

April 25, 2016 Town Council Meeting:

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2016.
- Recognized Jamie Simms, Public Works Foreman, for Twenty Years of Service with the Town.
- Knowles Associates, LLC (10400 Connecticut Avenue) withdrew their request for a waiver of the landscaping requirements within Section 6-104 (c) "Signs and Commercial Regulations" of the Town Code.
- The Noyes Children's Library Foundation presented an overview of the proposed project at the Library, and requested funding help from the Town for the project.

April 25, 2016

Town Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, and Rodriguez, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. Council Member McMullen was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed.

The Minutes from the April 11, 2016 Town Council Meeting were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

The Mayor presented a certificate to Town Employee, Jamie Simms in recognition of twenty years of service to the Town.

Mayor Fosselman reported the **Day of the Book Festival** was a great event and he received a lot of positive feedback; he notified the Council of a request from the **Villages of Kensington**, a new nonprofit in the 20895 zip code, for use of space at Town Hall, which does not seem feasible due to the building's use and liability issues, more information regarding the request will be obtained for the Council to consider; he requested the Town Manager contact officials at **Prevention of Blindness** again regarding the large amount of merchandise outside their business; he met, along with Council Member Furman, with Maier Warner to discuss an opportunity the Town has with **FOX 5 News** for their **Zip Trip** on June 17th from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., FOX 5 News will be showcasing the Town, filming different areas along with broadcasting weather reports, and interviewing some Residents, including two children; he met along with Council Member Furman with the **Cedar Lane Nursery School** students who visited Town Hall and presented the Town with their artwork of a very detailed Town map.

Council Member Rodriguez reported he attended the Day of the Book Festival which was a tremendous success, he had the opportunity to meet Consul General Enrique Sarda Valls at the Festival who shared the history on the Day of the Book which originated in Spain; the renovation at Old Town Market has been completed; the Events Committee met last Thursday to discuss planning future dates for Town events and will be reviewing other locations in Town for smaller events; and he reminded everyone to vote in the primary election tomorrow.

Council Member Furman reported she attended and participated in the Day of the Book Festival at Flinn Park, which was very well attended, and thanked Dr. Tim Gall, Pediatric Resident at Walter Reed, for volunteering the entire day, and Paul Sexton for helping with the Town tent.

Council Member Bartram reported he attended the successful Day of the Book Festival; the Traffic Committee will be meeting on April 27th to discuss various traffic controls that will be installed; and he noted that he is on the republican primary ballot as a convention delegate.

Council Member Furman suggested parking on Armory Avenue during festivals may need to be changed to no parking on part of one side to alleviate congestion during church services.

Diana Ditto, Lindsay Field, and Katie Rangos, Board Members from the Noyes Children Library Foundation, were present to discuss the renovation project and fundraising requirements.

Lindsay Field, Board Member and Architect for Wiedemann Architects, LLC, explained the renovation of the project which will include three floors of usable space with elevator and stairway access. The renovation will allow more space for programs, accessible bathrooms, storage space, meeting space for local organizations, and the ability to offer space to a writer or artist in residence.

Diana Ditto stated the Foundation considers the Town a partner in the renovation endeavor; she thanked the Town for their ongoing support, including use of Town Hall for fundraising events, and stated the County has asked for a financial show of support from the Town. Ms. Ditto explained the cost of the project at 3.1 million, and the funding commitments they have received of 1 million from the County Executive, \$500,000 from the County Council, and \$150,000 from two bond bills from the State of Maryland. She stated the Foundation has committed to fundraising an additional 1.6 million for the renovation, associated construction and related site improvements. Ms. Ditto stated the Foundation's immediate need is \$25,000 from the Town to reach a goal of \$350,000 by July 1, 2016 in order to begin the design phase.

Leslie Olson, spoke in support of the Noyes Library, but questioned the cost associated with it and whether the uniqueness and charm of the library is being compromised.

