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City Council Discusses Everything From Solid Waste to Snow Removal

by Elaine Skolnik

Although the difficult decision on the overpass selection and final action on Metro bus routing consumed much of the City Council's time on May 1, other matters such as PRAB reports, solid waste products charge, Metro fares and hours, Water Resources Plan presentation and presentation of a proclamation were also taken up.

PRAB

Council accepted two reports submitted by the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and will discuss them at a future meeting. In the first report, PRAB noted that they reviewed and accepted the Recreation and Parks Budgets with the recommendation that future budgets dealing with "Park and Playground Maintenance be broken down into at least three categories to better reflect program costs for budget information and presentation purposes."

In the second report, PRAB suggested that the city council urge other local jurisdictions, through the Metropolitan Council of Governments and the Maryland Municipal League, to hold Fourth of July fireworks celebrations in an effort to reduce the impact of crowds at the Greenbelt Lake Park and other communities that annually bear the costs of these events. PRAB felt this "would be the first major step toward preservation and rehabilitation of our Lake Park."

Solid Waste

The Federal Resources Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 provided for a formation of a Resource Conservation Committee that was charged with studying the feasibility of setting a solid waste tax on certain consumer products (package materials, cellophane, etc.) distributor level. The monies collected would go into a pool which would be distributed to municipalities, such as Greenbelt, that have solid waste responsibilities. The city staff will evaluate this new concept. Additionally the matter will be referred to the council of Governments and the Prince Georges Municipal League.

Water Resources

The city will hold a public hearing in June on a Water Quality Management Plan under the re-

quirement of Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972. The plan developed by the Water Resources Planning Board and the Council of Governments, was brought to Council attention by councilman Thomas White. This plan will become the basis for future federal funding of wastewater treatment plants and issuance of discharge permits.

Some of the major recommendations are: banning of phosphate detergents, increasing of both sewage treatment plant capacity and treatment efficiency, adopting of more stringent plumbing codes by state and local jurisdictions, identifying "non-point" source loads for critical watersheds in the region and applying stringent controls, assessing potential impacts on water quality before new development occurs, increasing the number of control at construction sites, and composting of all new sources of organic/chemical sludges wherever possible and developing regional markets for composted sludge.

Upon request by Austin Green, council proclaimed the month as Family Camping Month in Greenbelt. Green said, "Family camping encourages the conservation of America's natural beauty and the efficient use of its natural resources for outdoor recreation." Accepting the proclamation were Austin and Evelyn Green, Retired Field Directors of the National Campers and Hikers Association.

Appointments

Donna Fluke, 127 Lastner Lane, J. Bob Greig 103 Northway, and Hal Silvers, 11 Pinecrest were re-appointed to PRAB to serve another three years.

Center Mall

The City plans to hold a meeting with representatives of the Zoning Review staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the property owners to discuss the rezoning of

Excerpts of Statement of Greenbelt City Council on Proposed Metro Rail Hours

Presented by

Thomas X. White, Councilman

"Council expressed interest and support for the proposal to extend rail operating hours from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and to operate the rail system for fourteen hours on Saturday. Therefore council unanimously adopted a motion endorsing this proposal. The advent of Metro rapid rail is one of the most unique and innovative accomplishments this metropolitan area has achieved in recent years through regional cooperation.

Greenbelt City Council prides itself on its continued support for a full 100 mile Metro system. Expanded rail operating hours, besides having a positive effect on air quality, and serving the needs of many who work non-conventional hours, also provide an opportunity to introduce many others to the benefits of Washington's rapid rail system, thus hopefully generating added regular use. Thus, it seems to us only appropriate that those segments already in operation and those under construction receive as near optimum use as possible. Accordingly, we are fully supportive of the proposed expanded rail operating hours.

two buildings (one in which the Ben Franklin store is located, the other housing High's) in the Greenbelt Commercial Center.

One of the council's concerns is that all off-street parking for the commercial center is owned by the city rather than the property owners.

The city's Advisory Planning Board has recommended that a thorough review of the future of the Center be conducted.

To be considered along with this review is the Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association's request to purchase or lease the city owned land adjacent to the Suburban Trust Company for the construction of a new building.
See COUNCIL, p. 8, col. 2

Architecture Students Prepare Detailed Plans for Lake Park

by Linda Orenstein

On Thursday, April 13, City Council and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board held a joint work session to hear a presentation for the redesign of the Greenbelt Lake Park. The study was the work of students from a Landscape Architectural Class of the Department of Horticulture, College of Agriculture of the University of Maryland.

In attendance were Mayor Pilski, Councilmen Weidenfeld, Castaldi and White; City Manager James K. Giese and Harry G. Irving, Director of Recreation. PRAB Chairman Ronald Ott, Vice Chairman Toni Bram and Board members Joseph Wilkinson, Wayne Spong and Robert Greig were present.

This was not the first occasion that the subject of redesigning the Lake Park has arisen. In 1971 a plan, which also included Braden Field, was submitted by T.D. Donovan and Associates. No agreement could be reached regarding the project and the plan was not acted upon.

More recently, Council requested

that it be ascertained whether or not University of Maryland students would work on a study of the site. It was felt that they could inject creativity and their input would be given with a detached attitude. Harry Irving approached Professor Bill Gould at the University of Maryland, who subsequently assigned the Park's redevelopment as a class project.

