

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007  
REGULAR LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS MINUTES**

Attendance

Vernon S. Archer	Mayor
CM Alice Ewen Walker	Ward 1
CM Kate Sharpe	Ward 2
CM David Lingua	Ward 3
CM Christopher Henry	Ward 4
CM Vacant	Ward 5
Absent-due to illness	Ward 6

Town Administrator- Patrick Prangley  
Chief of Police- Acting Chief Patrick Timmons  
Director of Public Works- Acting Director Michael Scott

The Legislative Meeting for the Town of Riverdale Park began at 8:05p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a moment of reflection directed by Mayor Archer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda- CM Walker  
Second- CM Henry

**Approved**

Mayor's Report

The Mayor commented that the Maryland Municipal League was promoting legislation at the upcoming state legislative session to allow use of automated speed cameras, and stated that at this point it is not available to local jurisdiction. The Mayor stated that on October 23, was the kick off for the central Kenilworth Avenue revitalization project, and it is designed to bring together all steak holders for revitalization for Kenilworth Ave. Mayor stated that part of the effort was to improve the coordination with other jurisdictions to continue making that area look better. Mayor stated that former CM Jerry Kiernan has passed away, and also Sister Ramano has passed away too.

*This concludes the Mayor's Report.*

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Patrick Prangley gave the Treasurer's Report. (Copies Available)  
Motion to approve subject to audit- CM Sharpe  
Second- CM Walker

**Approved**

*This concludes the Treasurer's Report.*

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Code Enforcement Report

Mr. Patrick Prangley gave the Code Enforcement Report. (Copies Available)

*This concludes the Code Enforcement Report.*

Administrator's Report

Mr. Prangley stated that the MOU for the Trolley Trail is in progress. Mr. Prangley stated that the town has the funds of \$100,000.00 which will hopefully cover all of the costs, and that Fred Shaffer is working diligently on this project. Mr. Prangley spoke about a second MOU for the Single Stream Recycling, which is very exciting and the town is very happy about that.

*This concludes the Administrator's Report.*

Police Department Report

Acting Chief Patrick Timmons gave the Police Department Report. (Copies Available)

*This concludes the Police Department Report.*

Public Works Report

Acting Director Michael Scott gave the Public Works Report. (Copies Available)

*This concludes the Public Works Report.*

**Ward and Committee Reports**

Ward 1, CM Walker, Economic Development

CM Walker stated that the MUTC meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>, is canceled. CM Walker stated that the Traffic Committee Meeting is on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. CM Walker stated that the Festival of Lights and events are on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. CM Walker stated that on November 15, at 4500 Knox Rd. in College Park, there will be a forum regarding Rt. 1 development with Eric Olsen, and Park & Planning. CM Walker stated that those of you who would like to express your opinion at the meeting are more than welcome. CM Walker stated that the building at Ravenswood and Lafayette has seven open units, and the owner has been contacted and is working with resolving the problems. CM Walker stated that there seems to be a lot of concern about Code Enforcement, and is interested on meeting with Code Enforcement on looking how we can prioritize our resources to try and get some of these issues resolved. CM Walker stated that she appreciates the Public Works Report. CM Walker stated that she has met with J's Auto, and he has no plans as of yet for the site.

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*This concludes Ward 1, CM Walker's Report.*

Ward 2, CM Sharpe, Finance Chairman

CM Sharpe stated that the most concerned issue in our Ward is the increase in crime activities. CM Sharpe states that Ward 2 had a block party on October 21<sup>st</sup>, and it was a great success and very enjoyable. CM Sharpe stated that she had a chance in October, to attend the MML meeting in Greenbelt. CM Sharpe mentioned that there will be two volunteer opportunities, on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm at the Elementary School, they will be creating an outdoor mural, and an opportunity to judge at the science fair. CM Sharpe stated that if you are interested, you can contact the school or CM Sharpe. CM Sharpe stated that she would like to thank Code Enforcement in Ward 2.

*This concludes Ward 2, CM Sharpe's Report.*

Ward 4, CM Lingua, Public Works

CM Lingua stated that as many of you can see, Ward 3 is getting the next phase of the street improvement. CM Lingua stated that it seems like they are making progress. CM Lingua stated that the sections of Nicholson St. some residents have expressed there opinions, and came out expressing there concerns regarding sidewalks being put in on the street. CM Lingua stated that there will be a Hearing on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, regarding Nicholson St. CM Lingua stated that the Danor property project on Lafayette Ave. has withdrawn his application for the eight lots. CM Lingua stated there have been some complaints regarding vandalism to the gardens by the Mansion, which has been just recently dedicated. CM Lingua stated that a lot of people have working over numerous years to bring back the Mansion, to let everyone benefit by the beautification of the Mansion. CM Lingua stated that to have this vandalism happen is just unacceptable. CM Lingua stated that he would like to thank the Recreation Board for putting on Riverdale Park Day. CM Lingua stated that the Festival of Lights, Children's Party, and the Holiday Party are coming up.

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

Ward 4, CM Henry, Public Safety

CM Henry spoke about all that occurred on Halloween Night. CM Henry asked if there anything that we can do to reduce the amount of car jacking that is occurring around our area. Action Chief Timmons commented that, the number of stolen vehicles compared to others, is not bad at all. He stated that stolen vehicles are always going to be a problem, it is a regional thing and it is an ongoing problem. CM Henry thanked Acting Chief Timmons for his knowledgeable information. CM Henry stated that Mr. Prangley is still working on the no u-turn sign for the Silk Tree Dr. intersection.

