

PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED BOCA BASIC HOUSING CODE
APRIL 2, 1969

Mayor Miller welcomed the interested citizens present and called the Public Hearing to order at 8:05 p.m. The Invocation was rendered by Councilman Forshee. All Council Members were present as well as many other City Officials.

Mayor Miller stated that the Public Hearing is being held in compliance with the City Charter of the City of Takoma Park for the consideration of adopting a Housing Code known as the BOCA Basic Housing Code. He noted that the Public Hearing has been advertised for the required length of time in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with the Charter. He further noted that the Council would not accept or reject the Code tonight or in the next few weeks in order that written comments may be received from interested individuals and organizations. Mayor Miller stated that the Housing Ordinance is under the jurisdiction of the Public Welfare Committee and introduced Councilman Hutmire, Chairman of the Committee who will preside over the Hearing.

Councilman Hutmire thanked the Mayor and expressed appreciation to those present for displaying their interest by attending the Hearing. He referred to various statistics both National and Local setting forth the present trend in building as well as problems existing in present housing units and projected needs. He referred to studies made by the Washington Council of Governments which indicate that the majority of housing problems can be eliminated by better housing codes and code enforcement. He noted the Master Plan for the City of Takoma Park is presently being studied by the Park and Planning Commission for possible revision due to the probable impact of the proposed rapid transit station to be located in the City. He added that the Mayor and Council have met with the planners recently and probably will conduct more meetings in the future. Councilman Hutmire noted that the purpose of the meeting tonight is for consideration of the strongest possible housing code for the City in an effort to correct existing problems and eliminate possible new ones. He stated that the BOCA Basic Housing Code has had wide acceptance nationally and is now in effect in the Prince George's County section of the City, with amendments as adopted by Prince George's County. Councilman Hutmire noted that other measures have been taken to eliminate housing problems such as the adoption of Ordinance 1946 creating the Citizens Advisory and Review Board, the consideration of a Housing Authority for the City and the creation of a Code Enforcement Officer position and the subsequent appointment of two men.

Councilman Hutmire stated that the record of the Hearing will be left open for comments and recommendations for several weeks.

Q. Mr. Terry: Stated that there is a State Law requiring all contractors to have a License issued by the State under the Home Improvement Law.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Stated that this will have to be looked into in ascertaining who requires a License.

Q. Mr. Gerald Williams: Stated that he would like to compliment the Mayor and Council for attempting to implement a new and stronger housing code. He noted that any thinking person in the City of Takoma Park should be in agreement with the fact that certain areas have gone downhill and will continue to unless a strong code is adopted. He further added that he felt certain the City would want to adopt some amendments in order to make the BOCA Code apply locally.

Q. Mr. Charles Howe: Mr. Howe noted that any code adopted should spell out the number of times a property should be inspected during the course of a year. He further added that the City Attorney should give some thought to the sections that give the Housing Inspector the authority to inspect a house, and referred to the Prince George's County Amendments which include this provision.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Noted that provisions for this are set forth in the amendments adopted by Prince George's County and will be considered.

Q. Mrs. Oehlaf: Inquired as to the legal liability of a property owner whose dog may attack or bite a Building Inspector.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Replied that one of the requirements for inspection is that it be conducted during a reasonable and convenient time and that he would assume that in most cases, an appointment would be set up, thereby affording some protection.

Q. Mr. Oehlaf: In referring to Section H-130.2, he stated that property which is boarded up could become an eyesore particularly if the property is owned by a speculator with no intention of fixing it up.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Stated that this matter must be considered and that perhaps the creation of a Housing Authority would be the answer as it would facilitate the purchase and renovation of the property by the City.

Q. Mrs. Simpson: Noted that the BOCA Code does not seem to be broad enough in the area of boarding up a property as it does not make provision for the demolition as the Montgomery County Code does. Stated that the City should consider this also.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Noted that the Prince George's County amendments have taken this into consideration

Q. Mr. Kennealy: Inquired as to whether all buildings would be inspected once a year.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Stated that the previous policy has been to concentrate on the buildings receiving complaints and which appear to be in need of inspection. He further noted that a well-trained inspector knows when and where to inspect first.

Q. Mr. Kennealy: Inquired as to what the citizens group is and what are the functions.

A. Mrs. Simpson: Upon request by Councilman Hutmire, Mrs. Simpson outlined the basic responsibilities of the Citizens Advisory and Review Board and noted that there are 27 active members at the present time.

Q. Mr. Kennealy: Asked if the City felt that 27 members of the Citizens Advisory and Review Board and two Code Enforcement Officers would be adequate for the enforcement of a code such as BOCA.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Stated that most likely the need will arise for additional personnel for the proper enforcement.

Q. Mr. Gerald Williams: Stated that a couple of speakers brought up a very important point that is applicable in Takoma Park. Stated that there are several older areas in the City and it is important that something be adopted that would apply to boarded up buildings that may be unfit for human habitation but not actually unsafe enough to require demolition.

Q. Mrs. Simpson: Noted that the present City Code which relates to H-140.0 of the BOCA Code would appear to be more specific as to who notice of a violation may be served on and that perhaps this previous Section 3 of Article 15 now in effect for the City should be retained.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Stated that no decision has been made as of yet whether to adopt BOCA in its entirety, or in part, or to include the Prince George's County amendments or make additional amendments.

Q. Member of audience: Stated the fine now imposed by the City for violation does not seem to be as adequate as provided by the Prince George's County amendments.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Noted that a person can be fined up to \$50.00 per day and that such an amount could add up to a large sum if the owner does not correct the violation.

Q. Mrs. Simpson: In regards to Section H 210.0, Mrs. Simpson stated that she felt that the term "Lodger" should be more clearly defined as to whether considered a member of the family or a roomer.

Q. Member of audience: Inquired as to whether Section 324.2 concerning insect screens takes into consideration air conditioned buildings.

Q. Mr. Charles Howe: Stated that the code should require that every dwelling unit be equipped with a kitchen.

Q. Councilman Turner: Inquired as to what measures could be taken if heating facilities were not operating properly in a building owned by an absentee landlord.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Stated that perhaps an emergency clause could be included whereby the City would have the authority to make emergency repairs and charge the owner. He further noted that this would be, again, one of the many things which will have to be dealt with before adoption.

Q. Councilman Roth: Stated that the heating requirements set forth in section H 403.0 requiring heat adequate to maintain a temperature of 70 degrees when the external temperature is 10 degrees below zero may have to be changed to apply to local weather conditions.

Q. Mr. Kennealy: There has been considerable talk regarding the overcrowding of units in Takoma Park. Is it thought that this is occurring in very many units?

A. Councilman Hutmire: Stated that he does not think this is occurring in large number of cases.

Q. Mr. Kennealy: Inquired as to who should be contacted when overcrowding is observed by someone.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Replied that the Code Enforcement Officers could be contacted at the Public Works Department or a call to the City Office would be sufficient for the proper channeling to the Code Enforcement Officers.

