

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
October 14, 1975

City Officials Present:

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| Mayor Roth           | City Administrator Gilsdorf             |
| Councilman Forshee   | Asst. to the City Administrator Nichols |
| Councilman Garcia    | Code Enforcement Officer Olson          |
| Councilwoman Medina  | City Clerk Pusti                        |
| Councilman Nishimoto | Chief of Police Porter                  |
| Councilman Ricks     | Recreation Director Ziegler             |
| Councilman Webb      | Public Works Director Barile            |
|                      | Corporation Counsel Culpepper           |
- Councilman Faulkner excused.

The Mayor and Council met in Executive Session on October 14, 1975, at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22 meeting was made by Councilman Garcia, duly seconded and carried.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Announced that Council will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 28, since Monday is a holiday.
- Announced that the VFW will present a Memorial Ceremony at the Memorial Park October 27 at 2:00 PM.
- October 26, at 7:30 PM., the Sister City Committee will hold its Annual Sister City Day in the Municipal Building; public is invited.
- Mayor Roth reporting on the Historic District stated that Takoma Park's Historic District Plans will be on the October 17 agenda of the Governor's Consulting Committee. Nancy Miller estimated 30 days for the plans to go through the State Clearing House.
- The Mayor urged citizen support of WGTS current fund drive.

CITIZENS REMARKS

1. Alan Marsh, 7405 Maple, President of the Old Takoma Park Citizens Assoc., reported that the association has sent memos and letters concerning adverse effects of METRO on historic areas such as Eastern Avenue and Juniper Street Bridge but received very little response; asked for Council support. Felt that some City Departments had a low self-image; Takoma Park tolerates many things that other Cities don't allow; asked that the city have stronger police and code enforcement and treat all people equally. Made plea for HUD block grants for neighborhood preservation. The mayor pointed out that the HUD grant program had not been overlooked. A primary requirement is a low-cost housing program. The City has joined with the two counties block grant applications and Montgomery County has included Takoma Park in a program that will improve certain shopping areas. Councilman Ricks who sits on Montgomery County Advisory Board asked that Mr. Marsh prepare specific recommendations for submission to that board. Mrs. Medina suggested a file on future projects be kept.
2. Elizabeth Bozarth, 7326 Willow Avenue complained of junk on Willow Avenue near Valley View. Complained of night parking on street curbs and grass on Willow.
3. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland
  - agreed with Mr. Marsh on the need of HUD block grants; added that the City should ask for its own funds from HUD; felt that Takoma Park has low-income population and the administrative work that would allow Takoma Park to qualify for the grant should be set into motion.

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- Inquired about a facility to allow a slow release of storm water to be provided by Montgomery County for Sligo Creek. The Mayor asked the City Administrator to check on the Holding Reservoir and see what the hold up is on the project.

4. Mrs. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple thanked City for curbs on Philadelphia; asked that flyers be sent to residents on that street asking them to keep up the grass strips; thanked the Mayor for a prompt response on the Historic District after the hearing and work to expedite matters; reviewed conception of the project and work put into it by a small group of citizens.

5. A representative of a newly formed company, Courtesy Service Co proposed to donate trash cans and benches to the city with the stipulation that the company could install community oriented advertisements on them. Further information will be forwarded to the City by mail.

[Councilman Nishimoto arrived during the above presentation.]

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bank Balances as of September 30, 1975.

SUBURBAN TRUST CO-GENERAL FUNDS		
Balance: Aug. 31, 1975	\$138,375.69	
September Receipts	<u>632,251.78</u>	\$770,627.47
*September Disbursements		<u>524,509.53</u>
Balance: September 30, 1975		\$246,117.94
SUBURBAN TRUST CO-PAYROLL ACCOUNT		
Balance: August 31, 1975	\$ 14,838.98	
September Receipts	<u>84,254.80</u>	\$ 99,093.78
September Disbursements		<u>88,860.09</u>
Balance: September 30, 1975		\$ 10,233.69
SUBURBAN TRUST CO-REHABILITATION LOAN FUND		
Balance: August 31, 1975	\$ 3,926.99	
September Receipts	<u>2,070.50</u>	\$ 5,997.49
September Disbursements		<u>5,569.50</u>
Balance: September 30, 1975		\$ 427.99
CITIZENS BANK OF MD.-GENERAL FUNDS		
Balance: August 31, 1975	\$ 1,268.28	
September Receipts	<u>11,175.19</u>	
Balance: September 30, 1975		\$ 12,443.47
CITIZENS BANK OF MD-SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUND		
Balance: August 31, 1975	\$ 866.67	
No transactions	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: September 30, 1975		\$ 866.67
CITIZENS BANK OF MD-PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Balance: August 31, 1975	\$ 534.53	
No transaction	<u>-0-</u>	
Balance: September 30, 1975		\$ 534.53
CITIZENS BANK OF MD- AVINGS ACCOUNTS		
Balance: August 31, 1975	\$ 184.54	
Interest earning from July 1, 1975 thru Sept. 30, 1975	<u>2.30</u>	
Balance: September 30, 1975		\$ 186.84

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AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK-GENERAL FUNDS

Balance: August 31, 1975	\$ 1,599.69	
September Receipts	<u>476.84</u>	\$ 2,076.53
September Disbursements		<u>1.00</u>
Balance: September 30, 1975		\$ 2,075.53

