

## **Town Council Summary from the March 24, 2014 Town Meeting:**

- Approved the Town Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2014.
- A Courtesy Review was held on proposed new homes at 3912 and 3916 Baltimore Street.

### **February 24, 2014**

#### **Town Meeting 7:05 p.m.**

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer Engels, and Town Building Inspector Stablow were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for Jean Thompson, who recently passed away, and to keep Council Member Furman's son serving in Afghanistan in our thoughts.

The minutes from February 24, 2014 were reviewed and approved. See Council Actions.

#### **From the Mayor and Town Council –**

The Mayor reported the planter pots along Connecticut Avenue are for sale at a cost of \$25, in preparation for the State Highway Administration's (SHA) upcoming paving and refurbishing project. **Silver Creek** – attended a follow up meeting with the Department of Environment regarding flooding issues; a solution is being discussed within the Department. **Budget** – met with Town Manager Daily and Council Member McMullen to discuss the budget; the Public Hearing will be held on April 14, 2014, 7:00 pm.

Council Member Sexton reminded Residents that the Day of the Book Festival will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Furman suggested that the tentative date, June 14, for the Community Yard Sale may need to be changed due to a conflict with theater performances at the Armory; and also informed Residents that two new businesses will be opening, Frankly Pizza and Java Nation.

Council Member McMullen thanked the Public Works Crew for excellent snow removal on the March 17<sup>th</sup> storm and reported a follow up meeting with the Traffic Committee was held on March 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss business area parking - the Committee suggested keeping the four hour limit, continuing enforcement, and working with businesses to find dedicated spots for a new business parking permit – they are still waiting on information from businesses on the amount of spaces needed. The Committee will also review whether local traffic only may be used for some areas. He reminded Residents that the Council will be accepting questions with regards to the FY 15 Budget prior to the Public Hearing on April 14, 2014. All questions and concerns with regards to the Budget may be sent to [Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov](mailto:Mayor.Council@tok.md.gov)

Council Member Bartram reported that he attended the Traffic Committee meeting and 3rd Thursday; and also informed Residents that the March Town Journal contains information on a home energy audit he had done.

A courtesy review for two new homes to be built at 3912 and 3916 Baltimore Street was held. George Myers, GTM Architects, gave an overview of the proposed homes, which he stated are

designed to fit the neighborhood with a similar size and scope of the existing homes on Baltimore. He stated that throughout the design process, they have worked with the Local Advisory Panel (LAP) and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to preserve as much as possible within the current landscape. He stated a variance may be necessary for one property, due to the positioning suggested by the HPC. In response to questions, Mr. Myers explained that the retaining wall would be stone and an easement is needed for a driveway on one property because of spacing and the property not being subdivided. Barry Peoples stated the houses were the best overall design, which was achieved by the architect and builder working with the HPC in the initial stages.

### **Public Appearances –**

Barry Peoples suggested that with completion of the Sector Plan, there is an opportunity to work together for revitalization - he suggested HOC could be relocated closer to mass transit and the space used as a recreation area; Noyes Library renovation may be able to move forward in phases; improvement of the Mizell property; a county recreation center could be provided if Kensington Cabin was renovated; and Warner Manor could house a satellite art museum. Council Member Furman noted there may be grant restrictions on the uses for Warner Manor.

Jill Crump noted that the businesses parking along Howard and Fawcett directly affects the availability of off street parking for the apartments on Fawcett Street. The Mayor noted the Traffic Committee has been discussing business parking and the Town will enforce the parking restrictions; and he apologized for the Town not recognizing the ongoing culprit noted by Ms. Crump. Council Member Furman stated weekend enforcement may also need to be considered.

Yvonne Gurney noted that in the past, Kensington Cabin was used for small recreational activities; such as guitar lessons, and questioned the completion of landscaping at Kensington Cabin Park. The Mayor will contact Mr. Riley, Deputy Director with M-NCPPC, and check on landscaping and water pooling at Kensington Cabin Park.

### **Council Actions –**

Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.