

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK  
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer     Mayor  
CM Rob Oppenheim   Ward 1  
CM Mary Donaldson   Ward 2  
CM David Lingua     Ward 3  
CM Lawrence Taylor   Ward 4  
CM Gerard Kiernan    Ward 5  
CM Alberto Morales   Ward 6

Town Administrator- Patrick J Prangley  
Chief of Police- E. Thomas Parker  
Director Public Works- L. Ron Goff

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:00p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

**Agenda approved**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Archer presented Patricia Gladding with a plaque thanking her for her service and dedication of 10 years of working the *farmers market*. Patricia Gladding received her award and gave thanks to the town and its residents.

Mayor Archer also mentioned the Calvert House and its appreciation in its giving aid.

Mayor stated that 35 streets in Riverdale Park are not up to grade, however we are heading in a good direction with the completion of Riverdale Rd. Mayor Archer stated that Doug Dunkin will be visiting us in the near future at a Council Meeting to hear our ideas on our moving economic development projects.

*This concludes the Mayors Report.*

Town Treasurer's/ Town Administrator's Report/ Code Enforcement Report

Patrick Prangley gave the Treasurers report (copies available)

**Motion to approve Treasurers report subject to audit**

**Second**

**Approved**

Mr. Prangley gave the Code report 31 Parking Citations and 18 Municipal Infractions (Unknown member) asked why Mr. Prangley why the architect is *pro-bono*? Mr. Prangley stated that the architect, KDA, would like to help the community.

*This concludes the Treasurer, Town Administrator and Code Report*

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Police Department Report

Chief E. Thomas Parker handed out Buckle up Beavers for Seatbelt Awareness. April 3, - June 3 2007, and stated that seatbelt safety is important and Officers will be giving warning or citations to persons not wearing their seatbelts.

Chief Parker gave the Police calls for the Month of March (copies available)

*This concludes the Police Department Report*

Public Works Report

Public Works Director Ron Goff discussed his Pot Hole campaign, stating that 25 potholes were fixed last week. Director Goff mentioned on April 27. Riverdale Park will be receiving the "Tree City USA" award, at the Elementary school at 10:00 am: for Taylor Rd.

Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> is Spring Clean Up Day.

*This concludes the Public Works Department Report*

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Oppenheim, Community Affairs

CM. Oppenheim stated that he was keeping his report short and sweet: he wanted a more close government.

*This concludes Ward 1, CM Oppenheim's Report*

Ward 2, CM Donaldson, Finance Committee

CM. Donaldson mentioned that residents are placing their garbage to the curb1. Not in Trash Vessels 2. With-out lids: With concern for the warmer months ahead and the animals that come with it, there need to be trash cans with lids. CM Donaldson suggested that perhaps the Town create and implement a program to help citizen receive a trash can and a lid.

CM. Donaldson stated that there isn't a direct line to the Code Enforcement Department.

Litten Village at the University has graffiti, and near dusk time the area lights are dim and may need replacing.

*This concludes Ward 2, CM Donaldson's Report*

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Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Works

Last Monday CM. Lingua had a Public Works meeting in attendance was the Mayor, Town Administrator Patrick Prangle, CM. Oppenheim, Mr. Goff, CM Donaldson, and CM. Taylor. There will be another Public Works meeting on April 23, 2007 at 7:00 and everyone is invited to come.

The Shoemaker property 47<sup>th</sup> Ave, is requesting a permit for a parking lot.

CM. Lingua found a bucket truck to prune trees and fix street lights in storm seasons.

*This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua's Report*

Ward 4, CM Taylor, Economic Development

CM Taylor stated that the Economic Development Committee Update reflects: Dumm's project development is going to be a joint venture partnership, and is in forward motion from here.

Litten Village is approved 3 lights on the East side of road back into Stream Valley and the Woodlands.

The University Research Court -M.Square #2 has the steel up, slabs down, the parking lot has the base paved, the gutters are curbed, and the duct work is all in progress. It should be and early fall completion.

The KSI didn't go to closing because of the change in the Condominium Market, that deal did not go through and so it is now a dead project. The Kenilworth Plaza Giant is closing its doors for good on April 19 @ 6:00. However 5 or 6 other companies/groceries are looking for grocery store space.

Define benefit merger has gone through between Mercantile and PNC.

CM. Taylor mentioned that he will not be running a 3<sup>rd</sup> term and it has been great working with everyone.

*This concludes Ward 4, Cm Taylor's report*

Ward 5, CM Kiernan, Public Safety

CM. Kiernan said that the Town of Edmonston is in the process hiring a new Police Chief.

CM Kiernan mentioned that we are not a small town and we should give praise to the officers that go out there to Kenilworth.

CM. Kiernan said that he would like Code Enforcement to go out after the Porertsky's on 5600 and 54<sup>th</sup>. Giving them a chapter 67, being an attractive nuisance, mosquito infested pool, and an empty house doing nothing.

CM. Kiernan will not be running next term.

*This concludes Ward5, CM Kiernan's report*

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Ward 6, CM Morales

CM. Morales mentioned that people in Greenbelt are scared of Kenilworth Ave. All along Riverdale Rd. the bus stop benches need repair and are not safe. Also a lot of trash along the road.

