

Town of Riverdale park
Tuesday, September 7, 2010
Regular Legislative Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen	Ward 1
CM Alan Thompson	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4
CM Raymond Rivas	Ward 5

Town Administrator- Ms. Sara Imhulse
Police Department – Chief Teresa Chambers
Director of Public Works – Leonard Addison
Fire Department – President Lamphier

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

CM Thompson motioned to approve the agenda.
CM Ewen Second.
Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer stated that Legislative Item #2 should be stricken from the agenda. CM Thompson would like to strike Legislative Item #4 from the agenda.

Mayor's Report

- In contact with Park and Planning to purchase 'the old clubhouse' on 51st Ave. for \$150K. The funds will be secured to go to a facility to house more community activities.
- The business development booster event for Rt. 1 in November will be postponed until March or April of 2011.
- School is back in session. Speed cameras and other options have been enforced to keep the children safer.
- October 2nd – Riverdale Park Day
- One hour before the October 4th Legislation session there will be a reception for the 9 teachers that were a part of the exchange with our sister city, Impala. We are looking for host families for the teachers coming from Guatemala.
- Suggests a Special Legislative Meeting for September 21st @7:30pm and push back the finance meeting until after the Special Legislative Meeting. We will talk about the management system for the speed cameras, program investment policy for pension and the Navy Project. We will need at least four councilmen present to vote on an ordinance.

This concludes the Mayor's Report

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Treasurer's Report

As of August 31, 2010: Revenue = \$713,320.69, Expenses = \$752,622.14.

CM Thompson moved to approve the treasurer's report subject to audit.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

This concludes the Treasurer's Report

Town Administrator's Report

- The property on 47th Ave. – We are still working with the attorney and it should be ready by September 21st.
- The Council needs to decide if they want the first circular cul-de-sac option or the T-option tonight. They don't have to officially endorse the project tonight, just pick an option.
- Fall Legislative Conference for the MML (Oct 21st – Oct 23rd) – If anyone would like to go please inform Ms. Imhulse before the early bird deadline of **September ??**.
- Riverdale Park Day – 5701 Riverdale Park Dr. on October 2nd from noon – 5pm.

Discussion: Justin Thornton (subdivision office of M-NCCPC) will need to know which option the Council prefers tonight for his meeting on Friday. If no decision is made tonight Justin will write his report using the T-option. CM Henry asked if the councilman from that ward has an opinion for the option of this project. CM Lingua stated that the T-option (hammerhead) would give the area more space and if a resident wanted to add an addition to their home it would be easily possible. CM Lingua asked Chief Lamphier which option would be better accessible for the fire department. Chief Lamphier will answer that during his report. Mayor Archer would like to add this item back to #2 of the Legislative Action Items.

This concludes the Town Administrator's Report

Police Department Report

- The community will now see a large yellow sign on the back of mobile vendors, especially ice cream sign. If you don't see the sign please call code enforcement.
- Sat., Sept 25 10am to 2pm– National Take Back Initiative – Community can empty out their medicine cabinets with any and all pills. All meds can go into one zip lock bag versus bring bottles with personal information. This is the first time we have this opportunity.

Discussion: CM Lingua asked if it is required for vendors to have the sticker on their vehicle. Chief Chambers answered that it is required for all mobile vendors who do business in the Town of Riverdale Park.

Code Enforcement Issues

This concludes the Police Department Report

Public Works Report

- The used oil recycling tank is back up and in service.
- The next drop off date is September 18th for bulk trash. The once a month service has been running smoothly. More residents have been calling in their bulk trash pick-up.
- No trash was collected on Monday because of the Holiday. The next trash collection day is Thursday, September 9th.

Discussion: CM Henry was concerned of the lights on 54th Ave. The lights were working, the problem is the trees. The trees were cut back and Mr. Addison with check on the working lights tonight.

This concludes the Public Works Report

Fire Department Report

- The front Ramp, after 5 years, is being partially replaced.
- The fire department will be participating in Riverdale Park Day.
- More career personnel have been hired.
- From Jan thru June we are in the top 4 for participation.
- Hammerhead vs Cul-de-sac – There are more problems in cul-de-sacs because people tend to park around them which restricts the fire engines from getting around them.

Discussion: CM Lingua gave a word of thanks to the fire department for the way they handled a nasty accident involving a child with a dislocated ankle. The residents and the family were thankful. CM Lingua asked Mr. Thornton if the plans can be sent to Pres. Lamphier. Ms. Imhulse has the plans and will forward them to Pres. Lamphier. CM Rivas thanked the fire department for the two rescues that happened in the elevators in his building.

