

SECTION 5 OF THE VILLAGE OF CHEVY CHASE  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: January 9, 2007  
Time: 7:30pm  
Place: 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase Village Hall  
Present: Margy Abbott; Peter Gray; Farooq Hussain; Frances L. Higgins;  
Ira Rosenbaum; Andrew Smith; 3 Section 5 residents

1. Minutes

Andrew moved that the December 12, 2006, Council meeting minutes be approved as revised by email; Peter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Business

2. Discussion of Revision of Section 5's Permitting Process

There was some discussion about the cost of a deck permit fee. Margy suggested that decks be included with fences and walls and the fee should be \$100. The Council decided to follow her suggestion and place fences and walls together and charge a \$100 fee for each. Farooq said that he has some concerns about a resident being charged a \$5,000 deposit for a building permit fee and then not having this deposit returned to him/her. Ira suggested that a letter be sent to the resident at the end of a construction project notifying him/her that the project has ended and he/she may ask the town for the deposit to be returned. It was decided to include the following sentence in the building permit application: "After the resident/contractor has certified that the building project is complete and Section 5 has inspected the construction site and determined that there has been no damage to Section 5 property, the deposit will be returned to the resident/contractor. If, however, there has been damage to Section 5's property, the cost of the repairs will be deducted from the deposit and the remainder of the deposit will be returned to resident/contractor."

There was some discussion about whether the building site protocol might require an ordinance. It was decided to include the following sentence in the new building permit ordinance and thus preclude the necessity of including the building site protocol in the new ordinance: "The building inspector shall have the authority to require reasonable compliance with the building and sanitary regulations enacted by the Council."

Andrew asked if the Council should require a deposit for construction work described in section (d) under 10-231 in the Deposit section in the town's Code of Ordinances. There was some discussion but the Council did not make a decision about requiring a deposit.

Margy asked when Alan Beal will provide the Council a revised copy of the building permit application and the building site protocol. The manager will call Alan and ask him to email her a copy of these documents with the changes.

3. Citizens' Concerns

Farooq said that there are young children who gather at a certain the corner in the town in the morning and afternoon to ride the Montgomery County school bus and they are unsupervised. He is concerned about their safety because they climb trees and run

into the street. Ira said that he does not believe that the Council has authority over children who are unsupervised.

The Council decided not to take any action at this time.

Margy suggested that the Council include information in the next newsletter which asks parents to supervise their children when the children are waiting at the school bus stop and also to be respectful of others' property.

Farooq said that some residents have basketball goals on their own property but that children who play there, play in the street also.

#### New Business

Andrew said that the letter which David Podolsky wrote about the dangers of having basketball goals on public property was sent to the residents who currently have basketball goals on the public strip in front of their houses.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Margy said that about \$2,000 was collected from the residents for the holiday collection for the trash company employees. She said a \$3,000 donation was sent to the BCC Rescue Squad to help with the deficit. The manager will get a copy of the present budget to the Council so that it may begin to prepare the 2007-08 budget at the February meeting.

#### 5. Building Inspector's Report

Permit granted

3705 Williams Lane – back and side yard fence

#### 6. Manager's Report

Andrew said that the County police have apprehended the third person involved in the break in on Underwood St. It has not been determined whether someone has offered information which would allow him/her to collect the reward which Section 5 offered for the arrest and conviction of the person/persons responsible for the break in.

The Council agreed to give each of the five trash company employees who service the town a \$50 holiday bonus.

The Council seats of Ira, Margy, and Andrew will be up for election at the 2007 Annual Meeting, April 10, 2007.

The Council agreed to publish a new telephone directory this year and will send an initial flyer asking for information and than second one.

WSSC has sent the town a MOU agreeing to pay 50% of the cost of milling and paving Woodbine St.

The company conducting the traffic study for the town will have the data ready for the February Council meeting. This information will assist the Council in deciding about installing speed bumps.

Andrew moved that the meeting adjourn; there was a second and the motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 7:30pm, at the Village Hall 5906 Connecticut Ave.