Katie Rangos, Board Member of Noyes Library, explained how more space is needed due to the changing demographics of the Town.

Jack Gaffey, stated he supports the project, it is unique, a real gem, and an asset to our community.

Duane Rollins questioned whether the elevator structure will have the same type of roof structure as the library.

Kendall Watson questioned whether appurtenances are rendered in the drawing or will be added for the elevator structure.

Lindsay Field explained that originally the elevator tower had a similar peak roof but it was

removed so the elevator tower would not be taller than the building; appurtenances are not rendered in the drawing since it is a very preliminary schematic design; and most of the elevator equipment should be inside the building.

Joseph Campbell suggested it would be helpful if the Town clarified the global amount being requested for the Library.

The Mayor and Council discussed the funding request and whether a referendum would be needed, the possibility of incremental payments, or pledging the funds, if not available in this year's budget.

Town Manager Daily stated he checked with the Town Attorney and although it is a county facility, it is for a public purpose, and the Town can expend funds for a public purpose; there is some money in the contingency line item of the budget and there may be other areas that could be used to meet the \$25,000 and a resolution defining this could be drafted for the next meeting.

From the Town Manger and Staff

The Mayor discussed adding entry way signs at Kent Street, Lexington Street, St. Paul Street, and Summit Avenue to further define the limits of the Town and welcome visitors to the Town. The Town Staff will provide design and cost information for the signs at the next meeting.

Jack Gaffey spoke in support of gateway signs but noted that the sign at University Boulevard and Perry Avenue obstructs views of oncoming traffic when turning.

The Annual Labor Day Parade and Festival was discussed. Town Manager Daily stated there have been suggestions to change the route to better accommodate parade members exiting the parade, open up Howard Avenue sooner, and allow the expansion of the festival on Armory Avenue.

Elisenda Sola-Sole stated, as a Howard Avenue merchant, she is against moving the festival from Howard Avenue; she suggested the Events Committee could discuss the route.

Council Member Rodriguez will discuss the route at the next Events Committee meeting and report back to the Council with recommended routes.

Lindsay Field suggested Montgomery Avenue may be an easier ending route rather than Kensington Parkway, due to crossing the train tracks.

From the Public –

Jack Gaffey stated he worked at the Historical Society table during the Day of the Book Festival and thanked Elisenda Sola-Sole, Al Lacey, and Carl Porter for the great festival and all their hard work.

Kendall Watson stated his child was injured when he accidentally ran into the fluted part of the trash can between the swing set and the playground at St. Paul Park, he also heard this happened

to another child, and suggested something be put around the can to prevent this.

The Town will check to see if the manufacturer makes any adaptive device for the can.

Jack Gaffey, in reference to the trash can, suggested a piece of rubber tubing be cut and put around the fluted part of the can to prevent any injuries.

Leslie Olson, stated the Day of the Book Festival was very well done and suggested that maybe in the future vendors could be responsible for providing recycling.

Elisenda Sola-Sole stated the Day of the Book Festival included children's activities to bridge the gap and expand the festival to Flinn Park which worked well; recycling did not work a few years ago; and she welcomes any suggestions on providing recycling for the next festival.

Joseph Campbell stated he participated in Day of Book Festival, the event was very well done; and he requested enhanced enforcement at Frederick Place and Frederick Avenue intersection.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-07-2016 - A Resolution authorizing the Council's Action on a Variance request by Knowles Associates, LLC (10400 Connecticut Avenue) for a waiver on the Town's landscaping requirements was withdrawn. The applicant Gabriel Vine, attorney for Knowles Associates, LLC, was present and withdrew the request for a variance. Mr. Vine stated they will be removing the sign on Knowles Avenue to comply with the Town's sign ordinance; there are future plans for the property, and he will be setting up a future meeting regarding the property with the Town.

Council Actions –

Council Member Bartram moved to approve the Minutes from the April 11, 2016 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rodriguez moved to adjourn the Town Meeting at 8:27 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.