Class Effort

Phillip McKewin, Myra Brosius, Diana Henry, Kathy Richardson and Jim McNulty, the students who presented the project, represented a class effort that took approximately three months and produced 200 sketches. The students were to

study the Lake Park in detail, give their evaluation of its condition and problems, and to give their recommendations. The area under scrutiny was that extending from the entrance of the Park to the lake, including the bandstand, picnic and play areas and the concession stand. The dam was not a part of the study as it presented various problems. The students did not concern themselves with cost assessment but when proposing trees and shrubbery they did consider the cost factor. After an initial visit to the Lake Park the class was divided into three groups. Each of these groups was charged by Phillip McKewin, project leader, to work on different use areas. This division into use areas was practical from several standpoints. Functionally, the separation of activity areas would ensure participants a lesser degree of interference from others enjoying the park facilities. If the plan were accepted it could be acted upon.
See ARCHITECTURE, p. 5, col. 1

PRAB REPORT ON BLOCK GRANT STRESSES NORTH END PLAYGROUND

by Leta Mach

Reaction to city staff proposals for the allocation of \$30,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for playground improvements on April 17 prompted city council to set up a work session for May 24 to go over the proposals fully. The grant is available through the Federal Block Grant Program, which is administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The neighborhood which has been designated for the funds is the old part of Greenbelt—GHI and the commercial center. After receiving and reviewing the recommendations of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PAB), the city staff made detailed proposals for the use of the funds.

One of the PRAB recommendations receiving strong staff support was to grant high priority to the North End. Although the report recommended that 35% of the funds be utilized to create "a large, comprehensive playground in the North End," city staff disagreed because no suitable site is available for such a playground. They suggested that funds be used instead to upgrade many smaller playgrounds.

Many people at the April 17 council meeting continued to feel that the North End was "short-changed." Mary Clarke stated that on her block there were no playgrounds for little children. She felt

that the plan gives more attention to the South End. According to City Manager Jim Giese, however, there is no city-owned land for a playground in the North End. Development of new playgrounds would have to wait until a formalized agreement is arranged between GHI and the city about placing city equipment on GHI land. Currently, he explained, the city maintains eight playgrounds on GHI property, the right to put playground equipment there having been authorized in a letter from the GHI manager. To date a more formal easement agreement has not been worked out.

In its report the staff has recommended that equipment be purchased for a number of playgrounds instead of concentrating on a few. Various types of log climbers have been designated for playgrounds at 12 Crescent, 1 Southway, 2 Eastway, corner of Plateau and Ridge, McDonald Field, 15 Laurel Hill, 12 and 14 courts Hillside, and 3 Gardenway. Whirls are set aside for Gardenway east of 2, 6 Hillside, 73 Ridge and the corner of Plateau and Ridge. A three-piece wood swing is allocated for Gardenway east of 2 and an atom splitter swing for 73 Ridge. A log roll for McDonald Field, a wood balance beam for Candy Cane City, a tot Bridge slide for 8 and 10 courts Southway and a log cabin for 6 Hillside have also been designated. To benefit the elderly, as requested in the PRAB report, rest shelters are planned for the corner of Plateau and Ridge and the Centerway underpass. Two cement game tables by Form Incorporated are also planned for the Center Mall.

At the April council meeting, many residents seemed to feel that there was an excess of tot lots. Hillside resident Alan Amberg requested equipment for older children, such as a basketball court for his neighborhood playground. It was suggested that it was necessary to look into each area and the ages of its constituents.

Erosion Control

Another concern was for more erosion control on playgrounds. The staff report estimates \$19,068 for the purchase of equipment, \$1,932 for freight charges, and \$8,500 for contract installation. The balance of \$500 is designated for landscape materials such as railroad ties, gravel, stone, concrete, wood chips, top soil and sod. Giese stated that more funds could be spent for landscape materials to aid in erosion control but it would cause complications from the grant restrictions. The added government regulations would reduce purchasing powers. Using more money for erosion control might mean reducing the number of playgrounds improved and equipment purchased. More money might also be available if the price of the equipment is discounted because of the large purchase. Another possibility is city installation of the equipment using, in part, the CETA crew if it is authorized beyond September 30. However, staff notes that this action would burden city forces and delay other necessary park work. At present playground maintenance is primarily

See PRAB, p. 5, col. 2

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1978

8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Meetings
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentation
7. Petitions and Requests
8. Administrative Reports
9. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance Number 830, to Provide for an Increase in the Parks Budget Account by \$25,200 Thereby Making Total General Fund Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1977 and Ending June 30, 1978 \$2,070,950, Said Increased Appropriation being Required Due to Increased Labor Expenses for Employees Hired under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act for Which General Grant Funds Will be received - Second Reading
10. A Resolution to Transfer Funds Within Departments - \$48,450 - Second Reading
11. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Two Parts of Parcel II Consisting of 9.9574 and 0.1978 Acres for a Total Price of \$202,000 Subject to Certain Terms and Conditions - Second Reading
12. Community Development Block Grant Funds - 3rd Year Allocation for Street Improvements
13. 4th of July Fireworks - PRAB Report 8-78
14. Appointment to Park and Recreation Advisory Board

IV. NEW BUSINESS

15. Parking of Oversized Vehicles (Letter from Stephen Polaschik)
16. Bus Service to Springhill Lake - Phase III (Letter from Roberta Fisk)
17. Construction of Permanent Bridge behind 38-40 Lakeside Dr.
18. Greenbelt Triangle. Request for waiver of sidewalk construction along Capital Drive.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda subject to change.

WHAT GOES ON

Sat., May 13, 1-3 p.m. Checker Tournament, Greenbelt Library
Mon., May 15, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
Tues., May 16, 8 p.m. Recreation Budget Review, Municipal Building

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Will Greenbelt Be Disappointed Again?

We were surprised to read in one of the county newspapers that another Bowie man is "now virtually assured of winning the appointment to the House of Delegates' seat left vacant when Delegate David Gray Ross was appointed to a Circuit Court judgeship."