Petty Cash.....\$ 250.00

<u>U.S. Treasury Bills</u>		<u>Cash Maturity Value</u>	
Purchased	Maturity		
7/2/75	1/3/76	\$96,770.00	\$100,000.00
7/2/75	2/10/76	96,222.81	100,000.00
8/7/75	3/9/76	95,958.89	100,000.00
9/10/75	4/6/76	96,089.64	100,000.00
9/18/75	5/4/76	95,535.42	100,000.00
9/22/75	6/1/76	95,072.44	100,000.00
9/26/75	12/11/75	<u>98,690.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total Treasury Bills.....		\$674,339.20	700,000.00
5/25/75 Certificate of Deposit	5/25/76	100,000.00	108,687.50
		<u>774,339.20</u>	<u>808,687.50</u>

\* Treasury Bills purchased during month  
of September Cost: \$385,387.50.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: City Administrator Gilsdorf reporting Communications

- Letter from Henri Sokolove, Takoma Park Azelea Committee, asking City to control the (Melanaspis Obscura) obscure scale which is damaging Oak Trees in the City. Mayor Roth instructed the City Administrator and Public Works Director to investigate and report back to Council.
- Letter from Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (Prince George's County) requesting comments on Sp.Ex. application #2998, 8106 New Hampshire for expansion of parking facility of doctors office. (outside city). Mayor Roth assigned this to Councilman Faulkner to take the lead in developing comments.

Administrative Reports and Recommendations for Council ActionState Highway Administration signalization: Carroll and Tulip Avenues

Councilmembers attended meeting at Takoma Towers, Oct. 6, to get opinions on signalization for Carroll and Tulip Avenues. Residents of Takoma Towers, Tulip Avenue, and Businesses on Carroll Avenue attended. The majority of Takoma Tower residents stated that if the light were put in at the present crosswalk they would use it. Councilmembers Ricks, Forshee and Medina had met earlier with the SHA in front of the Takoma Towers in an effort to persuade them to locate the light in the middle of the block. SHA insisted that the light would have to be at the crosswalk. SHA asked the City to agree that there be no left hand turn off of Tulip onto Carroll Avenue. Councilman Ricks moved to proceed with the installation of the light as proposed by SHA; Councilwoman Medina seconded. Councilman Ricks suggested that a handout explaining the push button device for the crosswalk be given to residents of Takoma Towers. Councilman Webb asked if making a right turn from Tulip onto Carroll would cause interference with the crosswalk. Councilman Ricks felt that a control on Tulip was needed. asked about a yellow blinking light. After some discussion the motion was unanimously approved.

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State Highway Administration signalization: Carroll and Ethan Allen Avenues

After citizens strongly opposed both alternatives (make Sycamore one way going away from Ethan Allen or left hand turn out of Sycamore onto Ethan Allen be eliminated). SHA agreed to install the light on a trial basis without any changes for Sycamore. The Mayor pointed out the advantages: a light at the Fire House, better cycling of lights at Piney Branch, Maple and Ethan Allen, longer walk light and a left turn arrow. The motion to proceed with installation of light was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Special Exception 2599, 1051 University Blvd.

Has been withdrawn.

Zoning Appl. F-964, 7903 Flower Avenue, R-60 to R-10

Zoning Appl. F-966, 7917 Long Branch Parkway, R-60 to R-10

Both items are scheduled for Montgomery County Planning Board consideration, Oct. 23 agenda. A letter had been sent to Montgomery County Park and Planning and the County Examiner stating Council's position on the matter. Councilwoman Medina pointed out that these applications may abide with the TESS Master Plan. Mayor Roth asked that a member of the City Council, from Montgomery County, personally attend this meeting, or, if that is not possible, the City Administrator was requested to attend and present Council's opposition to rezoning.

Zoning Map Amendment A-8971, C-1 to C-G, 6844 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Letter

Shop Item scheduled for Prince George's County Planning Board consideration, Oct. 16, 1:30 PM. Council originally opposed the change of zoning and asked that it go on Special Exception. Mayor Roth asked the City Administrator to represent Council in their opinion at the meeting. Councilman Nishimoto asked that it be pointed out that Council objected to this area being changed and the staff study indicates that the entire area meets the criteria for C-G.

SPECIAL REPORTS ON DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Police Department, Chief Porter reporting

VASCAR has been concentrated on the following streets: Piney Branch, Lee Ave., Maple Ave., New Hampshire, Philadelphia Ave., Carroll Ave., Ethan Allen Ave., and Cedar Ave. Results: 92 citations to violators. Twenty citations have been issued to those running the red light at Piney Branch and Philadelphia. During the next 30 days much effort will be placed on residential streets.

Parking Enforcement- reported that the situation has improved over the last year due to the State Motor Vehicle Administration Flagging Program. Parking Enforcement Officer Pinkard has issued 331 tickets for parking violations this semester in Montgomery College area. Some Councilmembers expressed hopes of working out a reciprocal agreement with Washington, D.C.

