmerman Park redevelopment and Coquelin Run improvements.
 - Discussed concerns just raised by WSSC about the prospective interference of some proposed project elements with a shallow sewer line. Staff will follow up with regulatory agencies to obtain more information and report back to the Council.

- Mayor Rush raised the idea of naming the new park pathway after former Town Mayor Scott Fosler, to honor his service to the Town and County and to recognize his contribution to County environmental stewardship. The Town Council would like to hear from residents and will discuss this idea at the next Council meeting.
- Discussed status of Coquelin Run stabilization project.
- Discussed Town residents' concerns about the lack of water flow in Coquelin Run. Noted that the Town has requested an investigation by the Maryland Department of Environment.
- Noted a meeting on March 14 with SHA officials, requested by the Town through our state delegation, regarding improved signalization of the crosswalk on East West Highway at Maple Avenue.
- Discussed proposed Antisemitism Awareness Resolution for consideration by County municipalities.
 - Reviewed purpose of resolution.
 - Approved draft resolution and agreed to distribute to County municipalities for review and adoption.
- Agreed to ask the Town's engineer to review the feasibility of converting 46th Street to two-way traffic between Leland Street and Walsh Street.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.