Bowie has almost twice as many voters as Greenbelt and it may seem as if they are entitled to elect the three members to the House of Delegates and one member to the State Senate.

But we don't think so. Greenbelt has long been an active political community, and deserves a voice in Annapolis.

Jealousy and even a touch of hostility have been creeping into Greenbelt's relationship with Bowie over the past four years. As one of the three largest cities in Prince Georges County, Greenbelt has too long been thought of as Bowie's poor stepsister. Greenbelt wants to work with Bowie as co-equals in a partnership dedicated to serving the people.

We think the ticket to that kind of co-operation is for Greenbelt to have its own representative. Not that we have any complaints about our state delegation, they're tops. Senator Ed Conroy, Delegates Gerard Devlin, Leo Green and David Gray Ross have been good friends to Greenbelt. They have demonstrated their concern for our problems and gone to bat for us in many ways. And we appreciate their efforts.

But we also think the candidates from Greenbelt are well-qualified for the Delegate's job. Mayor Richard Pilski has a long history of dedicated service to Greenbelt. F. Anthony McCarthy, a newcomer, offers many ideas we find attractive. Either candidate would serve Greenbelt's interests and be an asset to the State delegation.

Nothing can beat having our own delegate in Annapolis.

Few Changes Proposed In Administration Budget

(This is the fourth in a series on various aspects of the proposed budget before June 10. The new fiscal year, 1978-79 begins July 1, 1978.)

by Mary Lou Williamson

Few changes are evident in the proposed budget for administration. What increases there are due to inflation. New equipment is to be funded through revenue sharing funds. Total expenditures would be up 11.6%.

If time spent in discussion is the key, then whether the city will maintain the minimum wage as its lowest pay for part-time personnel is an important question for council to answer.

The current minimum wages of \$2.30 per hour will jump to \$2.65 on July 1, and jump again to \$2.90 on January 1, 1979. While the city has in the past held to the minimum wage, it is not legally obligated to do so, according to James Giese, city manager.

The problem revolves around part-time personnel with high-school education and no previous work experience. Giese recommended to council that this bottom rung be paid \$2.50/hour rather than the \$2.65. Giese said anyone with some college level and/or previous work experience would receive \$2.65. When the lowest level is boosted by a jump in the minimum wage, everyone on up the scale must receive more money — this is called comparability. If \$2.65 were set as its lowest wage, the comparability raise for others would cost the city \$5300 — a 10% hike in what the city pays out for its part-time employees.

Council was split on the issue. Mayor Richard Pilski said he wanted to keep the minimum wage. Councilman Charles Schwan went a step further recommending that council budget now for the further increase due next January in the middle of the fiscal year. Councilman Richard Castaldi

Schedule For Budget Meetings

Wed., May 17, Recreation
 Mon., May 22, Budget Public Hearing
 Wed., May 31, Budget Review
 Mon., June 5, Budget Adoption
 Meetings will be held in the Municipal Building at 8 p.m.

strenuously objected. He sees the city's summer part-time jobs as a real asset to the local young people. Often it is their first employment, he said and in most cases they have no transportation costs. Castaldi would prefer the city to use its limited funds to hire more youths at less pay than vice-versa. Also he was afraid that if the city follows the minimum wage now, "it will be morally committed to give all those coming up."

Councilman Tom White said he could buy the manager's recommendation of \$2.50. Pilski jumped on the band wagon saying that while he would like to go with the minimum wage, he wouldn't fight \$2.50. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld agreed.

Mishkan Torah

"A Musical Salute to Israel's 30th Anniversary" will be held at the Mishkan Torah, on Saturday, May 13 at 8:30 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists will present a program of old and new music in Hebrew, English and Yiddish. Refreshments. Tickets will be available at the door or call 439-3850.

POLICE HOLD BAKE SALE

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 32, will hold a bake sale in the Greenbelt Center this Saturday, May 13, starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until everything is sold.

Mandan Overpass — A Viable Alternative

To the Editor:
 By a 3-2 vote the Greenbelt City Council has expressed its opinion on the Baltimore-Washington overpass. It is unfortunate that the community divisiveness generated by this issue extended to the city council vote, although I doubt even a unanimous vote would have been the final word on this issue.

While all Council members alluded to the cost of the alternative overpass routes, no member addressed this as the major consideration. (After all, Uncle Sam will provide most of the funds with money supplied by us taxpayers.)

Instead the paramount concern seemed to be human life versus property rights. Always the issue was an either/or proposition, and the equation was inevitable. Either you are for public safety, or you are for fences and "No trespassing" signs; either you are for Mandan Road, or you are for Gardenway.

I flatly reject this reasoning; the two are not mutually exclusive. In fact the fences along the B-W Parkway were originally constructed at the City Council's insistence to protect Greenbelt's children by discouraging pedestrian traffic across the Parkway. In trampling down private fences and trees, irresponsible persons have also trampled down protection provided for everyone's safety.

When citizens suggest that these persons illegally crossing the B-W Parkway be apprehended and fined in accordance with existing laws, the citizens are told these laws are almost impossible to enforce without constant police surveillance. And yet the mayor himself met several such persons on his examination of the shortcut route. Somehow I sense a debilitation in law enforcement that is endemic to our current society.