Q. Mrs. Tracy Porter: Inquired as to whether the expanded inspection service would apply mainly to multiple-family dwellings.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Stated that inspection would apply to single family dwellings where inspection would appear to be necessary.

Q. Councilman Turner: Stated that these provisions should be made very clear in order that an inspection would not be the result of harassment by a neighbor, etc.

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Q. Member of Audience: Inquired as to whether consideration has been given to the control of air pollution particularly related to large apartment buildings.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Stated that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has issued Air Pollution Control Ordinances which cover the City. However, inclusion of such control will be considered for the Housing Code.

A. Councilman Roth: Stated that the purpose of considering the BOCA Code is to possibly enable the City do accomplish two things; adopt a Nationally used Code for application to the City and by the adoption of this, enable the provisions to be enforced in both single and multiple-family dwellings.

Q. Member of Audience: Stated that he felt that provisions should not apply to owner-occupied dwellings.

A. Councilman Jones: Noted that quite often the problem is not with owner-occupied dwellings but rather absentee landlords who are renting out single-family homes.

A. Councilman Turner: Stated that originally his feeling was that single-family homes should not be included, however, after consideration, feels that this is necessary in order to protect others.

A. Councilman Hutmire: Noted that provisions for single-family homes will definitely require considerable study before adoption. He further noted that there have been some owner-occupied buildings which have caused problems. He stated that under the present Code, the City does not have the authority to inspect the interior of a building which, in some cases, should be rendered uninhabitable. He stated that many such buildings have become a definite eyesore.

Q. Member of Audience: Noted that it would seem to be a step backwards if a Housing Code was adopted that excluded individual homeowners.

A. Councilman Jones: Stated that the owner-occupied homes are not necessarily the problem, but rather single-family dwellings.

Q. Mr. Smith: Noted that he is the owner of some rental property and perhaps it would be well to inform tenants that they have a certain amount of responsibility also and could do some things on their own.

A. Mr. Barry Levine: Stated that the BOCA Basic Housing Code makes no distinction between owner-occupied and non-owner-occupied and is now in effect in the Prince George's County section of Takoma Park.

Q. Mrs. Simpson: Noted that since the City of Takoma Park is located adjacent to the District of Columbia, and Virginia and within two Counties that a nationally accepted code would appear to be the most effective.

At this time, Councilman Hutmire requested closing remarks from Mayor Miller.

Mayor Miller stated that comments should be submitted in writing as soon as possible for consideration. There being no further discussion, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Barry Levine
~~City Administrator~~ Deputy
~~Clerk-Treasurer~~ City Clerk

APPROVED:

George M. Miller
 Mayor

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THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

APRIL 14, 1969

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Miller
Councilman Geib
Councilman Hutmire
Councilman Jones
Councilman Kennedy
Councilman Roth
Councilman Turner

City Administrator Pridgen
Deputy City Clerk Levine
Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Chief LaScola
Chief Foster
Director of Public Works Rhodes
Code Enforcement Officer Wollner
Code Enforcement Officer Thorowgood
Director of Recreation Ziegler

Councilman Forshee: Excused

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Executive Session in the Council Room, 8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland at 8:05 P.M. April 14, 1969.

Mayor Miller led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the meeting of March 24, 1969. Councilman Kennedy moved that the Minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: City Administrator Pridgen reporting

1. Col. W.J. Love, U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Notice of Public Hearing on Flood Control Improvements, Anacostia River and Tributaries, Prince Georges County, Maryland, College Park Community Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, Maryland, April 23, 1969 at 8:00 P.M. (Public Works Committee and Council as a Whole)
2. Hon. Beverly Briley, (Mayor, Nashville, Tenn.) President, National League of Cities, Notification of the appointment of Mayor Miller as a member of the Committee on International Municipal Cooperation of N.L.C. (Council Files)
3. Hon. Lucille Maurer, House of Delegates (District 2, Montgomery County): Concerning her support of the Open Space Bill. (Council Files)
4. Montgomery County Board of Appeals, Notice of Public Hearing 9:30 A.M. April 24, 1969, Rockville, Appeal of Roger W. Mason, Case No. 2578 for Special Exception for operation of a restaurant at 7214 Carroll Avenue, Lots 1 and 2, Block One, Carrolls Addition to Takoma Park and variance for nine(9) required parking spaces in the C-2 zone. (Civic Improvements Committee)
5. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-8037, David G. and Frederick E. Strahle, Owners, Lots 17, 18 and 11 Blocks 35 and 36 May's Resubdivision - 701-705 Colby Avenue, 34,000 sq. ft. R-55 to R-T (Townhouse) Zone (Civic Improvements Committee)
6. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Zoning Amendment Petition No. A-8081 Vera B. Emery, Owner, 17,402 sq. ft. New Hampshire Avenue and Ray Road, C-1 and R.R. to C-2 zone. (Civic Improvement Committee)

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Correspondence received continued

7. Prince Georges County Municipal Association - Notice of April Meeting 8:00 P.M. April 17, Laurel City Hall, 900 Montgomery Street. (Council as a Whole)
8. Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, Chairman, Department of Speech, Columbia Union College, Expression of appreciation for Mayor Miller's participation in recent ceremony on the demolition of North Hall. (Refer to Council Files)
9. Aubrey F. Kinzer, Director, Physical Plant, Columbia Union College: Expression of appreciation for the Police and Fire Departments actions during the recent fire in the Science Building (Police and Fire Departments' Files)
10. Becky Combs, Principal, Takoma Park Elementary School: Request that a "Caution - Children" sign be erected at Lee and Carroll Avenues: (Law Enforcement Committee)
11. Carl A. Anderson, Washington Building Congress, Inc. 1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.: Stating their position on the highway and rail transportation system in the District of Columbia. (Council as a Whole)
12. N. Arthur Lessner, Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 7700 Flower Avenue: Requesting permission to install a radio burglar alarm system with a direct alarm to the police headquarters. (Law Enforcement Committee)
13. Copy of a letter to James H. Gordon, from M.S. Caltrider, District Engineer: Acknowledging receipt of letter regarding traffic conditions at the intersection of Piney Branch Road, Takoma Avenue and Eastern Avenue: (Law Enforcement Committee)
14. W.H. Shepherd, 134 Grant Avenue: Letter regarding refuse from 48 Philadelphia Avenue which is causing unsightly conditions along owner's fence. (Public Welfare Committee)
15. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Iverson, 110 Sherman Avenue: Letter requesting enlargement of police department. (Law Enforcement Committee and Finance Committee)
16. Kathryn T. Simpson, Chairman, Citizens Advisory and Review Board: Requesting beautification of the property on the east side of Carroll Avenue at Grant Avenue (Civic Improvement Committee)
17. Howard Larcombe, 1105 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring: Advising settlement has been made on sale of premises at 6617 Allegheny Avenue from Emergency Homes, Inc. to Mr. and Mrs. Dyson. (Council Files)
18. John B. Sellman, Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc.: Letter addressed to the Takoma Park Fire Department enclosing certificate of appreciation expressing thanks for the help and consideration given by the Fire Department during their campaign. (Fire Department Files)
19. David B. Gratz, Fire Chief, Silver Spring, Md.: Letter addressed to Chief LaScola expressing appreciation for plaque presented by the Takoma Park Fire Department. (Refer to Volunteer Fire Department)

