

Council of the Town Of Riverdale Park
Resolution 2010-R-12

Introduced By: Alan K. Thompson

Seconded By: David Linguana

Date Approved: December 6, 2010

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Riverdale Park has recognized (as documented by the survey on that topic sent out in the November, 1999, Town Crier and the inclusion of partial financing in the 2007 facilities improvement borrowing authority) for many years that there is a need for a town-oriented community center, and

WHEREAS, the Riverdale Boys and Girls club, the most reliable user of the town-owned building and property labeled 6403 51st Avenue, has publicly stated that the existing Riverdale Club building is not of sufficient size to accommodate their activities, and

WHEREAS, the 6403 building has been determined on two separate occasions (by two different Public Works directors) to be unacceptable for prolonged human habitation, and

WHEREAS, the cost of repairing the 6403 building to habitable status would be the same or more as demolishing that building and constructing a new building, and

WHEREAS, at the September 25, 2009, public hearing on the proposed Riverdale Park Community Center there was strong sentiment from the public and present council members that the proposed Center should not be built at the 6403 51st Avenue site, and

THEREFORE be it resolved, that:

The Town Council of Riverdale Park hereby enjoins the Mayor to enter into negotiations with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) towards a legally binding offer for the purchase of the two town-owned lots on the 6400 block of 51st Avenue, with the acceptance of said offer to be determined by vote of the Town Council.

Be it also resolved, that proceeds from the approved sale shall be placed in a designated fund solely for the creation of community center facilities.

Be it also resolved, that the agreement shall ensure that the real estate as sold shall remain, in perpetuity, open space as defined in the State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources "Program Open Space," and,

Be it also resolved, that the Riverdale Park Boys and Girls Club shall be provided access to comparable facilities until such time as the Community Center facilities are complete.



Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator



Vernon Archer, Mayor