I must take further exception to the suggestion that the Gardenway route will "maximize public safety". While pedestrians will no longer have to dash across the B-W Parkway, the Greenbriar side of the route is a pedestrian nightmare. The proposed route will cross through one end of a parking lot, thread its way along an island between two rows of parked cars, then swing diagonally across the driving lane/parking lot at a major entrance from Hanover Parkway to the parking spaces. Nor are the pedestrians out of danger yet. They must still cross both lanes of divided Hanover Parkway, on which the 35 MPH speed limit is violated more frequently than pedestrians cross the B-W Parkway. How is safety increased by sending pedestrians through two parking lots and across roads designed for automobile traffic? Are we going to spend a quarter-million dollars (minimum) to overpass the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, only to end up with pedestrians darting across Hanover Parkway? The city council should consider the safety of the entire route and not merely the focal point of the present safety hazard.

I have carefully avoided using "students" in talking about "pedestrians" above. I recognize that students are only a portion of the pedestrian traffic. However, there is a double standard applied to concern for student safety. Apparently if the Gardenway route is not selected, students will continue to

shortcut at the existing path. I suggest that some students will cross wherever it is shortest for them, regardless of where the overpass is located. The Eleanor Roosevelt PTSA, its site selection committee, and various speakers at the public hearing contend that only Gardenway will afford adequate student safety. Meanwhile the Eleanor Roosevelt athletic department sends its track cross country team along Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road during the afternoon rush hour traffic. Running along a busy roadway is infinitely more dangerous than darting across one. Hopefully the PTSA will alert the Prince Georges County Board of Education to this obviously unsafe situation also.

It has been argued that if the Gardenway route were not selected, each year a new group of students would have to be taught not to shortcut across the B-W Parkway. This is a flimsy excuse at best. Each year new students are taught driver's education. Simply expand the course to include a (very much needed) lesson on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Greenbriar citizens are preparing to go to court to contest condemnation and the Gardenway route. These citizens will be doubly taxed, for as Greenbriar residents they must pay for the legal defense, and as Greenbelt residents they will pay for their own prosecution. Such a situation is tragic when an alternative solution exists. The Mandan Road route is a viable alternative. I call upon the Greenbelt City Council to use it.

Richard W. Ley
 7118 Hanover Parkway

"A MUSICAL SALUTE TO ISRAEL'S 30th ANNIVERSARY"
 on
Saturday, May 13 at 8:30 p.m.
 at the
MISHKAN TORAH
 Ridge & Westway - Greenbelt

\$3.50 Adults Tickets at Door
 \$1.00 Under 18 or call 439-3850
 Refreshments included

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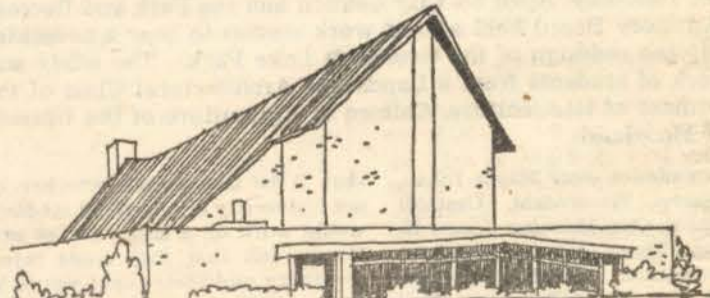
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GHI Board Tackles Townhouse Resales

by Mary Lou Williamson
The last Greenbelt Homes Board meeting prior to the elections was a brief though typical one, Thursday May 4.

Following last week's proposals to rescind the townhouse resale policy, came management's counter-proposal; this proposal could be submitted to the membership at the annual meeting, depending on the outcome of the first proposal.

At issue over a number of years is the question of GHI's growing equity share in each of the larger homes. That share averages about 11 or 12%, but is growing each time a particular unit is sold.

In effect this policy has kept down the purchase price as well as the taxes paid by the individual owner. No one objects to those benefits. The problem arises when that owner wishes to sell. The complex formula, first of all, is very difficult to understand. But more important, the owner would like to get as much money as possible for his house, money he will use to purchase a home somewhere else. He is now unhappy with the policy. Most owners selling GHI larger homes have veiwed the current arrangement with dissatisfaction.

Last week's proposals by a majority of the ad hoc resale policy study committee would permit owners of the larger homes to buy out GHI's equity or, at a member's request, allow GHI to purchase a 10% share.

The management counter-proposal, at a member's request, would standardize GHI's equity share at 15%, and then freeze it at that level. The new proposal passed on a motion by board member Norman Weyel; board member Mary Clarke voted no, board members Virginia Moriyadas and Don Volk abstained.

Roof Repair
The board approved a roof repair project at 5 G-M Gardenway, 3 L-R Research, 9 N-T Research and 73 G-M Ridge. The work will be performed by the R&R Home Improvement Co. for \$9,520.

Nature Trail
Management reported that the newly-opened GHI nature trail located between Laurel Hill and Plateau Place has been extensively sabotaged. Markers for tree identifications were removed or destroyed. There may have been a misunderstanding on the part of some local youths as to the nature trails' development — they may have thought the marked trees were to be cut down. James O'Reilly, GHI's Youth Crew Supervisor, has attempted to clear up any misconceptions by talking with some of the youths and their mothers, apparently with no success.

An inspection made April 27 showed that the damage was extensive and seemingly deliberate: **Loop A** (Laurel Hill area)

- 6 marker posts taken out of the ground, turned upside-down, put back in the same hole.
- 4 posts defaced with hatchet.
- all but 2 identification numbers were removed from posts.

Loop B (Plateau area)—
3 planks removed from bridge.
6 identifying numbers were removed from posts.

Loop C
all identifying numbers were removed from posts.
1 post defaced with hatchet.

Hutzler Inquiries Answered
Co-chairperson Arthur Gropp

La Leche Meeting

The Greenbelt La Leche League will hold its monthly meeting on Monday May 15, 8 p.m. at 4N Laurel Hill Rd. The topic of discussion will be: the advantages of breast-feeding for mother and baby. For information, call 474-0616.