Public Works Department, Mr. Barile reporting

was pleased with resurfacing job done by Brigham & Day. Curb work on Philadelphia between Carroll and Maple Avenue has been suspended for more urgent work to restore storm damages. Federal State Engineer will be out to survey storm damages and hopefully the City can be reimbursed. Councilman Forshee asked that those driving over curbs to park on the sod and grass be ticketed. The Mayor suggested placing boulders along the curbs to discourage parking and to prevent water erosion. Councilman Webb suggested that trees be planted along side the curbs.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- Mayor Roth reported that Mrs. Fredericks, Beauty Parlor owner on Carroll Ave. had submitted a petition which complained of a parking problem for customers. The Mayor asked that a possible parking area on Westmoreland, South of Carroll be checked into and a report made to Council.

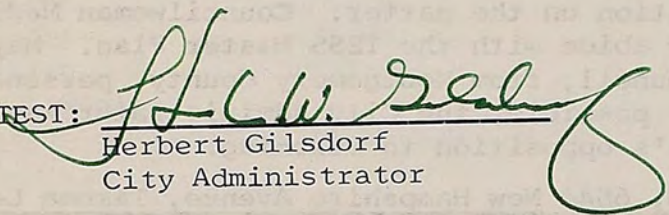
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- Mayor Roth reported that Park and Planning presented a proposal for a park next to Takoma Towers. The plan proposes a park for leisure activities at the top of the hill and at the bottom of the hill a shuffleboard court would be provided. Councilman Nishimoto felt that without lights this could become an attractive nuisance. Councilman Forshee noted that this park was to be used from sun up to sun down. Councilwoman Medina said landscaping could be designed with a fair amount of openness and visibility to discourage problems.

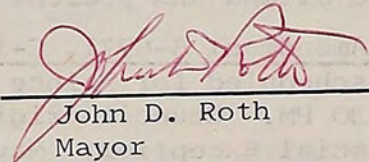
ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 PM - Council to reconvene Tuesday, October 28, 8:00 PM.

Note: (Council meetings for the month of October will fall on Tuesday instead of the usual Monday.)

ATTEST:

  
Herbert Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

APPROVED:

  
John D. Roth  
Mayor

THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
October 28, 1975

City Officials Present:

Mayor Roth	City Administrator Gilsdorf
Councilman Forshee	Asst. to the City Administrator Nichols
Councilman Garcia	City Clerk Pusti
Councilwoman Medina	Chief of Police Porter
Councilman Nishimoto	Recreation Director Ziegler
Councilman Ricks	Corporation Counsel Gingerich
Councilman Faulkner	Corporation Counsel Culpepper
Councilman Webb	

The Mayor and Council met in Regular Session on October 28, 1975, at 8:00 PM in the Council Chambers 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Following the Invocation by Elder Digel, Chaplain, Takoma Park Volunteer Fire Dept. and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Councilwoman Medina requested a correction to the minutes of the Oct. 14 meeting: Page 4, line 16 should read: "applications should be consistent with the TESS Master Plan when it is adopted." A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made, seconded and approved.

MAYOR ROTH'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Mayor announced that Oct. 17 the Md. Trust for Historic Preservation approved the boundaries for the proposed historic district in Takoma Park. City was asked to rewrite application and submit new pictures and map. Mr. Stowell and Mrs. Marsh have agreed to work with City staff on the preparation of this material. This will then go to the State Clearing House.
- Letters will be sent out to those serving on the Master Plan Committees (to be known as Task Forces) in November. Chairmen of the Task Forces were appointed by the Mayor (see Page 4).
- Reported that Councilman Nishimoto was selected to serve on an advisory Committee for a State process of setting up a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee. The program will be operating as soon as possible.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Social Service Program  
Juniper Street Bridge  
Recreation Dept. Report

CITIZENS' REMARKS

1. Kathryn Simpson, 7300 Cedar Ave. reported that from the CIB's March Ride-Arounds only 64 out of 185 did not comply; vacant lots survey will be followed up. Thanked Code Enforcement, the City Administrator and the Asst. to the City Administrator for their support. Pointed out long-standing problems with front lawn parking, gas station spillover, and poor commercial image. Noted the site of METRO construction (4th and Cedar Ave.) as being an eyesore and fire hazard. Mayor thanked CIB for their work and efforts.

2. Evelyne Ferry, 24 Hickory concerned with type of advertising to be placed on trash cans that may be donated to the City by Courtesy Service Co.; asked if Metro will construct shelter at Grant Ave. & Carroll Ave. Mayor pointed out that Courtesy Service Co. would be limited as to what signs could be placed on the trash cans and that Metro shelters would be placed in certain locations on an experimental basis. Councilman Ricks said Metro would construct shelters according to a schedule and the city should try to get some priority. Mrs. Ferry complained of sign on building at 1 Columbia.

3. Ellen Marsh, 7405 Maple suggested ordinance should be made to control signs such as the sign on Maggies Farm. Mayor explained that New Carrollton and other surrounding cities have passed ordinances but they would not hold up in court. There must be a bill passed in the State Legislature first. A representative from New Carrollton and the Mayor have been working on a solution to this; as well as controls on fences. A bill has been drafted and will have to be presented again at the next session of the State Legislature. Complimented these responsible for improvements at Park Ave. and Carroll & Spruce Avenues. Complained of junk and trash on porch of 506 Tulip; compared this place with slums of South Baltimore; asked for public recognition of Dolores Stowell, Etta Davis, Evelyn & Aurel LeMay for work toward the proposed Historic District.