FINANCIAL REPORT: City Administrator Pridgen read the Financial Statement for the month of March. (see last page of Minutes)

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the first meeting for April and advised that the next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, April 28th, 1969. He advised also that the Sister City Committee is having their monthly meeting on April 16th at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber at which time Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Smith will show pictures of Jequie, Takoma Park's Sister City in Brazil. Councilmen and wives and all interested citizens are invited to attend.

Mayor Miller stated that a Proclamation will be issued making the month of May "Boys' Club Month." During this month Club members will be selling bumper stickers for \$2.00 which helps underwrite their summer and winter programs. He added that the Takoma Park Boys' Club is subsidized by local businessmen but these collections must go a long way to make this a very healthy program in the City.

Mrs. Norton, Secretary of the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Takoma Park presented Mayor Miller with the book "Proclamation of Baha'u'llah." on behalf of the Baha's community. Mrs. Norton added that the Baha'i community wished to be of service to the community to foster any plans for unity and to further mankind's progress. A number of the Baha'i community were also present and were photographed with Mayor Miller by Captain West of the Fire Department.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mrs. Evelyn Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue: Mrs. Ferry stated that she hoped that there would be a recreation program at Spring Park this Spring. Remarked that there was some trash burning around the neighborhood which should be stopped. Stated that the Public Hearing of April 2nd was not sufficiently advertised and thought our present Ordinances, if properly enforced, were sufficient.
2. Mrs. Holmes, 10 Pine Avenue: Mrs. Holmes expressed a vote of confidence to the Mayor and Council members. She also requested that the proposed BOCA Code should be looked into very carefully before a decision is made.
3. Mrs. Kathryn Simpson, 7300 Cedar Avenue: Presented the Council members with a list of suggested names for presently named Citizen's Advisory and Review Board. Mrs. Simpson reminded the Council members of the Board's meeting on April 17th at which time Mr. Maynard will speak regarding a beautification plan for Takoma Park.
4. Mrs. E. Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue: Mrs. Ferry suggested an anti-litter campaign might help clean up the city streets. She also requested that a derelict car be removed from her neighborhood.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE: Councilman Kennedy reporting:

1. SIREN: Councilman Kennedy advised that until Chief LaScola receives all of the prices on different types of home alarm receivers the siren use will be cut down from three blasts to two to help curtail some of the problems in the area.
2. WHEATON RESCUE SQUAD: No proposal to make at this time.
3. PERSONNEL: Councilman Kennedy proposed a motion recommending that Private B.J. Wallace who has been a probationary employee since April 1, 1968 receive his permanent appointment effective April 1, 1969, retro-active. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
4. PERSONNEL: Councilman Kennedy proposed a motion recommending that Private J.P. McCauley's probationary period be extended until July 1, 1969 to enable him to comply with his high school diploma requirement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.
5. NEW FIRE BILL #10-69 FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY: Councilman Kennedy advised that copies of the new fire bill for Montgomery County Fire Service had been distributed and requested that this item be placed on the Agenda.
6. BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 1969/70: Councilman Kennedy acknowledged receipt of the Budget for the fiscal year from the Fire Department. Included among the items for further discussion is a proposed salary increase of 7% for personnel and improvements to the Fire House to accommodate the new ladder truck when it is received.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth reporting

1. HEFFNER PARK RECREATION CENTER: Councilman Roth advised that the Public Works Department has finished the installation of fluorescent lights and touched up the paint job.
2. EMERGENCY GENERATOR: Councilman Roth reported that the expanded metal enclosure for the emergency generator at the Fire Department has been completed
3. SHOWERS: Councilman Roth advised that the shower stall and metal partitions have been installed in the rest room off the bunk room in the Fire Department.
4. STREET CLEANING: It was reported that the Public Works Department is continuing to collect many truck loads of debris and leaves from the streets throughout the City.
5. PARK AVENUE CURBING: Councilman Roth stated that the installation of curb and gutter on Park Avenue is more than half completed.
6. WINCHESTER-TAKOMA: Councilman Roth presented a plat plan from the owners of this property for the additional parking spaces in front of the building.
7. GRAVEL FOR HODGES FIELD: Councilman Roth advised that this item be taken from the Agenda as additional blue stone has been placed in the mud holes at the edge of the drive and parking area on Hodges Field.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting

1. 114 GRANT AVENUE: Councilman Geib requested that Corporation Counsel Gingerich contact the owners of this property to force them to repair the housing violations on their property.
2. 1111 SLIGO CREEK PARKWAY: This property will be kept under close surveillance to see that the owner continues to comply with the Court Order.
3. PINEY BRANCH ROAD: Councilman Geib requested that City Administrator Pridgen write to the B & O Railroad and the District of Columbia to clear property in the vicinity of the underpass near Piney Branch Road as this area has been deteriorating for a good many years and needs immediate attention.
4. CITIZENS ADVISORY AND REVIEW BOARD: Councilman Geib referred to a memorandum from City Administrator Pridgen listing the persons who have agreed to serve or be reappointed to the Citizen's Advisory and Review Board for the purpose of aiding the Mayor and Council in urging compliance to and enforcing Ordinance No. 1946:

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| ZONE 1. | Mr. Samuel Cohen, Co-Chairman | 7815 Takoma Avenue |
| | Mrs. John M. Connell, Co-Chairman | 511 New York Avenue |
| ZONE 2A | Mrs. Raymond M. McGuire, Chairman | 7212 Willow Avenue |
| | Mrs. Allen Marsh | 7405 Maple Avenue |
| | Mrs. Tracy Porter | 7305 Maple Avenue |
| ZONE 2B | Mr. Clarence Boatman, Co-Chairman | 133 Ritchie Avenue |
| | Mr. Lee Jordan, Co-Chairman | 107 Geneva Avenue |

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| ZONE 3 | Dr. Stephen S. Hiten, Chairman Mrs. Margaret Holmes Mr. J. Thomas Blake | 7 Hickory Avenue 10 Pine Avenue 30 Columbia Avenue |
| ZONE 4 | Mrs. Leslie Tull | 21 Sherman Avenue |
| ZONE 5 | Mr. John Degen | 20 Montgomery Avenue |
| ZONE 6 | Mrs. Allen B. Thornton Mr. Russell Dyke Mrs. Edwin Shane (Margaret) | 1104 Kingwood Drive 1102 Kingwood Drive 1108 Kingwood Drive |
| ZONE 7A | Mr. Joseph J. Diamond Mr. B.A. Brady | 816 Larch Avenue 436 Lincoln Avenue |
| ZONE 7B | Mr. Clifford J. Waldron, Chairman Mr. Carson Davis Mr. Elmer Polk | 600 Elm Avenue 517 Ethan Allen 611 Elm Avenue |

Councilman Geib moved that the appointment of the above persons be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and duly carried.