Fun Runs 'round Lake

This Saturday, May 13, three fun runs will be held around Greenbelt Lake starting at 9 a.m. at the refreshment stand. This is a great opportunity for beginning runners and joggers to run with others and run at their own pace. There will be a 1/4 mile, 1 mile and a 4 mile run. There is no fee and everyone gets timed and a certificate. These runs are held regularly every second and fourth Saturday of the month.

read into the record the Audit Committee's response to some financial inquiries made by Martha Hutzler in February. (See adjoining box.)

Reply to Mrs. Martha Hutzler
From Audit Committee,
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Dear Mrs. Hutzler:

"Relative to your communication of February 2, 1978, the Audit Committee has considered the question which you raised relative to the financial operations of the Corporation.

"You referred particularly to an "unrecorded" note in the amount of \$177,897. The Committee found that this amount is a cumulative balance that was transferred from the account of Suburban Trust Company to the account of Citizens Bank and Trust Company. It is composed of amounts, confirmed in a communication from Wolf and Company to the Audit Committee, of \$41,040 and \$136,857 of current and non-current borrowing. The Committee found also that the notes are properly recorded on the books of the Corporation and are backed by the line of credit which the Bank has extended to GHI.

"You referred to missing amounts in capital improvement funds, or the difference between amounts budgeted and amounts spent in 1976 and in 1977. The Committee found that the Board of Directors authorizes the amounts of the difference to be credited toward the reduction of members monthly charges. The credits were authorized at the time of the adoption of the budget by the Board.

"Now, you raise further questions in your letter of April 14, 1978, on costs assigned to homes north of Northway and south of Northway. The Committee found that the contract with Arey & Co. is justified on the grounds that the conversion of the large heating plants located north of Northway required considerably more work, such as new piping, insulation of hot water lines, tunnel lines, tunnel work, adjustments in the boiler rooms, etc. Consequently, the charge per home north of Northway would be higher as against the homes south of Northway.

"The Committee has concluded, substantiated by the annual audit of the books of the Corporation by Wolf and Company, and on further examination of the facts, that your concerns and charges are unfounded.

The Audit Committee

Two Greenbelt Aspirants - Pilski and McCarthy Seek State Delegate Seat for Unexpired Term

Mayor Richard Pilski and F. Anthony McCarthy are facing an uphill fight in their quest for the House of Delegates seat left vacant when Del. David Gray Ross (D. Bowie) was recently appointed to a circuit Court judgeship.

A third Greenbelter, Marcia Krasnick, executive director of the Democratic Central Committee, appeared to have the votes locked up for the position. However, she has told the News Review that she no longer is seeking the seat because she wants to spend more time with her family.

According to the Prince Georges Sentinel, Krasnick was "stepping aside in favor of Charles 'Buzzy' Ryan, a member of the Democratic Central Committee", who the Sentinel said "is virtually assured of winning the appt. to the House seat." The vacancy will be filled by a vote of the Dem. Central Committee, with the advice of the Monday Morning Breakfast Club. The Democratic Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Courtroom #2 of the County Service Building, 5012 Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and resumes from those individuals being considered for the Delegate opening.

Both Pilski and McCarthy will appear before the Committee. McCarthy said that he would be resigning from the States Attorney's Office effective June 4 and entering private practice so that he can run for the House of Delegates.

Pilski told the News Review that he still hopes to get the appointment, despite what one reads in the county papers. As the top vote-getter in last fall's city council election, he has demonstrated his political support and electibility. Therefore, he says, he should have an advantage over other candidates from Greenbelt. Pilski feels that the coming election in September

will provide the best chance Greenbelt has had for getting its own representative elected. Bowie, with a population almost double that of Greenbelt, is not as united, he speculated, as it was during the last election. At that time all three delegates and one state senator elected from the 24th Legislative District were residents of Bowie. In any case, Pilski said, he plans to run for the delegate post this fall. It's time, he said for Greenbelt to have its own representative.

The person tapped for the vacant seat will hold the post in name only since the General Assembly session has just ended. The victorious candidate will have to compete with other hopefuls in the September 1978 primary.

State Central Committee Chairman Lance Billingsley said the criteria used for the appointment include: 1) a candidate's academic and professional background, 2) interest and experience in political activities, including holding political office, (3) service to the Democratic party, (4) reasons the candidate feels he/she is qualified and expectations if appointed and (5) political support.

Pilski

Richard R. Pilski, 106 Rosewood, has served on the Greenbelt City Council since 1963 Mayor 1971-1975 and 1977 to present, Mayor Pro Tem 1969-1971. He has held positions on the local, county and state levels, including (county) Delegate, Council of Democratic Clubs for 2 years, Tax Differential Committee, Charter Review Committee; (city) president, Lakewood Citizens Association and member of Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board; (State) Executive Committee, Maryland State Transportation Committee; (COG) Board of Directors 1971-75 and 1977 to present, Energy Policy, Public Safety and Environmental Committees.

Pilski feels that his experience on civic and government bodies has "afforded me a broad opportunity to understand the unique needs of communities, to apply the resources available through government bodies, and to assist our citizens in obtaining their expressed needs and goals."

A tax consultant, Pilski has been associated with Prentice Hall, Inc. from 1958 to present. He has also been on the faculty of Prince Georges Community College since 1977.

McCarthy

F. Anthony McCarthy, known as "Tony" to friends and relatives here in Greenbelt for the past 35 years, is now serving as an Assistant States Attorney in Upper Marlboro, where he has prosecuted major crimes which have occurred in the County. The nature of his position has kept him from seeking elected public office, but it has not prevented him from being active in Greenbelt concerns. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the City's Advisory Planning Board, which makes recommendations on zoning and other developmental issues to the City Council. He has also served as Chairman of the GHI Audit Committee.