4. Joseph Ferrier, 7413 Maple agreed with Mrs. Ferry on being cautious as to what kind of signs or ads could be placed on the proposed trash cans. Reported that his neighbor has discovered a rare Japanese tree (Paulownia Tonentosa) in his yard. Liked the sign on Maggies Farm; felt that it compared favorably with those he has seen in art galleries.

5. Phil Vogel, 7117 Garland Ave. felt that the agenda was misleading because Mayor did not name all those to serve on Master Plan Committees. Announced Montgomery County Planning Board, Oct. 23, recommended denial or withdrawal of Zoning F-964 and F-966 applications. Arliss Street Giant Food Store is collecting newspapers to be recycled, with proceeds going to the United Fund; asked that details be printed in the Newsletter. Noted that Metro has scheduled a hearing Nov. 25 on discontinuance of Route T-3; felt that Takoma Park citizens should be notified. Referred to Post Letter to the Editor on "Bicycles Only" which lead him to suggest designating Sligo Creek Pkwy. closed on certain days and hours for the use of bikes only; was concerned that flood water would wash away bike paths in that area; also suggested investigating building a holding pond on Long Branch to control flood water. It was pointed out that soil structures would make a difference where ponds could be located. Complained that Mayor Roth should have asked for citizen input before sending letter to Montgomery County Council recommending a person to the Board of Appeals. Mayor added that many people knew this was open for appointments and was publicized in Montgomery County papers allowing citizens the opportunity to comment.

[Councilmen Forshee and Nishimoto arrived during the above presentations.]

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Simpson, 7300 Cedar - Letter concerning front lawn parking, gas station spillover and SSI. It was noted that the Gymnasium of SSI will be retained and bids were received on Oct. 16 for the demolition of SSI.

Ann B. Vogel, 7117 Garland - Letter thanking Code Enforcement Officer Socha for cleaning up trash area in apartments, 7216 Flower Ave. The Mayor asked to have letter placed in Mr. Socha's personnel file.

Prince George's Co. Board of Appeals - Letter notifying City that Appeal #3663, Takoma Letter Shop, 6844 New Hampshire Ave. has been given an extension of 30 days grace period until a decision can be made on Zoning Map Amendment A-8971. (Planning Board has recommended a zoning change C-1 to C-G.) Final action will be by the District Council. Mayor Roth requested a copy of the staff report and information on District Council hearing date

Prince George's Co. Board of Appeals - Notice of extension of time on Appeal #437 of 30 days after receipt of Technical Staff Report and provided Spec. Ex. is filed within 60 days of 9-22-75, to correct or cease zoning violation (repairs of motor cycles on C-2 property, 6707 New Hampshire, without Special Exception.)

Clifford J. Waldron, Spring Park Community Association - Letter commending City for better lighting in Forest Park.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Status Report on Wheaton Branch, Sligo Creek storm drain project. Mr. Gilsdorf reported that construction has been delayed because of difficulty in obtaining rights-of-way to needed property. The Mayor asked that Mr. Vogel's remarks be taken into account.

Report on ZMA A-8971, C-1 to C-G, 6844 New Hampshire Ave., Takoma Letter Shop.  
See Communications, Appeal #3663

ZMA A-9062, 6429 - 5th St. (Dawes) R-18 to C-M: expansion of size of original application. City Administrator reported that this is a notification of two increases in square footage (17,342 sq.ft. to 26,075 sq.ft. to 31,930 sq.ft.) which is permissible anytime prior to preparation of a staff report. This increase will include some R-55 property. Mayor noted that Council opposed this when first presented; asked that Councilman Faulkner check into this and report back to Council; felt that the addition might mean additional opposition. Councilwoman Medina expressed opposition.

Resolution authorizing Director of Public Works to act for City in application for flood relief funds. Mr. Gilsdorf reported that these are funds available for those places damaged during the recent floods. Takoma Park is entitled to these funds; asked that Mr. Barile, Public Works Director be designated by resolution to act as an agent for the City in applying for funds. A motion to adopt a resolution to this effect was made by Councilman Ricks and seconded. There was discussion on whether or not the resolution represented a one time or long-term authorization. In response to Mrs. Medina's questions, Mr. Gilsdorf explained the administrative procedures and noted that officials have inspected areas that have been damaged figures for damage were estimated and written down. Following a lengthy discussion, the resolution was adopted unanimously. After further debate, a motion to amend the resolution by deleting the name of the Public Works Director was made, duly seconded, and approved by majority vote with Councilman Ricks voting NAY. Implicit in the discussion was the desire by the majority of the Council (1) that Council be informed of actions taken and results obtained and (2) that the resolution be valid until rescinded.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, during recent rain storms, the City of Takoma Park suffered some flood damage; AND

WHEREAS, certain federal flood relief funds are available to municipalities via the State;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland hereby authorize the Director of Public Works, to act as an agent for the City in applying to the appropriate state office for flood relief funds.

Ordinance authorizing expenditure of RSF for miscellaneous Recreation Dept. items. Upon motion by Councilman Nishimoto, seconded by Councilman Webb, the below quoted ordinance was unanimously adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE: Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto, Ricks, and Webb; NAY: none. Excused: none.