5. PARCEL "C" (Pts. Lts. 2, 3 and 4) Block 3: Councilman Geib advised that the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission had submitted plans for the proposed resubdivision for consideration and recommendation and therefore proposed a motion that they be advised that the Mayor and Council are favorable to the plans and have no objection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

6. 7214 CARROLL AVENUE: Councilman Geib proposed a motion requesting that the Montgomery County Board of Appeals be advised that the City strongly objects to this Appeal for a Special Exception for the operation of a restaurant at 7214 Carroll Avenue and variance for nine required parking spaces in the C-2 zone and that Corporation Counsel Gingerich represent the City at the Public Hearing at 9:30 A.M. April 24, 1969. The motion was seconded and duly carried.

7. 6611 COCKERILLE AVENUE: Councilman Geib requested that this item be placed on the Agenda as the owners of this property have 60 days (to 6/8/69) to revert to single family use.

8. 206 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE: Councilman Geib reported that this property is now being rented by the owner as an R-60 single-family dwelling.

9. PETITION NO. A-8081: Councilman Geib requested that the Prince George's County Council be advised that the City of Takoma Park has no objection to the rezoning from C-1 & R.R. to C-2 zone of 17,402 sq. ft. of land at New Hampshire Avenue and Ray Road.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. LIBRARY ADDITION: Councilman Jones advised that the major part of the construction of the Library addition has been completed with the exception of minor work on the air conditioner and heating system has to be completed.

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. RECREATION PROGRAMS: Councilman Jones advised that during the Easter vacation very successful skating program was carried on at the Fire House Gymnasium. This was made possible through the cooperation of Sharon Ward, Director of the Wheaton Youth Center who lent the skates for the program. Mrs. Ziegler did a wonderful job transporting the skates back and forth as they had to be returned after each session.

2. SPRING PLAYGROUND: The Director of Recreation has advised that the spring playground is now open at the Takoma Park Recreation Center and will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:30 to 5.30 P.M. to 6 weeks. Spring Park and J. Enos Ray will open Monday, April 21, Mondays through Fridays, 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. for six weeks. New Slimnastic classes, advanced cake decorating and flower arranging classes commenced this week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Vice-Chairman Turner reporting:

No report.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilmen Turner reporting

1. CHANNEY DRIVE: Following recommendations from Chief Foster, Councilman Turner proposed a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2053

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

SECTION 1. THAT a "Do Not Block the Sidewalk" sign be placed in front of 700 Chaney Drive, AND

SECTION 2. THEREFORE THAT the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to proceed with the erection of the necessary sign at the appropriate location, AND

SECTION 3. FURTHER THAT the penalties for the violation of this Ordinance shall be the same as prescribed by Ordinances governing traffic regulations in the City of Takoma Park.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jones and the Ordinance adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Geib, Hutmire, Jones Kennedy Roth and Turner. Nays: None: Excused: Councilman Forshee.

2. LEE AND CARROLL AVENUES: With reference to the correspondence received from the Principal of the Takoma Park Elementary School, Councilman Turner requested that the Director of Public Works Rhodes erect a "Caution Children" sign at the intersection of Lee and Carroll Avenues.

3. PERSONNEL: Upon recommendation of Major Foster, Chief of Police, Councilman Turner proposed a motion elevating Det/Cpl. W.W. Dalrymple, who has been a member of the Detective Bureau since July 1, 1967 to the rank of Detective Sergeant, effective April 15, 1969.

4. AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS FOR CRUISERS # 4 and #7: Councilman Turner referred to a memorandum from Major Foster advising that bids from several area firms for the purchase of air conditioning units and their installation in Cars #4 and #7 had been obtained and therefore proposed a motion authorizing the purchase of these units from Sears, Roebuck & Co., White Oak, Maryland at a cost of \$476.00 to be allocated from the Wales Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

5. PRINCE GEORGE'S AVENUE AND ELM AVENUE: Mayor Miller referred to this four way stop and requested that a "Children at Play" sign be erected in the vicinity as quite a number of children cross here on their way to Forest Park.

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE: Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. STREET-CLEANING: Councilman Hutmire advised that the Public Works Department is actively promoting cleaning up in the City and is continuing to collect many truck loads of debris and leaves from the streets.

2. PEOPLES ORGANIZATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY: Councilman Hutmire requested that the City Administrator invite this organization to give a short presentation at the next Council meeting to be held on Monday April 28, 1969.

3. BOCA Basic Housing Code: Councilman Hutmire commented that the Minutes of the Public Hearing have been completely and carefully done by Mrs. Kramer and that one commenting letter had been received from the B.F. Gilbert's Association. He stated that at the Hearing it was decided a period of time would be set to receive further comments and therefore proposed a motion to allow a 60-day period from April 2nd to allow for further public comments regarding the proposed BOCA Basic Housing Code. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly accepted.

4. WINCHESTER-TAKOMA: Councilman Hutmire advised that the owners of this property will clean up the surrounding area and that overcrowding which existed in Apartment 204 has been cleared up and restored to proper condition.

5. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS: Councilman Hutmire advised that the Director of Public Works has just approved a general procedure for the proper enforcement of the City's existing code and any new codes which the City may adopt out of the BOCA Code. The City will be divided into two areas for the purpose of enforcing the City Housing Codes and each code enforcement officer shall be responsible for his area.

6. SPRING CLEAN UP: Councilman Hutmire reported that the City's Annual Spring trash collection and clean-up, paint-up drive will be held April 23 and 30 and May 7 and 14 and the following rules apply:

Due to disposal problems, residents are requested to separate combustible and non-combustible items before placing them at curbside for collection. Incinerators accept only combustible material, whereas the land-fill depository accepts only non-combustible articles from the City.

In addition, there is by necessity an overall size limitation on articles which will be picked up free of charge. Collection trucks can handle only items no greater than four feet by two feet. Consequently large articles such as refrigerators, old stoves, washers, driers, water heaters and large pieces of furniture, couches, bed springs, etc., unless reduced to this size, cannot be collected.

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Public Welfare Committee continued

Not included in collectible items are debris from building remodeling, rocks, dirt stumps and parts of automobiles. These must be disposed of on an individual basis.