This concludes the Fire Department Report

Ward and Committee Reports

Ward 1, CM Ewen, Economic Development Committee

- Block Party (September 18th)
- Wachovia – Hoping to hear something back about the signage.
- **House stopped renovation process**

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- Break-Ins – Residents be aware that there are break-ins going on. Keep your eyes open!
- Received complaints about where residents hang their laundry.
- Last days of the Farmer’s Market.
- Tree Planting in the fall – Working with Mr. Addison
- Early voting options – At the College Park Recreation Building

This concludes Ward 1, CM Ewen’s Report

Ward 2, CM Thompson, Finance Chairman Committee

- Spending a lot of time on Wells Run issues this summer.
- The police department had a speed and traffic monitoring on ???. On Friday 13th there were several dozen people driving over 50mph.
- Thanked Town staff for new budget reports.
- Thanks to Mr. Addison, Wanda Brooks and Daniel ? from the County Councilman’s Office for their help in assisting a Ward 2 resident with a WSSC issue.
- Finance meeting on September 21st – The Town may change accounting firms.

This concludes Ward 2, CM Thompson’s Report

Ward 3, CM Lingua, Public Safety Committee

- Central Kenilworth Ave. Revitalization Committee – A Board has been established. Next meeting on September 29th @7pm
- Thanked Company 7 for the a.d.d. assistance where they responded in less than 1 minute. They performed CPR and were able to save the resident’s life.
- **Thanked Chief Chambers for the meeting with ??**
- Attended an apartment safety meeting – Productive meeting. Finding activities and engaging Park and Planning to keep the children active and finding better choices for them.

This concludes Ward 3, CM Lingua’s Report

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Works Committee

- Hope everyone had a good summer.
- Thanked CM Lingua for attending the apartment safety meeting. Everyone left with their own initiatives and goals. The next meeting will be scheduled in October. They were able to talk to the apartment managers, security, code enforcement and police officers. We are in desperate need to find activities for the children of Riverdale Park.
- Continuing with a resolution for signage for the Town.
- Snow Removal Signs – We are looking for areas to post these signs that will allow traffic flow through the town during bad snow days.
- October 1st @ 9am – Public Works Mtg.

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- ClimbingPorts.com – Any type of traffic incidents or crime in the community.
- We are preparing for next winter. DPW is repairing equipment now.
- National Night Out was a great success. We had lots of participation within the community. Thanks to Corp, Alexander for organizing the event. We were able to sign a lot of residents up for NIXEL that night.

This concludes Ward 4, CM Henry's Report

Ward 5, CM Rivas, Community Affairs Committee

- Thanked Corp. Alexander for organizing National Night Out. There were a lot of fun activities this year.
- Town Crier – Noticed that there were a lot of Ward Reports that were not submitted. CM Rivas suggested that the Town Crier be written in Spanish as well to make certain that the message gets to all citizens.
- CM Rivas is concerned that the Town Crier is not being circulated throughout the Town of Riverdale Park properly.
- CM Rivas stated that he really likes writing for the Town Crier. He writes from the heart and thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity.

Discussion: Mayor Archer suggested that CM Rivas refer to the guidelines set forth for the Town Crier and if need be, amend them so that it can be translated in the Spanish language.

This concludes Ward 5, CM Rivas Report

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Legislative Committee

CM Allen-Smith was not in attendance.

This concludes Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith's Report

Public Comments

- Vice President David Mathew Duffney – Community Day on September a @5820 Riverdale Rd (301) 927-4100.

Chief Chambers announced that David Duffney

John McCullen (Riverdale Rd.) – Is the Purple Line going to be above ground? When will the construction start? Completed?? Mayor Archer answered that the Purple Line will be an above ground station that is planned to start construction in 2015. There will be a stop on the corner of East West Hwy and Kenilworth Ave. The station will be where the Shell Station is, or a little farther up. Will the stops have parking lots? CM Lingua replied that no parking lots are in the plans. Mayor Archer encouraged Mr. McCullen to review purplelinemd.com after which he will gladly discuss.

Legislative Action

1. To approve minutes for regular legislative meeting on July 6, 2010.

CM Henry moved to accept the minutes.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Mayor Archer did his best to provide notes with the help of Council Members.

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2. Preliminary plan of subdivision, #4-09043, Riverdale Park Project (47th Avenue).

CM Lingua moved to approve preliminary plan of subdivision, #4-09043, Riverdale Park Project (47th Avenue) subject to input from President Lamphier.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: Ms. Imhulse suggested that a letter from the fire department be attached behind the letter from Council.

3. Motion to support grant application for CDBG PY37 to fund Kenilworth Avenue Façade, Lighting, and Site Improvements.

CM Ewen moved to support grant application for CDBG PY37 to fund Kenilworth Avenue Façade, Lighting, and Site Improvements.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 5-0

Discussion: CM Henry asked if this grant will cover only signage. **CM Ewen responded that this grant...** Ms. Imhulse stated that tonight's motion will set us up for continuous funding. **The deadline is September**

4. Building application for a 6ft fence to be installed at 4811 Tuckerman Street.

CM Thompson moved to accept the application for a 6ft fence to be installed at 4811 Tuckerman Street.

CM Ewen Second

Motion passes 5-0

5. Motion to approve street closure of the 6200 block of 43rd Street between East-West Highway and Queensbury Road on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

CM Ewen moved to approve street closure of the 6200 block of 43rd Street between East-West Highway and Queensbury Road on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

CM Thompson Second

Motion passes 5-0

New Business

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Unfinished Business

Adjournment

CM Lingua moved to adjourn 9:25pm

CM Henry Second.

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