ORDINANCE #2365

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

SECTION 1. THAT whereas the Planned Use Report of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for Fiscal Year 1975-76 earmarked funds for capital expenditures for Recreation Department use; AND

SECTION 2. THAT whereas the Director of the Recreation Department has obtained the lowest prices available for certain equipment to be used by the department;

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the following purchases are hereby authorized:

--folding maching (a/c 18.1131).....	\$ 200.00
--park benches (a/c 18.1331).....	\$ 300.00
--Opaque projection table (a/c 18.1231).....	\$ 150.00
--mimeo drum (a/c 18.1134).....	\$ 100.00
--gym equipment (a/c 18.1232).....	\$ 300.00
--playground equipment (a/c 18.1332).....	\$1,000.00
--tools (a/c 18.1132).....	\$ 200.00
--office furniture (storage cabinet) (a/c 18.1133).	\$ 250.00
TOTAL.....	\$2,500.00

SECTION 4. THAT appropriations in the sum of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500) are hereby authorized from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, to be transferred to Recreation Department accounts as listed above.

Appointment of Master Plan Task Force Chairmen by Mayor Roth

- Zoning and Land Use Task Force - Harold Phipps
- Transportation Task Force - Charles Johnson
- Housing and Code Enforcement Task Force - Donald Ramsey
- Public Services and Education Task Force - Dale Schallhorn

The City Administrator has been dealing with the staff of the Montgomery and Prince George's County Planning Boards and has worked out some operating procedure: (1). Task Forces will identify issues to be considered during the planning process and identify goals to be pursued in relation to those issues, (2). work with Park & Planning staff to use the material and get best professional judgement. (3). There will be a public forum with regard to the issues by individual Task Forces. Prince George Planning Board is having some difficulty with staffing; when they are prepared to come into this, County Council must appoint the committee they want to be responsible for <sup>P.G. section.</sup> The general idea will be to identify the issues to be considered and goals to be pursued; with a public forum to get broader public response. The Planning Boards, using their professional judgement, will turn out a draft which may recieve an additional public input. At some point there will be an official public hearing to determine the final version. Councilwoman Medina asked if all of those people who signed up to serve on the committees will be allowed to serve. Mayor Roth stated that almost everyone who signed up will be asked to serve on the Task Forces. Councilman Nishimoto pointed out that members of the Task Forces are there to handle the overall good of the community rather than one portion of the City. Mayor Roth adding that a representative from each area will assure an input from all parts of the city.

Ordinance accepting bid on previously authorized solicitation for two police cruisers. Upon motion by Councilman Nishimoto, seconded by Councilman Forshee - after some discussion with Chief of Police Porter adding that the smaller cars get better gas mileage - the below ordinance was unanimously adopted by roll call vote as follows: AYE Councilmembers Faulkner, Forshee, Garcia, Medina, Nishimoto, Ricks, and Webb; NAY: none; EXCUSED: none.

ORDINANCE #2366

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

SECTION 1. THAT, after having been duly advertised and notices sent to qualified dealers, bids on two (2) Police Department cruisers were opened at 3:00 PM, October 24, 1975; AND

SECTION 2. THAT Lustine Chevrolet's bid of \$9,078 for two (2) 1976 Nova Police Vehicles, Model #COPO 9C1, was the lowest bid meeting all specifications requirements.

SECTION 3. THEREFORE THAT the purchase is hereby awarded to Lustine Chevrolet for two (2) 1976 Nova Police Vehicles, Model #COPO 9C1 (police package) for the net sum of SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$7,178), including tax exemption and trade-in allowance on cruisers #4 and #7; AND

SECTION 4. THAT the City Clerk is hereby authorized to transfer to Lustine Chevrolet, upon delivery of new vehicles, titles to trade-in vehicles--two (2) 1973 Matador 4-door sedans--Serial #A3A157N344611, Title #3921599; and Serial #A3A157N344609, Title #3921600; AND

SECTION 5. FURTHER THAT funds to cover this purchase in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$7,178) be appropriated from Revenue Sharing Funds, in accordance with the Planned Use expenditures, and transferred to A/C 11.1131.

SPECIAL REPORTSState Housing Rehabilitation Program

Being recently appointed to serve on the Advisory Committee, Councilman Nishimoto gave the Council some background. State Senate Bill 741, effective July 1975, has provided 10 million dollars for the State Housing Rehabilitation Program. The advisory committee consists of 8 persons; 5 represent the political subdivisions and three of the five are from counties. This will include homes in historic districts and those houses of historic value with certain conditions. Councilman Nishimoto will keep the Council informed of their plans and when they will be effective.

Social Service Program - City Administrator reporting

Montgomery County has set up several social service centers (TESS Center on Flower & Piney Branch, Satellite Community Center in Quebec Terrace) and feels they are more effective being located in the neighborhoods. The City Administrator is working on the possibility of getting a County Social Service Program in Takoma Park. During the first three months of operation it would be open 3 days per week with some other service using the building on two other days. There was some question on financing - it was explained that the City could foresee no long-term financial obligation. It was noted that this program would service those living Montgomery County and hopefully a referral service for Prince George's County citizens could be set up. Councilman Garcia pointed out that the Food Stamp Program had no boundaries. City Administrator plans to report at the next council meeting on the program.