During the four weeks of the annual spring clean-up campaign it will not be necessary to call the Public Works Department for this special pick-up service, but material to be collected must be left at curbside on each of the four Wednesdays of the drive.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, at 9:50 P.M. the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 P.M. April 28th at #8 Columbia Avenue.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF BANK BALANCES
AS OF MARCH 31, 1969

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - GENERAL FUNDS

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| Balance as of February 28, 1969 | 36,104.54 | |
| * March Cash Receipts | <u>96,625.20</u> | 132,729.74 |
| March Disbursement | | <u>108,524.51</u> |
| Balance as of March 31, 1969 | | <u>24,205.23</u> |

* Includes Treasury Bills matured \$50,000.00

SUBURBAN TRUST COMPANY - PAYROLL ACCOUNT

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| Balance as of February 28, 1969 | 13,340.72 | |
| Transfer from General Fund | <u>59,963.87</u> | 73,304.59 |
| March Cash Disbursements | | <u>57,804.89</u> |
| | | <u>15,499.70</u> |

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - GENERAL FUNDS

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| Balance as of February 28, 1969 | 139.12 | |
| No transactions during March | <u>-</u> | 139.12 |
| | | <u>139.12</u> |

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND

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| Balance as of February 28, 1969 | 1,876.36 | |
| No transactions during March 31 | <u>-</u> | 1,876.36 |
| Balance as of March 31, 1969 | | <u>1,876.36</u> |

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK - GENERAL FUNDS

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| Balance as of February 28, 1969 | 442.21 | |
| No transactions during March | <u>-</u> | 442.21 |
| Balance as of March 31, 1969 | | <u>442.21</u> |

CITIZENS BANK OF MARYLAND - RECREATION SAVINGS A/C TP63

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| Balance as of February 28, 1969 | 1,407.62 | |
| No transactions during March | <u>-</u> | 1,407.62 |
| Balance as of March 31, 1969 | | <u>1,407.62</u> |

Petty Cash

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| Balance as of March 31, 1969 | | <u>200.00</u> |
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U.S. TREASURY BILLS

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| Purchased | 9/10/68 | Due to mature | 4/22/69 | 48,363.56 | 50,000.00 |
| " | 9/11/68 | " " " | 5/31/69 | 28,856.57 | 30,000.00 |
| " | 9/26/68 | " " " | 5/21/69 | 19,284.58 | 20,000.00 |
| " | 10/18/68 | " " " | 6/30/69 | 48,072.89 | 50,000.00 |
| | | | | <u>144,577.60</u> | <u>150,000.00</u> |

APPROVED:

George M. Milled
Mayor

ATTEST:

Barry Levine
City Administrator
Deputy Clerk Treasurer

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

APRIL 28, 1969

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

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| Mayor Miller | City Administrator Fridgen |
| Councilman Geib | Deputy City Clerk Levine |
| Councilman Hutmire | Assistant Corporation Counsel Culpepper |
| Councilman Jones | Chief LaScola |
| Councilman Kennedy | Chief Foster |
| Councilman Roth | Director of Public Works Rhodes |
| Councilman Turner | Director of Recreation Ziegler |
| | Code Enforcement Officer Wollner |
| | Code Enforcement Officer Thorowgood |

Excused: Councilman Forshee

The Mayor and Council for the City of Takoma Park convened in Executive Session in the Council Room, #8 Columbia Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland at 8:10 P.M. April 28, 1969

Mayor Miller led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilman Edwin S. Turner rendered the Invocation.

Mayor Miller called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the meeting of April 14, 1969. Councilman Geib moved that the Minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hutmire and duly carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - CITY ADMINISTRATOR PRIDGEN REPORTING:

1. Hon. Marvin Mandel, Governor of Maryland, Executive Department, Annapolis, Md.: Letter calling attention to the Highway Safety Program which will have a Regional Meeting on April 30, 1969 at 10:00 A.M. at the American Legion Post 108, 3801 Cheverly Avenue, Cheverly, Maryland. (Law Enforcement Committee)
2. A. E. Gibson, Maritime Administrator, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.: Letter advising that May 22nd has been declared National Maritime Day and asking for assistance in focusing the attention of the residents of the City on National Maritime Day. (Council Files)
3. Dr. Robert Wiley, Campus Dean and Harry B. Packard, Business Manager, Montgomery Junior College, Takoma Park, Md.: Letter requesting radio communication between the college and the Takoma Park Police Department to be used for emergency contact day and night. (Law Enforcement Committee)
4. Achilles M. Tuchten, Chairman, Montgomery County Chapter, Maryland Municipal League, Gaithersburg, Md.: Letter calling attention to a meeting of the Montgomery County Municipal Association to be held at Rockville Council Chamber, Thursday May 15 at 8:30 p.m. (Council Files)
5. Peter A. Menedis, President Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.: Letter relating to budget problems of the Volunteer Fire Department and suggestions for the forthcoming budget. (Fire Protection Committee)

Correspondence received continued:

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6. Robert H. Pierson, The Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W. Takoma Park, Md.: Acknowledging receipt of message from Mayor and Council regarding the Seventh-Day Adventist Church's decision not to re-locate. (Council Files)
7. Mrs. Sylvia Cutler, Teacher, Home Study Nursery School, Chevy Chase, Maryland: Letter of appreciation regarding the renovations which have been completed at the Heffner Park Recreation Center. (Council Files)
8. Mrs. Melvin Holmes, B.F. Gilbert Citizens Association, Takoma Park, Md.: Letter requesting that the Mayor and Council hold more and better publicized public hearings and that the re-writing of the Housing Code be submitted for public referendum before adoption. (Public Welfare Committee)
9. Mrs. John W. Quattlebaum, 8000 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.: Requesting that a "Caution Children at Play" sign be erected on Edinburgh Lane and that the "No Thru Trucks" sign be replaced on Maplewood Avenue. (Law Enforcement Committee)
10. J. C. Chizanshos, 7403 Holly Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.: Suggesting several ways of alleviating the dangerous traffic situation which exists at Holly and Dogwood Avenues. (Law Enforcement Committee)
11. E. Neal Bozarth, Jr., 7326 Willow Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.: Letter calling attention to the Public Hearing to be held May 19th with regard to the future plans of the Montgomery Junior College, Takoma Park Campus. (Public Welfare Committee)
12. H. B. Batchelor, 508 Albany Avenue, Takoma Park, Md.: Letter regarding damage to city-owned alley off Carroll Avenue and requesting that the owners of the nursing home be requested to move fill dirt to the damaged area just prior to completion of work. (Public Works Committee)
13. Mr. Kenneth C. Stewart, 666 Houston Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland: Letter of appreciation and commendation to the members of the Takoma Park Fire Department. (Fire Prevention Committee)