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CM Henry stated that we are anxious to hear on the street design for a street light on Good Luck Rd. and Silk Tree Ln. CM Henry stated that Good Luck Rd is a Nascar of Riverdale Park and would love to look into getting traffic cameras to monitor the exceeding amount of speeding especially on Good Luck Rd., Kenilworth Ave, and East West Hwy.

*This concludes the Ward 4, CM Henry's Report.*

Ward 6, CM Allen-Smith, Community Affairs

Mayor Archer read CM Allen-Smith's Ward Report.

CM Allen-Smith stated that she had the pleasure of acting as a judge at the Halloween Costume Contest, and stated that the turn out was great and the pets were adorable. CM Allen-Smith stated that she spoke with Town staff regarding two or three street lights that are out. CM Allen-Smith stated that the lights are still out, and would like another call put into Pepco. CM Allen-Smith stated that there is tall grass and weeds around trash cans on 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. and graffiti on a stop sign on the corner of 54<sup>th</sup> and Patterson St. CM Allen-Smith stated that she received an application from Mr. Leon Larry for permission to display a demonstration with around 25 others, in front of the Texaco on Kenilworth Ave. CM Allen-Smith stated that she thinks the Town should allow this demonstration for one day, and also would like an officer on duty during this demonstration.

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

**Public Comment**

Mary Donaldson-

Ms. Donaldson stated that the Traffic Study Committee Meeting tomorrow night at 7pm will be very important. Ms. Donaldson stated that the traffic concern is escalating. Ms Donaldson stated that people have expressed there opinions on TownTalk, but would like to invite the residents who are concerned to please come to the meeting tomorrow night. Ms. Donaldson would like to thank Waverly for all of her help. Ms. Donaldson stated that on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am, in honor of our hero's, there will be a short program, and would like to invited everyone to come and attend.

**Legislative Action**

- #1. Approval for October 1, 2007 regular Legislative Meeting Minutes.  
Motion to Approve- CM Walker  
Second- CM Sharpe  
**Approved**

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- #2. Modification/Expansion of Covenants on Properties of Potomac Development.  
Motion to amend section 6, to require that the project will commence in one year or less from the date of the signing of the contract.  
Motion to Approve- CM Walker  
Second- CM Sharpe  
**Approved**
- #3. Action on Phase 1 & 2 for Storm drain on Ingraham Street.  
Motion to appropriate from the capitol improvement budget \$130,000.00 for the engineering and construction of the storm drain improvement on Taylor Rd. & Ingraham St. by being fully reimbursed by the County.  
Motion to Approve- CM Lingua  
Second- CM Sharpe  
**Approved**
- Motion to waive the bid process.  
Motion to Approve- CM Lingua  
Second- CM Sharpe  
**Approved**
- Motion to award engineering of construction to GNC Consultants and to award the storm drain process to VMP Construction subject to County acceptance.  
Motion to Approve- CM Lingua  
Second- CM Sharpe  
**Approved**
- #4. Action on MOU for County Recycling.  
Motion to Approve- CM Sharpe  
Second- Walker  
**Approved**
- #5. Request for Application to Stage a Demonstration on Kenilworth Ave. for Mr. Leon Larry.  
Motion to Approve- CM Walker  
Second- CM Henry  
**Approved**
- #6. Approval for 6'ft 16ft long fence for Mr. Thomas Buckingham at 6103 44<sup>th</sup> Place- Ward 1.

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Motion to Approve- CM Walker  
Second- CM Henry  
**Approved**

#7. Approval for 48" X 8' Vinyl Fence for Aquilino Jarquin 4901 Queensbury Rd.Ward 2  
Motion to Approve-CM Sharpe  
Second- CM Henry  
**Approved**

#8. Introduction & Approval on Resolution 2007-R-17 regarding Publication of Archived Electronic Documents.  
Motion to Approve- CM Walker  
Second- CM Sharpe  
**Approved**

#9. Introduction & Approval on Resolution 2007-R-18 regarding creation of a reference package for incoming council members.  
Motion to Approve- CM Walker  
Second- CM Sharpe

Motion to Postpone to December legislative session- CM Walker  
Second- CM Lingua

#10. Introduction & Approval on Resolution 2007-R-19 regarding creation of a library of reference documents.  
Motion to Approve- CM Walker  
Second- CM Sharpe

Motion to table- CM Lingua  
Second- CM Henry  
**Approved**

#11. Introduction & Approval on Resolution 2007-R-20 establishing a process for the review recommendation regarding Mixed-Use Town Center Development plans and zoning Applications.  
Motion to Approve- CM Walker  
Second- CM Sharpe

Motion to Table- CM Henry  
Second- CM Lingua  
**Approved**

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**New Business**

MOU from Hyattsville for providing salt for the winter.

Motion to Approve- CM Henry

Second- CM Lingua

**Approved**

Motion to get driveway apron and curb cut on 5024 Oglethorpe St., 4590 Madison St., and 5012 Nicholson St., and waiving of all fees applicable.

Motion to Approve- CM Lingua

Second- CM Henry

**Approved**

Make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Approve- CM Sharpe

Second- CM Walker

**Approved**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:25p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted, Ashley Kiernan, November 26, 2007*