Juniper Street Bridge

Mayor Roth recounted the series of events leading up to the problems revolving around the Juniper Street Bridge, and moved adoption of the resolution below. The motion was duly seconded and, following a discussion of the various issues

involved and legal ramifications, was adopted by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have tentatively determined that it is in the public interest to close, or abandon; the public right-of-way to vehicular traffic on the roadway known as Juniper Street between the north side of the B & O Railroad right-of-way and Takoma Avenue, within the municipal boundary of the City of Takoma Park.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor & Council of Takoma Park, Maryland will hold a public hearing on November 17, 1975, at 7:30 PM, in the Council Chamber, 7500 Maple Avenue, to hear the views of citizens and other interested parties on the question of whether the Mayor and Council should by ordinance close, or abandon, to vehicular traffic the above described roadway known as Juniper Street;

FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Council will receive and consider written comments from citizens and other interested parties until November 21, 1975.

Report from Recreation Department - Belle Ziegler reporting

Friday, October 31 - Halloween Party - 6:30 PM - 9 PM., Haunted House, Costume Judging, Magician and Free refreshments.

Azalea Committee Meeting - mistake in Newsletter (should read Wed. Nov. 12)

Colonial Christmas Workshop - Two sessions - Thursday 7-10 PM, Dec. 4 and 11 - Municipal Building.

Library Assoc. Annual Meeting - Wednesday, Nov. 12, 7:30 PM Library.

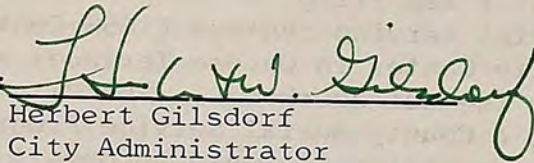
Noted that Montgomery County BOE decided that there will be no more open schools for night programs due to added expenses. Rental of rooms now being used will go up.

Local Evaluation Committee, Takoma Park Elementary School (Councilwoman Medina)  
See Attachment #1

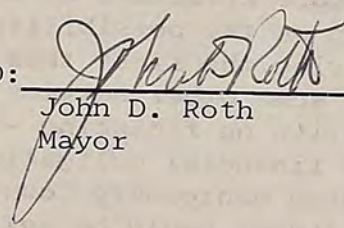
Local Evaluation Committee, Piney Branch Middle School (Councilman Nishimoto)  
See Attachment #2.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:35 PM - Council to reconvene Monday, November 10, 8:00 PM.

ATTEST:

  
Herbert Gilsdorf  
City Administrator

APPROVED:

  
John D. Roth  
Mayor

ATTACHMENT 1 - Notes on the Takoma Park Elementary School LEC report to the Board of Education, prepared for the Takoma Park City Council.

General Statement

The Takoma Park Elementary School Local Evaluation Committee is aware of Montgomery County's economic plight and of the need to reduce the education budget without damaging instructional programs.

At the same time, we realize that the Board of Education is concerned about the problem of minority imbalance in Takoma Park. We have already made it clear that we do not consider our minority enrollment a "problem," but we will take the Board's position into consideration in any cost-cutting measure proposed for this area.

Like most school districts, we do not want to see any change in our schools as they are at present. However, we will make suggestions which would maintain quality education and bring minority enrollment into line with Board recommendations. We favor:

1. Grade structure of Head Start-3 and 4-6 in the elementary schools in our area.
2. Expanding the boundaries of the TPES school district if necessary to improve racial balance.
3. Closing one or more small, under-utilized schools in the area.
4. Maintaining Piney Branch Middle School to serve grades 4-6 in an appropriate cluster.

The underlying theme of our arguments to the Board of Education is that:

1. Since we are included in the small schools/racial imbalance process because TPES is "racially imbalanced according to current HEW standards" (Some Questions and Answers about Takoma Park Elementary School) -- not because we are a small, under-utilized school -- we must insist that any action taken in the TPES school district will in fact address the question of racial balance. We will not accept any actions which merely satisfy another school's need for students.
2. We propose to show that changing the minority balance within the TPES school district can only be accomplished through the K-3, 4-6 grade structure that we favor. Racial balance cannot be "improved" by moving our school boundaries inward.
3. We will emphasize that our minority enrollment is quite acceptable to us in Takoma Park. Any measures that are adopted will be done so only if the Board of Education still feels that it is necessary to change our minority balance.

GENERAL OUTLINE OF LEC REPORT

- I. Resolution 7 and Grade Reorganization has been considered by the TPES LEC which finds that it does not meet the needs of this community. (The resolution proposes a grade reorganization to a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 plan).
  - A. Educational benefits (stated as offering the "enriched program" available in junior high schools to sixth graders) do not apply here -- we already offer an enriched program to fifth and sixth graders at PBMS.
  - B. The proposed reorganization cannot change racial balance in the TPES school district. Our K-5 enrollment next year (732) will fill either TPES (maximum capacity 525) or PBMS (maximum capacity 720). Moving our boundaries inward would only serve to concentrate minority students in this school district.
  - C. Grade reorganization would result in over-crowding in our schools. The K-5 population is above capacity for either of our existing school buildings. In addition, as the Area IV APC has stated, Montgomery Blair would exceed capacity for at least one year, possibly longer if our enrollment continues to exceed figures projected by the Board of Education.

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## II. The TPES LEC proposes a K-3, 4-6 structure.

## A. Maintaining quality education

1. Closing the Piney Branch Middle School would constitute a withdrawal of a high quality educational program from this area.
2. The K-3, 4-6 plan would allow us to continue to have the advantages of PBMS and its enriched program and to offer this program to fourth grade students as well. Besides offering this enriched program, PBMS is a working example of both the magnet or alternative school and the expanded neighborhood school. We insist that if the BOE truly supports these concepts, it must recognize them where they already exist and give them their full backing.