MAYOR MILLER'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Miller welcomed those present to the second meeting during the month of April and urged all to attend the next meeting to be held May 12, 1969. Mayor Miller reminded citizens that May is the month when members of the Takoma Park Boys' Club will be knocking at your door requesting a donation for a bumper sticker for your car. He added that this project is very worthwhile. The Boys' Club has been incorporated in Takoma Park since 1953 and does a tremendous job with the boys in Takoma Park. Mayor Miller read the following Proclamation:

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the activities of Boy's Clubs throughout our Nation and the entire world are recognized as a massive force toward the development of moral character and physical well being in our youth today, AND

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Boy's Club with the assistance and guidance of many dedicated adults have continuously provided programs of great interest and participation by the young people of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George M. Miller, Mayor of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, proclaim the month of May, 1969 as

TAKOMA PARK BOY'S CLUB DAYS

in the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, and hereby call upon all of our citizens to cooperate and support the Takoma Park Boy's Club by welcoming them at your door and donating \$2.00 to this worthwhile cause for a Boy's Club Sticker in an effort to bring about well rounded recreation programs to the youth of Takoma Park.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Takoma Park to be affixed this twenty-eighth day of April, 1969.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

1. Mr. Schaefer, 1207 Elson Place, Takoma Park: Mr. Schaefer thought that consideration should be given to a tax rebate for tax payers who are 75 years of age even though they may earn more than the maximum allowed. (Referred to Finance Committee)
2. Mrs. M. Holmes, 10 Pine Avenue, Takoma Park: Mrs. Holmes read a newspaper article from "Maryland News" which was refuting recent publicity in other newspapers that Takoma Park was becoming a slum.
3. Mrs. E. Ferry, 24 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park: Mrs. Ferry stated that she had lived in the Washington area 48 years and mentioned some of the early history of Takoma Park. Other points mentioned by Mrs. Ferry were (1) a Revolving Fund to help older citizens keep up their property so that they can eventually sell to younger families with children: (2) adult supervision for children playing in Spring Park and also more adult supervision for the gymnasium (3) that the Newsletter contain more newsy items; (4) additional lighting at Spring Park.
4. Mrs. Connell, Takoma Park, Maryland: Mrs. Connell said that she was one of the more recent residents of Takoma Park, having moved here three years ago and that she and her husband are doing extensive and expensive repairs to their home as are many young couples.

5. Mr. V. Rodes, President, Takoma Park Recreation Council: Advised of a meeting to be held by the Hillwood Manor Citizens' Association at the Carroll Highlands School, which will be attended by Mr. Pat Withers of the Prince George's Recreation Council. Mr. Withers will speak regarding the recreational amenities which will be available at the new community center on New Hampshire Avenue.

6. Mrs. K. Simpson, Chairman, Community Improvement Board: Mrs. Simpson stated that regarding the request for surfacing of right of way crossing on Westmoreland Avenue, permanent surfacing was not requested. She also wished to congratulate the City Council and Mayor for discussing the city's problems with the County and considering more expert facilities that we may not have in the City. She added that there are two or three more serious blight problems in the City but on driving around the streets the percentage of bad housing is obviously low when you go over house by house.

7. Mrs. Helen Dinges, 812 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park: Mrs. Dinges who has lived in Takoma Park 59 years requested information regarding the proposed BOCA Basic Housing Code. Councilman Hutmire stated that the March Newsletter carried an article regarding BOCA and the Public Hearing held on April 2nd. Councilman Hutmire gave Mrs. Dinges a copy of the March Newsletter and Councilman Turner loaned Mrs. Dinges a copy of the BOCA Basic Housing Code.

8. Mrs. Bozarth, 7326 Willow Avenue, Takoma Park: Mrs. Bozarth stated that she endorsed the BOCA Basic Housing Code. Councilman Hutmire suggested that she convey her comments in a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council.

9. Mr. V. H. Rodes, President, Takoma Park Recreation Council: Mr. Rodes requested that the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission be asked to install steps on the bank leading from Longbranch Park to the Trinity Church as this short-cut is used by people on their way to the shopping centers on New Hampshire Avenue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE - Councilman Hutmire reporting

1. GRANT AND CHESTNUT AVENUES: Councilman Hutmire advised that the owner of this property will be served a notice to clean up the debris. In the meantime Public Works Department has cleaned up the area near the street. This item can now be removed from the Agenda.

2. COLUMBIA AVENUE: The owner of this property has been advised to clean up this area. Public Works Department has cleaned up the area near the street. This item can now be removed from the Agenda.

3. STREET CLEANING: Councilman Hutmire reported that the Public Works Department is using the street sweeper as well as the vacuum leaf cleaner in an effort to keep the city streets as clean as possible. He added that crews with brooms, rakes and shovels are also cleaning up some of the business areas and along main streets.

4. WESTMORELAND AVENUE: Councilman Hutmire deferred this item for a decision by the Public Works Department. He added, however, that this Department has cleaned up the unimproved portion of this street which is used as a local dumping ground.

5. BOCA BASIC HOUSING CODE: Councilman Hutmire advised that additional public comment had been received regarding the proposed BOCA Basic Housing Code. He added that there would be a Public Meeting, April 29th, by a citizen's organization, at the Takoma Park Junior High to discuss the new housing code. Councilman Hutmire reported that with the addition of Mr. Thomas Thorowgood to the Code Enforcement staff, he and Mr. Wollner have been able to accomplish a tremendous amount of work.

6. 12 MONTGOMERY AVENUE: Councilman Hutmire advised that this property has been returned to a habitable state as reported in a memorandum dated April 25th from Captain West and Inspector Williams.
7. 122 PARK AVENUE: No report to make at this time.
8. WINCHESTER-TAKOMA: Councilman Hutmire reported that both Code Enforcement Officers visited this property last week and reported increasing deterioration with problems now centered around trash collection, proper cleanup around the property and correcting the general interior shabbiness of the building. After much discussion between the Council members it was requested that the City Administrator contact the Montgomery County Health Department concerning this property.
9. 48 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE: Councilman Hutmire advised that the owners of this property had been advised to remove the debris along the back fence of the property.
10. 410 PHILADELPHIA AVENUE: Councilman Hutmire reported from a file of letters regarding this property and stated that as the City Administrator had not received any reply from his most recent letter he would propose a motion for the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2054

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

WHEREAS, under date of May 27, 1968, the Mayor and City Council did hold a Public Hearing concerning the property located at 410 Philadelphia Avenue, Lot 5, Block 72B, TPL & T Subdivision, Takoma Park, Maryland as being unfit for human habitation pursuant to Article 13 of the Municipal Code of the City of Takoma Park (1961) AND

WHEREAS, as a result of the Public Hearing, the owner and/or owners of the property were directed by the City Council to perform certain actions in connection with the property prior to further human habitation AND,