"Eligibility for the House of Delegates has to be a combination of ability and desire; I believe that my training as an attorney and my experience as both teacher and attorney make me formally qualified; and my desire can be measured by my willingness to leave a position in which I am very happy," McCarthy said.

A life-long resident of the city, Tony not only attended Greenbelt schools from the beginning, but he also returned to teach at High Point High School after he graduated from Duke University.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Tony returned to Greenbelt in 1971 to attend the University of Maryland Law School.

Sold Out!

For the first time in its 25-year history, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. had no homes to sell on Wednesday, May 3. The few houses that were subsequently listed for sale were quickly snapped up. The Board of Directors commended Rayetta Henson, long-time salesperson at GHI, for her superior performance to the cooperative, particularly in selling 31 homes since January, and for her dedication in working late hours and week-ends to accomplish this sales record. The Board also awarded her a certificate of appreciation.

In addition the Board commended the entire staff of the Sales and Member Services Department for their excellent sales record, particularly since January of this year. GHI has sold 54 houses since January while, in all of last year, only 63 houses were sold.

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After Many Discussions Council Finally Resolves Bus Routes By Taking No Action

by Barbara Likowski

Council reached a decision on two proposed changes in Greenbelt's Metrobus coverage by voting unanimously at the May 1 council meeting to let the coverage remain as is. After testimony at council meetings, a public hearing, and a work session, council decided not to ask Metro to set back the time on the 5:35 p.m. R-15 express. It also decided not to ask for rerouting of the F-6.

Complaints had been made that it is difficult for persons working in downtown Washington who quit work at 5 p.m. to catch the 5:35 express bus from Stadium/Armory to Greenbelt. As a solution it was suggested that the 5:35 p.m. bus be pushed back 10 minutes to 5:45 so that more people would be able to make it. Only 1 person appeared in public to testify in favor of the time change. A clip-out coupon in the News Review and questionnaires put on cars in nearby parking lots brought only seven responses, four in favor of the change and three opposed. A survey made one evening on the 5:35 bus indicated that 14 of the 33 riders were opposed to the change and 19 were not.

Council felt that there was no strong response to their questionnaire and that therefore the time of departure should remain as it is.

Councilman Thomas White expressed the belief that a better solution would be for Metro to convert an R 12 to an R 11-R 15 express to Springhill Lake and the center of Greenbelt. White did not think the R 12 conversion would make

that much difference to Metro because he saw mostly the same people riding the later local bus now as those who would be riding a later express.

A Representative from the County Department of Transportation (DOT) had indicated earlier to council that such a conversion would not be feasible. Nevertheless council moved that the staff inquire of DOT and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) of the possibility of such a change. One reservation held by Councilman Gil Weidenfeld was that such a change might be too late in lieu of the fact that it would take several months to be implemented and then it would be close to the time of the opening of the New Carrollton Metro railroad station. Greenbelt express buses would be rerouted then anyway. White pointed out that the change, although it would be in operation for a short time, might convert people to Metro who were now driving cars and those new passengers would be kept when the new station opened.

F 6 Route

Council had also considered asking for a change in the new F6 route which comes into Greenbelt by way of Lakecrest, Lakeside, Westway and Crescent to the center. Because of complaints from residents on or near the route several alternative routes were looked at. One would turn right at the top of the hill at Westway and Ridge, one would turn left at the same intersection and one

would come into the city by Southway Road. There was active citizen support for the present route, particularly from citizens in the south of the city who expressed satisfaction that their section of the city was finally being served.

Council investigated charges of pollution, congestion and noise caused by the bus and decided that the present route was the best route to the center and also the safest, causing the least amount of pollution and congestion.

Citizen Request

Council heard a request from Dr. Bertram Donn, Woodland Way, on behalf of some Greenbelt residents that council support a congressional amendment that would transfer funds from the military budget to civilian uses. The sum of about 5 billion dollars would come from reduced military spending and be available for use by cities for such things as elderly housing, mass transportation, direct loan programs, health services, etc.

Backing Donn's request Rebecca Williams noted that this was "more a statement that we want the federal government to consider people who are here . . ."

After deliberation council agreed that they could not represent the views of the people of Greenbelt on national matters but could only speak as individuals, each according to his own personal belief. As a council, therefore, they decided not to speak for the transfer amendment.

Red Cross Needs Volunteer Nurses

Volunteer nurses are desperately needed by the Prince George's Red Cross to assist in blood pressure screening at the Greenbelt Homes Community Building on Hamilton Place, from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on a day still to be determined.

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Greenbelt Homes, Human Relations Council Tangle Again Over Marital Status Role

The Human Relations Commission and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. crossed swords again at a hearing before the HRC on Tuesday, April 25.

In this most recent case, GHI member, Ann Mitten, 65-G Ridge Road (Mitten is currently renting her home and living elsewhere in Maryland) charged GHI with discrimination in a complaint brought before the HRC in 1975. At that time Mitten had two students, a man and a woman, living in her home.

A widow with two children, Mitten maintained that her son needed a "male image" and she and her daughter needed feminine companionship as well as help with the home. One of the neighbors informed the board of directors of the situation upon which Mitten asked the board for an exception to the rule.

The provisions of the Mutual Ownership Contract which all GHI members sign as they become members of the co-op states that persons may live in a GHI home who are related to each other by blood or marriage. The board occasionally

grants exceptions based on illness. However, Mitten's request was denied.