*This concludes Ward 6, CM Morales report*

**Correspondence Summary**

**Public Comment**

Patricia Gladding

Important meeting April 5<sup>th</sup> @7:00. Bladensburg's Town Hall, Anacostia Watershed Society development direction, "Threat of the Leaves".

"River Clean Up" is a water and land clean up celebration. Waterfront Park April 21<sup>st</sup> starts at 8:30 am and the celebration is at 12:00 with guest speakers Mayor of DC and PG County Executive Jack Johnson; to encourage everyone to do there part.

Kate Sharp Riverdale Park- Stated that she will be running for Ward 2.

**Legislative Action**

#6. Approval 6ft privacy fence 4605 Oliver St.

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second- CM Oppenheim.**

**Approved**

#4. Permit for Carnival to be held on Vivian Shih's property at 5508 Kenilworth Ave.

Motion-(unknown)

Second-(unknown)

Discussion and background: Lyons Club is holding a large charity, and Mrs. Shih offered her property. Lyon's Club is requesting a permit to go forward. The dates of the event will be April 11 – April 22, 2007 Hours: Monday – Thursday 6pm-10pm, Friday 6pm-11pm, Saturday 1pm-11pm, and Sunday 1pm- 10pm.

Riverdale officers will be the security. There will also be a 6ft. fence around the perimeter. There will be one entrance and one exit, to deterr any unwanted persons. No alcohol on or sold on grounds. Mr. Furr will be getting everything to code. Mr. Furr will have State Amusement ride Inspection, PG Health Department will conduct an inspection, Fire Marshal, and a temporary use and occupancy permit will be obtained.

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There are no loud rides to disturb the noise ordinance, There will be a trash dumpster on the grounds and portable toilets. The grounds will be cleaned and maintained every night. Mr. Furr talked a little about his company saying that they are called "The Jolly Show", Frank Joseph and Sons Inc. since 1958. The company has worked a lot with the Boys and Girls Club and other Charities' to raise money.

**The Council thanked Mrs. Shih  
Moved to waive the \$150.00 fee for 19-2  
Approved the Carnival Dates and Times  
Approved-**

#1. Approval for Minutes for December 4, 2006.  
**Approved-**

#2. Approval for (amended) Ordinance Resolution 2007-OR-05 Chapter 67 Housing Standards.  
**CM. Kiernan motion to table  
CM. Lingua second  
Tabled.  
CM. Kiernan discussed changes to code 67**

#3. Approval for Ordinance Resolution 2007-OR-06 for Town Crier candidate forum.  
**Motion-(unknown)  
Second-(unknown)**  
CM. Oppenheim stated that elections are the towns business.  
CM. Donaldson stated that we don't need it.  
(Unknown) stated that usually in the Gazette candidate for each ward pictured side by side with small comment section, however not 100% sure that will happen.

**Judy Glaze, Cleveland Avenue**  
Stated that her thought is to just give basic information.

CM. Kiernan said to give everyone a small space and a limited amount in the Gazette.

**Alice Walker. Oliver Street**  
Suggested to just make it as simple as possible, adding that a few words would be fine.

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**Ward 1 CM. Oppenheim -Yes**

**Ward 2 CM. Donaldson- No**

**Ward 3 CM. Lingua- No**

**Ward 4 CM. Taylor – No**

**Ward 5 CM. Kiernan- No**

**Ward 6 CM. Morales- No**

**Failed-**

#5 Proposed email list policies as to electioneering.

**Motion-(unknown)**

**Second-(unknown)**

Dr Alan Thompson defined Electioneering.

Acceptable on email list up to 60 days before election.

**Passed-**

**New Business**

None

**Unfinished Business**

CM. Donaldson wanted to know why Code Enforcement doesn't have a direct line.

Unknown stated that Code Enforcement does have direct line with voice mail if no one is in the office to answer the call. Their direct line as well as cell phone number is in the Crier every month: 301-209-1505.

(Unknown) Said that Wachovia Bank is mentioned in the Crier and has a year contract, is it okay to except ads?

There was discussed the Historic District signs. (Unknown) replied that they cost \$48.00 each, and that they are unavailable right now.

*Bucket Truck for Public Works*

**Motion made to** utilize \$70,000.00 from surplus funds to get from Dura- lift a full warranty Bucket Truck.

**Approved-** \$70,000.00 from surplus funds to get from Dura- lift a full warranty Bucket Truck.

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Alice Walker explained the landscaping of the Wachovia Project and the changes proposed for Baltimore Avenue.

Motion-(unknown)

Second-(unknown)

Going to put an entrance on Baltimore St, markings for a cross walk, widen route 1 and if that happened the Wachovia Bank needs to be set back 15ft. No planter boxes instead, trees will be put in. The changes that are being made are cheap and easy to be done. April 19 a rep. will be out there to tell park and planning how to set it up.

**Approved-**

*Town Wide Yard Sale.*

With this being an election year we may not have enough room in the Crier, We should want this year to be better than last year, maybe putting it in the Crier, printing maps and also advertising.

**Failed-**

Adjournment