WHEREAS, as a result of the non-compliance of the owner and/or owners, by order of the Mayor and Council, the Building Inspector did placard the building as unfit for human habitation AND,

WHEREAS, there have been several recorded acts of vandalism and entry into the building and the owner and/or owners have made no apparent effort to protect the property from such vandalism and the possible threat of arson,

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby ordered by the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland that the Director of Public Works and Inspections proceed immediately to arrange with the various public utilities organizations to discontinue and disconnect if required, all services to the building located at 410 Philadelphia Avenue, Lot 5, Block 72B, TPL & T Subdivision and further that said Director be hereby empowered to board up or otherwise effectively protect the dwelling and garage building from future unauthorized entrance. Further, he shall attach thereto additional placarding as necessary to indicate the prohibition of trespassing and that all costs accrued thereon and incident to concerning the matter of the building at 410 Philadelphia Avenue, Lot 5, Block 72B, TPL & T Subdivision, be computed and hereby levied against said property in the form of taxes and subsequently subject to tax sale in the event of non-payment within the period prescribed by law.

Upon second by Councilman Jones, discussion ensued concerning the appearance of the property if same is boarded on the exterior. It was therefore the majority decision that the Director of Public Works be instructed to install such boarding on the interior of the building being careful to keep damage to the interior to a minimum. The Ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote recorded as follows: Ayes: Councilmen Geib, Hutmire, Jones, Kennedy, Roth and Turner. Nays: None. Excused: Councilman Forshee.

11. AZALEA COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES: Councilman Hutmire reported that the Azalea Committee was sponsoring an Azalea Show at the Takoma Park Junior High School, Saturday May 3rd 4:00-8:00 P.M. and Sunday May 4th, 3:00-7:00 P.M. Also the annual plant sale held in conjunction with the Takoma Park Horticulture Club will take place at Hodges Field from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., May 10th, 1969.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Roth reporting

1. SPRING PARK: As there is a need for additional lighting at Spring Park, Councilman Roth proposed a motion authorizing PEPCO to proceed with the installation of a dawn-to-dusk mercury vapor 7000 Lumen light on pole #743199 in Spring Park at a cost of \$4.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

2. HEFFNER PARK: Councilman Roth reported that renovations have been completed except for the hot water system. He added a request that City Administrator Pridgen with Mr. Rhodes' cooperation write letters to the users of this recreation center requesting that they be careful in the use of the building and do whatever they can in the light of citizen responsibility, to keep this center in good order so that the need to send a janitor there twice a day may be eliminated.

3. HEATHER AVENUE: Nothing to report at this time.

4. ANNE STREET: No new developments.

5. RITCHIE AVENUE: Discussion at the next meeting.

6. LINCOLN AVENUE: This subject is under study.

7. WESTMORELAND AVENUE: Councilman Roth requested that the word permanent be removed from this request and whatever improvement can be done to this right of way crossing.

8. WASHINGTON SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL: Councilman Roth requested City Administrator Pridgen write a letter to the Administrators of the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital commending them on their beautiful gardens on Flower and Maple Avenues.

FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE - Councilman Kennedy reporting

1. SIREN: No change since report at last Meeting.

2. WHEATON RESCUE SQUAD: Councilman Kennedy reported that he is awaiting information from the Wheaton Rescue Squad before a decision is made on this matter.

3. FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM AWARDS: Councilman Kennedy reported that together with Chief LaScola he attended the presentation at Annapolis by Governor Mandel to the Takoma Park Fire Department, of an Award for excellence in their Fire Prevention Program. He added that Inspector Williams and Captain West attended also and took pictures of the group being presented with citations.

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CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE - Councilman Geib reporting

1. 114 GRANT AVENUE: Councilman Geib was informed by Assistant Corporation Counsel Culpepper that presumably the owners of this property will be meeting with Corporation Counsel this week. He added that the owners seemed quite willing to raze the building but there was a lease on the property with the present tenant. The owners also thought that if the building were razed the dumping on the vacant land could possibly be as big a problem as the property is now.
2. 1111 SLIGO CREEK PARKWAY: Councilman Geib reported another complaint regarding this property and turned the matter over to Corporation Counsel for action.
3. 701-705 COLBY AVENUE: Councilman Geib stated that this rezoning would be a first step in the upgrading of this area. He added that this developer has a good plan for the development of town-houses which would be an asset to the City and he therefore proposed a motion that this rezoning be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hutmire and duly carried.
4. 6611 COCKERILLE AVENUE: Councilman Geib advised that this property is now being used as a single-family use. He requested that City Administrator Pridgen check the records to ascertain if it is listed as a multi-family unit.
5. PROPERTY ON EAST SIDE OF CARROLL AND GRANT AVENUE: After discussion with regard to the beautification of this property Councilman Geib proposed a motion requesting that the City Administrator contact the owners for an informal meeting to discuss their property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
6. 7009 WOODLAND AVENUE: Councilman Geib requested that this item be added to the Agenda as the owners have been instructed to return this property to single family usage.
7. COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT: Councilman Geib proposed a motion requesting that the records be changed to read that the Citizens Advisory and Review Board has been re-named The Committee for Community Improvement and also that this information be placed in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded and duly carried. (Copy of Resolution is attached)
8. BEAUTIFICATION GRANT: Councilman Geib requested that the City Administrator re-submit the City's application for a beautification grant shortly after the beginning of the fiscal year and that it be brought up to date if necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.
9. PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT: Councilman Geib proposed a motion requesting that the City Administrator check into the hiring of a public relations consultant on a contract or fee basis time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.
10. INSPECTIONS DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT: Councilman Geib suggested that as there had been increased inspections recently another man should be employed to re-check these inspections, thus relieving the code enforcement officers of this duty.

SPECIAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. LIBRARY ADDITION: Councilman Jones reported the Library is opened and functioning on full scale. The new book racks will come in at the beginning of July.

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Jones reporting

1. THREE PORTABLE SWIMMING POOLS: Councilman Jones reported that this is under consideration from the Montgomery County standpoint and further details will be available at a later date.
2. SECOND TELEPHONE FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT: As the telephone line previously available to the Recreation Department through the Public Works Department has now being used by the recently appointed code enforcement officer, Councilman Jones proposed a motion recommending that an additional telephone line be installed at an initial cost of \$22.00 and a monthly cost of \$8:65. The motion was seconded by Councilman Turner and duly carried.