At Tuesday's hearing GHI attorney, Albert Ginsberg, filed a motion to dismiss the complaint because the HRC had not complied with its own rules which provides for a reasonable time period after the complaint is made for GHI to respond. (Though the case was filed in 1975, a hearing was not scheduled until the one on Tuesday). Moreover, Ginsberg said, there was never a finding by the HRC of failure of conciliation or that a violation had even occurred.

Richard Alper, Mitten's attorney, has been given 10 days to respond to the motion. The commission was to meet again on May 8 to decide whether to dismiss Mitten's case because of Ginsberg's motion.

In the Hemphill-Bradley case which came before the HRC in 1976, GHI had denied an unmarried couple's attempt to buy a house. The HRC, after a number of hearings took GHI to court, claiming discrimination against unmarried couples. In Feb. 1978, the court dismissed the case "without prejudice", finding that the HRC has

not enforced its order on non-discrimination against unmarried couples.

Hemphill-Bradley provided the incentive for County Council Chairman Francis White to introduce a bill which would permit landlords to refuse to rent to persons unrelated by blood, marriage or adoption. That bill eventually died.

In the Mitten case, she is claiming that she has been discriminated against because of her age, sex, marital status and occupation. GHI general manager Roy Breashears stated that Mitten's age, sex, marital status and occupation were all known to GHI at the time she purchased her home and therefore she has not been discriminated against.

In another case recently filed with the HRC, Donovan vs. GHI, the complaint alleges that GHI is discriminating against single people because the GHI board has asked Betty Donovan a single homeowner in the cooperative, to tell GHI when she and her fiance plan to be married. His remaining in the home is, according to GHI, a violation of the contract Donovan signed when she became a member.

Rep. Spellman Holds Open Door Session

Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman will meet with Greenbelt residents next Thursday, May 11 from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Mrs. Spellman will present a brief rundown on what is happening on Capitol Hill, followed by a question and answer period.

"My office doors - both on Capitol Hill and at the District Office in Hyattsville - are always open to residents of my District, but I think it is important to meet with them in their own neighborhood," the congresswoman said.

Mrs. Spellman's Open Door sessions have bred many new legislative ideas, as well as serving as a vital community link between the Congresswoman and her constituents.

Spellman's staff members will accompany her to assist Greenbelt with any problems they wish to discuss. An interpreter for the deaf will be provided if one is requested at least one day in advance by calling 225-4131.

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 completed in phases. Funding for the entire project would not have to be undertaken immediately, nor would the park have to be shut down in order to be reconditioned and beautified.

Harry Irving was given a preliminary presentation when the studies were completed. According to McKewin, Irving gave the students valuable insights and advised them on the preferences and priorities of council. The positive features of all three proposals were then drawn together into a cohesive plan for presentation.

Sketches

The overall design included six major sketches. The first black and white representation was an inventory of the Park today. It showed the location of power lines, trees, shrubbery; the state of the entranceway, bandstand, and lake-front, etc. There have been no drastic changes since the 1963 inventory, simply a natural progression in the process of soil erosion and tree loss.

Overall Plan

The next drawing was the final design plan. It displayed the students' concept of all that should be changed in the Lake Park. The entrance way to the Park was found lacking in definition. The students emphasized this aspect and a conceptual design of what the entry might look like with trees and shrubbery was presented. They suggested using varieties of shrubs in different colors to indicate a new activity area. For example the entranceway theme would be red and white and the next area would be planted in shades of yellow. It was recommended that the view of the maintenance facility be screened from the parking area. The realignment of the parking area itself and the creation of islands was suggested. The lot was shown screened by plants and shaded; facilities for play and parent seating were added.

Bandstand

The bandstand would be redone in a gazebo design, which is both traditional and nostalgic. It would provide an entertainment area with a view of the water, and would be surrounded by shrubs to correct a water problem. The concession stand would be redone in the same shape to give it style and tie it in with the rest of the park. A boat dock would be an added feature.

Dock

A high priority of the plan was the construction of a bulkhead or dock along the water's edge from the concession stand to the dam. Hopefully the dock would halt the erosion which is gradually eating away at the shoreline; it would extend out over the water allowing people to get closer to the water, feed the ducks, fish, etc. The importance of the erosion factor was highly stressed by the students. It was noted that the grass had been overused and very little vegetation exists at present. Total regrading was not deemed necessary but some leveling would have to be done. In addition to the use of trees, and bushes, sodding and/or seeding would be a partial solution to the erosion problem.

Detailed Drawings

The "planning plan" was the students' key as to which plan went where. It included the genus names of the plants that had been suggested to curb erosion, and to en-

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 limited to mowing, leaf and trash removal, and equipment repair.

Walkways

Another concern expressed by Don Volk was for improvement of walkways and outdoor lighting. In February, PRAB requested that, if possible, part of the \$100,000 federal grant for street improvements be used on Bike trails, underpasses, sidewalks, and lighting improvements for the internal walkways. City staff has noted that any such change would first require the authorization of the Prince Georges County Council. Because most of the internal walkway system is on GHI property, the city does not have jurisdiction to improve walks. Although desirable, constructing sidewalks in many areas would be difficult because of the narrow rights-of-way.

Giese noted that the city is exploring relighting. However, the lights are rented from Pepco with the city paying a monthly service charge. Since CDBG funds are for one-time purchases, the additional operating costs would have to come out of the city budget. Low level lights, which are primarily decorative, are being considered for playgrounds. It is feared that some people might complain about the brightness of lights.