## B. Racial flexibility exists in the K-3, 4-6 plan where it does not in a K-5 plan.

1. At TPES, moving the fourth grade to PBMS will vacate 100 places which could, if the BOE feels it is necessary, be filled by 100 students from a neighboring school district to change the minority percentages in TPES.
2. The racial balance at PBMS can be very easily changed by changing feeder schools. We propose changing the feeder schools to ESS, Parkside, Highland View or Rolling Terrace. We will emphasize that because of the expanded neighborhood concept of PBMS, it is the ideal type of school with which to adjust racial percentages and in this respect should serve as a model for the rest of the county.
3. If the BOE does not want to add 100 students to TPES, the students will attend a school with lower minority enrollments (PBMS) for three of the seven elementary school years. This is an "improvement" in the minority picture which should please the Board.

## C. Economic

1. PBMS will be fully utilized under this proposed plan and the per pupil cost of operating the school will be lowered.
2. TPES will remain fully utilized with or without 100 additional students.
3. The special facilities at PBMS will be best utilized by 4-6 students -- not by K-5 students (industrial arts, home economics, etc.) The Middle School represents an expenditure of 2-3 million dollars and should be used properly.
4. We are also suggesting that the Board concentrate its efforts on those areas and schools where more obvious economic savings can be made--Area 2; and the Kemp Mill-Spring Mill-Arcola section of Area 4; and where there is more desperate need for minority balance to be adjusted: Area 1: Rosemary Hills. We feel that if the Board is able to achieve these first steps successfully, it will have been enough for one year.
5. Progress will have been made in the direction of saving money and improving efficiency and utilization of school plants; and in the direction of changing minority balance. An objective analysis of how the changes put into effect are operating will give the Board a much better perspective in regard to how to proceed in further efforts at economizing and changing minority balance. Clearly, also the pattern of actual rather than projected enrollment decline will become more obvious.

## III. The Board of Education has stated that it will be difficult to persuade the funding authorities of the need in Takoma Park for two elementary schools.

- A. PBMS is not an elementary school for Takoma Park alone. It is an expanded neighborhood school which is located in Takoma Park because the City was generous enough to donate the land for the building.
- B. Our K-6 enrollment at present is 805. No other school district has such a high enrollment. This factor alone dictates the need for two schools in Takoma Park.

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- C. Takoma Park makes a contribution to county expenses which should not be ignored. Annual expenses include \$40,000 for school crossing guards and a special police officer for school affairs, \$500,000 for our own police force and \$100,000 for our own library.
- IV. Other schools in our cluster need students, especially minority students. Some boundary changes are possible but do not meet with the approval of the community.
- A. Moving the boundaries of the TPES school district inward to reduce school enrollment at TPES and increase it at ESS. This would not help racial balance and would serve to further concentrate minorities at TPES (Example: North Takoma goes to ESS).
- B. Redrawing the boundaries so that a substantial number of minority families would attend a neighboring school (example: the area bounded by Ritchie Ave. and the even-numbered side of Maple Avenue from Ritchie Ave. to Sligo Park goes to ESS). This would not be at all acceptable to the community and would generate an overwhelming opposition. It could be considered oneway busing. It would deprive those minorities of the education advantages they enjoy at TPES. This LEC could not support such a proposal.
- C. Moving the boundaries inward so that both the above sectors of the present TPES school district attend ESS. This would do nothing for racial balance at TPES (which is the BOE's stated concern for this area) and is unacceptable.
- V. Response to Resolution 11.
- A. Build a new 21-classroom elementary school for Head Start, K-4 on the existing site. If fourth grade is to remain at TPES, this proposal would best suit our need for classroom space. Next year's HS-4 enrollment will be approx. 610.
- B. Build a new 15-classroom primary school for HS-3. If fourth grade is to go to PEEMS, this proposal would be acceptable if the four classrooms in the new wing are to be retained.
- C. Convert PBMS to serve HS-5 students from the existing TPES service area. This proposal is unacceptable, since the HS-5 enrollment in the existing service area will total 732.
- D. Convert the PBMS into a center for child and teacher training for upper level elementary school children with learning disabilities. This proposal is also unacceptable. If the object of the small schools policy is to save money, it is doubtful that the BOE will approve the expenditures involved in setting up this new program under their "austerity" budget. This proposal does not address racial balance, and it would result in the removal of a quality educational program (PBMS) from our community. We are answering the Resolution 11 suggestion that Piney Branch be used as a center for children with learning disabilities by pointing out the size of Piney Branch facility, and the higher degree of suitability for such a purpose offered by the Parkside site, a school with an enrollment of about 160.

Specific other options not suggested by the Board of Education which the TP-LEC is suggesting include:

1. INCENTIVES: A proposed alternative to the Small Schools and integration policy.

This paper (by Councilwoman Medina) suggests a plan whereby integrated communities are rewarded by having their schools maintained whereas segregated communities and schools are warned that they may lose their "neighborhood schools" unless or until they attain a to be specified degree of meaningful integration. Various means for communities to improve their degree of integration are suggested.