Councilman Kennedy reminded those present that May 12 is the commencement of Buddy Poppy Week and Takoma Post #350 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States will conduct their Annual Sale of Buddy Poppies. He added that at the Council Meeting on May 12, which will be attended by members of the V.F.W. and Auxillary, Miss Holly Hutmire will be crowned Buddy Poppy Princess and citizens are invited to attend.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Vice-Chairman Turner reporting

In the absence of Councilman Forshee, Chairman of this Committee, Councilman Turner requested that each Department be very careful in handling their remaining funds as it is getting toward the end of the financial year.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE - Councilman Turner reporting

1. PARKING SIGNS - HALYCON HALL: Councilman Turner requested that the City Administrator contact Mr. Lewis of the State Roads Commission to expedite this "No Parking-Loading Zone" sign.
2. LEE AND CARROLL AVENUE: Councilman Turner reported that this "Caution Children" sign has been erected by the Public Works Department.
3. RADIO BURGLAR ALARM - SLIGO S.D.A. CHURCH: Councilman Turner recommended that permission to given for the installation of a radio burglar alarm system at the Sligo Seventh Day Adventist Church, 7700 Flower Avenue.
4. TRAFFIC SIGN - PRINCE GEORGES AVENUE AND ELM AVENUE: Councilman Turner requested that the Director of Public Works erect this "Children at Play" sign at this intersection.
5. PERSONNEL: Upon recommendation of Major Foster, Chief of Police, Councilman Turner proposed a motion promoting Detective Jay R. Crider, who has been a member of the Detective Bureau since April 15, 1968 to the rank of Detective Corporal, effective May 1, 1969. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.
6. PERSONNEL: Upon recommendation of Major Foster, Chief of Police, Councilman Turner proposed a motion appointing Robert Daniel Fuller as a Police Private, Takoma Park Police Department, effective May 1, 1969, for a probationary period of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Roth and duly carried.

7. BOYD AND LINCOLN AVENUES: Councilman Turner reported that a letter had been received from a resident of Lincoln Avenue regarding children playing on the streets at Boyd and Lincoln Avenues as there are no sidewalks in this area. It was requested that the Police Department patrol this area and advise the parents of these children that there is an Ordinance which forbids this activity.

8. PERSONNEL: Councilman Turner proposed a motion accepting, with regrets, the resignation of Joseph Robert Forbes as a Special Police Officer on the Takoma Park Police Department, effective April 30, 1969. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

9. PERSONNEL: Upon recommendation of Major Foster, Chief of Police, Councilman Turner proposed a motion appointing Gregory Ronald Cooley as a Police Officer of the Takoma Park Police Department, effective May 1, 1969, for a probationary period of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Geib and duly carried.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE:

Mayor Miller stated that the City Council met last Saturday afternoon with the County Council in order to determine what cooperation could be brought about between legislative bodies in any of the "community improvements" in the area of Takoma Park Incorporated. He added that the purpose of this meeting was to see and determine whether the City could make use of any legislative prerogatives which the County has and which the City does not have. Zoning comes under the County, Community facilities in the area of Health and Welfare also come under the County and the County has been rather reluctant to come into any municipality government area to exercise its power, and it is hoped that this cooperation with the County Council will help alleviate social and environmental problems prevailing in the area. He said that an immediate task force of technical staff of both county and city would be set up. He added that there was no intention of the City giving up any prerogatives of Home Rule or self government but to move to a closer liaison not only with the County Council but also other governmental bodies such as the Sanitary Commission, Park and Planning Commission and other agencies of similar nature. He stated that the City Administrator had worked with Mr. Parrish and other county department heads and had come up with a Resolution whereby staff of the Commission established are involved in a long range program. He added that elected designates from the County and your Council and staff of the Technical Committee will be integrated with other members from the City of Takoma Park and staff members of the County Council to make use of the facilities that we do not now possess. He added that the purpose tonight was to vote on these two matters if we so desire and are in agreement with them.

City Administrator Pridgen, referring to the CRP Report as pertains to Takoma Park and Lower Silver Spring said that the first step to take would be to follow the outlines as set forth by the Director of Program Coordination and to not lose any time in establishing the policy commission and the technical committee as the Mayor outlined so that the City can go right to work to determine what the problems are and to pinpoint them so that immediate action can be taken and medium and long range programs can be initiated in the immediate future. He added that the County Council adopted the Resolution which was provided to establish an immediate action committee composed of the Directors of the various Departments in the County - Social Service, Inspection and License, Recreation, Health, Community Development and Program Coordination as their representatives to the Action Technical Committee at the staff level and also recommended that the School Board be represented on this Technical Committee by one or more members at the staff level. Mr. Pridgen read the following Resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, a need is apparent for coordination of government services in the Takoma Park - East Silver Spring area; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Montgomery County Council and the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park to achieve maximum coordination of efforts toward the alleviation of social and environmental problems prevailing in the area; and

WHEREAS, any coordination of these activities must concern the Board of Education and the Montgomery County Planning Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there is created by agreement the Takoma Park - East Silver Spring Commission which membership shall consist of two members of the County Council, two members of the Takoma Park City Council, one member of the Montgomery County Board of Education and one member of the Montgomery county Planning Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Takoma Park - East Silver Spring Commission shall recommend immediate steps to meet emergency needs for supplemental health, social services and recreational programs, and recommend medium range and long range programs to stay the forces of blight and deterioration and provide a comprehensive community improvement program.

Mr. Pridgen continued that areas of possible County-City cooperation were:

1. The City should become something of a representative of its citizens in their dealings with the County, referring inquiries to the proper county department and seeing that the county departments follow through to the satisfaction of the person making the inquiry.
2. Inasmuch as a detailed neighborhood analysis survey has not been conducted in this area, it would seem that one would be in order right now.
3. An effort by the County to establish a one-stop social service center in the Takoma Park area.
4. There is recent information concerning new rehabilitation loan funds adopted by the County, March 25th and perhaps the City can utilize this.
(Mayor Miller said that at the present time municipalities are exempted from applying for rehabilitation loans but requested Mr. Gingerich to look into this matter).

Mayor Miller called for a motion for accepting the Resolution as read: Councilman Geib proposed a motion accepting the Resolution, the motion was seconded by Councilman Hutmire and duly carried.

Mayor Miller called for a motion accepting the following appointees to the staff of the Technical Committee - City Attorney, Chief of Police, City Administrator, Director of Public Works, Director of Recreation and Chief of the Fire Department. Councilman Geib proposed a motion which was seconded by Councilman Hutmire appointing the above representatives to the staff of the Technical Committee. The motion was duly carried.

Mayor Miller called for a motion appointing the City Administrator and the Director of Public Works as members of the Task Force Program. The motion was called by Councilman Turner, seconded by Councilman Kennedy and duly carried.

Mayor Miller nominated Councilmen Edwin S. Turner and Lester M. Geib as Council representatives to the Takoma Park-East Silver Spring Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M. to reconvene on May 12, 1969 at #8 Columbia Avenue at 8:00 P.M.

APPROVED: George M Miller
Mayor

ATTEST: Bang Levine
~~City Administrator~~
Clerk-Treasurer

Dep. City