Don Volk explained that his main concern about the report was that the idea of improving playgrounds was low on the list of voter priorities at the last election. At council meeting, Greenbelter Jack Steiffer complimented the city manager and staff for working within the guidelines for the report.

hance and separate usage areas. Illustration number five showed the proposed dock in detail and dealt with the features of the bandstand. A color perspective drawing of the entranceway gave an idea of what could be done to change the look and atmosphere of the park. A special study of the flora and fauna was undertaken by one of the students which illustrated various species of wildflowers, ducks, and described the vegetation.

All of the original illustrations will be kept by the students, and two sets of prints of the plans will be sent to the City of Greenbelt for its own use. Phillip McKewin stated that his classmates enjoyed working on the redesigning project because it gave them an opportunity to work with a site that actually exists and supplied conditions. Council and PRAB members thanked the students and praised them for their efforts.

Recommendations

The strongest recommendations which grew out of the study were listed succinctly: the redesign of the park entrance; realignment and changes in the parking area; the concept of defined activity areas; blocking off the view of the maintenance area upon entering the park; relocation of maintenance roads; a bulkhead built to conform to the configuration of the land; a new concession area with a boat dock; and the regrading of much of the land to stop erosion were the highest priorities arrived at by the students. The plan will now be considered by PRAB members and their recommendations will then be passed on to the city council for its deliberation.

Greenbriar Phase I Organizes Committees

by Richard Ley

On Thursday evening, May 4, 27 members from Greenbriar Phase I met in the Greenbriar Community Building meeting room. This meeting was held, not to discuss the Baltimore-Washington overpass, but rather to organize working committees to help the Phase I Board of Directors which was elected in March.

The meeting opened with an introduction of the committee chairpersons and a brief description of each committee's function. Harry Barley is in charge of the Parking Committee, which handles all matters relating to the Phase I parking spaces.

Karen Posey of the Lighting Committee is responsible for the lighting of all common condominium areas. Her committee is currently studying the possibility of replacing the existing stairwell lights with fluorescent bulbs.

Jack Murray's Recreation Committee is still in the formative stage, but will handle events such as sports tournaments, bus trips, and bike hikes. This committee will work closely with the Social Committee headed by Roger Loebenstein, who plans a pool party, softball games, and continuing the Friday brunches.

Roger Ledoux, Communications Committee Chairman discussed the possibility of a newsletter and Phase I Residents Directory.

Grounds Committee chairman Rogar Bove supervises the landscape appearance and grounds improvements. Don Shell heads up the Buildings Committee, which checks out the structural integrity of the condominium buildings.

Vicki Hatter is in charge of the Finance Committee. Larry Ramsey is chairman of the Phase I Building Representatives.

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City Open Tennis Tournament
The season's first tournament, co-sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Tennis Association, will take place May 19 thru May 29 with Men's Singles and Doubles - 'A' and 'B' Divisions - plus Women's 'A' and 'B' Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Register at the Youth Center Business Office, weekdays thru the 16th, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For further information on the tournament, call the Rec. Depart. weekdays, 9-5, 474-6878.

Camp Pine Tree
The summer camp is operated by the city of Greenbelt Rec. Depart. This marks the 13th year of successful fun and skill programs of outdoor and special activities. Instructional programs in swimming, tennis, tumbling, trampoline, crafts and archery are offered. The camp session is eight weeks long, which is divided into 4-two week sessions beginning June 26. Brochures and applications are available at the Rec. Depart. For further details, call 474-6878, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Comment on County Library Services Wanted Wed.

An open meeting on county library services will be held on Wed. May 17 at 8 p.m., at the National Agricultural Library, Baltimore Blvd., Beltsville. Citizens are asked to tell the librarians and government officials what kind of service they want for themselves and their children.

Participants will elect delegates to attend the Governor's conference on Libraries next fall.

The meeting will be signed for the deaf.

Citizen Comment Wanted

The Prince Georges County Council will hear citizen comment on Tuesday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m. on a bill (CB-29) shifting approximately \$2.2 million in school construction bonds, already authorized, from schools completed to school projects long planned but not started. Springhill Lake Elementary School is among the schools that will receive funds (\$50,000).

The bill would take care of nearly all the school construction projects now pending. The \$2.2 million would match school construction money already put up by the State.

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tion of a new facility of approximately 3,500 sq. ft. APB felt the request was premature and PRAB recommended against using green space for such a purpose.

Snow Removal

Commenting on the Rev. Kenneth Buker's concern for sidewalk snow removal, the city staff noted that this year's budget for snow removal was \$6,675 and the actual expenditures totaled \$13,900. They pointed out that the "city had more snow to contend with this winter than it has had in probably any of the last ten years."

The city uses a snow plow mounted on a small vehicle to plow some sidewalks and, in particular, the Center Mall area. However, this equipment is too large for most sidewalks. The proposed budget for the new fiscal year provides \$1,500 for the purchase of a sidewalk snow plow that would be power driven but hand operated. Its purchase would not provide for the clearing of all sidewalks within the city, but would assist in the clearing of the more extensively used and critical sidewalk areas. Council was informed that if all public sidewalks were to be cleared, the city would

Nursery School Yard Sale

The annual yard sale at the Greenbelt Nursery School grounds, Hillside and Crescent Rds., will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fantastic sales on good clothing, furniture, plants, toys, baked goods, books and white elephants are planned.

Greenbelt Homemakers

The Greenbelt Homemakers Club will have a meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Mary Ann Baker. The program will be presented by Mrs. Francis Crisman on "Antiques".

For further information call 345-9032.

have to consider additional equipment purchases.

Council unanimously supported the proposed extension of Metro rail operating hours on weekdays from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. and the initiation of 14 hours of service on Saturday. White delivered the city's position at a hearing of the Washington-Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on May 4.

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