2. The East Silver Spring Alternative

This paper suggests that the current East Silver Spring Elementary Construction Project be modified; and that rather than building a new facility for an enrollment of 252 projected to decline; the construction money be used to provide the beginnings of a center for performing arts on the East Silver Spring Site. Children now attending ESS would attend schools nearest to their homes: Parkside, Highland View, Rolling Terrace, Takoma Park.

3. Boundary redrawings

Several variations of boundary changes are suggested. These plans basically extend the Takoma Park boundary to Sligo Avenue and Piney Branch Rd. to Sligo Crk. Parkway. They offer various consolidations and distribution of school service areas between Highland View, East Silver Spring, Parkside. Most of the plans suggest PBMS as a 4-6 school with new feeder schools which changed the minority balance at PBMS; they also suggest that Oakview and Rolling Terrace become a K-3 and a 4-6 school as they wish, with 4-6 being a "traditional" school as an alternative to the Piney Branch Middle "open-space" 4-6 school. It is also suggested that enrollment be open between these schools with transportation provided so that parents could choose which alternative they desired for their 4-6 grade children.

ATTACHMENT 2

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Mrs. Freddia Hodges  
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Dear Mrs. Hodges:

We of the Piney Branch Middle School LEC have reservations about the proposed grade reorganization as recommended to the Board of Education in the Area Planning Committee's "second stage" report of June 4, 1975. We would like to take this opportunity to express our concerns to you.

The following is a quote from the APC Report, Part I (A), Paragraph 5; "On April 14, 1975 the APC sent a questionnaire to all LEC's working with us in order to ascertain what reaction would result should we change to such a grade structure- to date we have received only one negative response. Therefore, we must conclude that the community too sees the value of moving our ninth grade to our high schools and proceeding to the middle school concept at the junior high level."

Unfortunately, the Piney Branch Middle School LEC has never received a questionnaire regarding the proposed grade reorganization. We are in favor of obtaining community reaction to the grade reorganization of K-5,6-8,9-12 and are at this time working toward this goal. We do have the results of a community survey which we will share in summary form in this communication:

COMMUNITY SURVEY REVIEW

1. QUALITY EDUCATION

To a great extent

Montgomery County average - 45%

PBMS average.....- 63%

2. EFFECTIVENESS FOR QUALITY EDUCATION AT SCHOOL

Very Effective

Montgomery County average - 34%

PBMS average.....- 46%

3. OVERALL EXPERIENCE FOR CHILD

Excellent

Montgomery County average - 35%

PBMS average.....- 44%

We, the Piney Branch Middle School LEC after much research and contemplation, have arrived at the conclusion that while grade reorganization, as suggested, may be necessary in some localities, it would not be advantageous in this area. Although we feel that the two grade middle (5-6) school is successful, the Board of Education and school system state that a three grade school has more educational continuity. We, therefore, recommend for our expanded neighborhood community a grade structure of K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12.

At Piney Branch Middle School there exists a unique situation which we strongly urge you to consider in depth! The program at our school, at times, is characteristic of an elementary school and at other times is characteristic of a secondary school.

1. Piney Branch Middle School already has an established "enriched program" for sixth graders (a stated goal in the Area IV APC report) and also for fifth graders with a possibility to offer this enriched program to fourth graders as well. This enriched program includes the following:

- Each child receives nine weeks experience in: industrial arts, home arts, art, music, and swimming.



- Optional specialties include: foreign language experience, instrumental music, bi-cultural program.
- Specialties that reinforce and enhance the regular program include: math lab with computers (utilized by each child once a week), reading specialist, language arts specialist, counselors (2 full-time), extensive media center-media specialist, mini courses.

2. The sixth grade students have the flexibility of an enriched program without the demands of a traditional junior high curriculum. That is, all the children in the school have supportive and yet expansive educational opportunities. We feel that this is the type of environment where quality education can best take place.

For example:

- Small groups within modules are supported by teacher advisors who are able to develop a personal relationship with each child.
- Team teaching within open space for academic subjects in which the individual child is exposed to various teaching styles and larger peer group exposure. The latter aids in increased socialization experiences so necessary at these ages.
- Specialized instruction centers throughout the school where the individual child has the opportunity to expand his/her own knowledge base and/or clarify past learnings.

Fourth graders could benefit from all the above programs. We have noted that the APC has considered Piney Branch as a school for grades four and five on pages 31 and 38 of the "second stage" report of June 4, 1975 and, therefore, consider this viable program for fourth graders.

3. The Area Planning Committee report has stated "...the need to fully utilize school facilities in a more cost-conscious fashion." (Second Stage Report. Part I (A) page 1, paragraph 4) We agree! The LEC of PBMS has determined that a 5-6 and/or a 4-5-6 grade organization would utilize the school facility and could be maintained without plant modification thereby saving county taxpayers money. By modifying feeder school input the population of Piney Branch Middle School could be effectively racially balanced. (We will enclose specific plans for ways to do this in our full LEC report.)

In summary, the LEC of PBMS firmly believes that: PBMS is a successful, enriched, expanded neighborhood school.

- PBMS is a model school of the ideal mode expressed in recent years by the BOE as a goal for quality education for our children.
- PBMS and program, without modification, has the potential in becoming a magnet or alternate school in the county, thus fully utilizing this school.
- The removal of the PBMS program could be interpreted as withdrawal of quality education in an integrated community and the denial to minorities of the services to which they are entitled.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Ken Nishimoto  
Chairperson, PBMS LEC