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Slate Candidates, Proponents of Electric Heat Conversion, Elected to GHI Board

by Mary Lou Williamson

Steve Curtis, Joe Jenkins. John Lewis and Della Donaldson, the four members of the new direction slate, were swept into office at the annual Greenbelt Homes, Inc. election on June 30 and July 1. They handily beat two incumbents and three other newcomers.

Members responded enthusiastically to the slate's platform: a firm commitment to electric heat conversion, better understanding of the rehabilitation programs through improved communications to members, better management procedures, greater member involvement, more effective use of committees and more effective long-range planning.

Successful candidates for the Audit Committee were Carl Conrad, who ran with the slate, Frank Gervasi and Katherine Keene. None was an incumbent, though Keene has previously served on both Board and Audit

About 31% of GHI's 1,600 homeowners voted; 227 frames, 281 from masonry.

Agenda Items

At the annual meeting on June 36, members voted to approve the issuance costs and reserves needed for financing the rehabilitation and heat conversion programs through revenue bonds issued by the city of Greenbelt. The motion was necessary because of the omission of specific language in motions approved by the members in May. No additional costs are involved.

Prior to the vote, Alan Lenchek urged members to vote no. He said, "the board has given us no justification for the \$750,-000 figure." He was certain, he said, that the fees of the bond counsel, underwriters, market study, etc., should be less than what GHI has informally been advised. He could not see why the city's attorney should be paid anything by GHI when he is already paid by the city and GHI is part of the city.

"Time's awastin'," cautioned Charles Schwan. "If we don't do this, what we did in May is out the window." Delay would result either in making the program much more expensive or "shooting the program" altogether. In response to Lenchek. Schwan pointed out that no specific figure was included in the motion because the costs are not yet known. Also, he said, according to the agreement between GHI and the city, "the city will not bear any of the costs. The city is not in the business of subsidizing GHI."

"I am sick and tired of all this delay," long-time member Carnie Harper said. She requested members to "act in good conscience and not make past boards the

Eunice Coxon wanted to be

formed of how the revenue bond money is used - "for what and how much."

Ben Elkins' suggestion that the program should be delayed a few months until prices come down was countered by member Bob Esty, an economist, who was equally certain prices will not go down.

5% Increase

By a vote of 112 to 109 members turned thumbs down on the management/board proposal to recoup some of the working capital spent during 1978 and 1979 when expenses outran receipts. Despite the urging of Jim Smith, the pleading of Bobbi McCarthy (who wanted a 7% increase), and the explanation by Schwan, Tom White and Ben Hogensen that the interest members will pay on revenue bonds will relate directly to the financial soundness of the corporation, the votes needed

Betty Denson summed up for those opposing the increase when she said, "We may tomorrow find a new board which may be able to handle things better than the old board." Her motion to table consideration of an increase was defeated 122 to 99.

In urging passage of her 7% amendment, McCarthy detailed the cash flow problem the corporation will face later this year and continuing through the heat-See GHI, page 5, col. 1

Negotiation or Litigation on Overpass In Question as August Trial Date Nears

by Leta Mach

A choice between litigation or negotiation for the easement of the proposed Baltimore-Washington overpass needs to be made soon, City Manager James Giese told the News Review. The condemnation trial for the pedestrian right-of-way easement through Greenbriar Phase I is scheduled for August 8, and before then Phase I condominium owners must decide whether to continue litigation or negotiate directly with the city. Giese added that he will soon make a proposal to council for a new offer to the Greenbrian Phase I Board of Directors.

If the proceedings climax in a trial, only a price for the easement would be determined by the jury. Each party, in addition, would have to pay its own legal expenses. On the other hand, negotiation with the city could include other conditions in addition to the price.

The easement is for .09945 of an acre needed for a path to connect with the overpass and run through the median strip of the parking lot between 7716-7718 Hanover Parkway. Greenbriar Phase I has had the property appraised at \$29,200. The city's

appraiser estimates the value of the property at \$3,678.

Greenbriar Phase I Board President William Ayers felt the matter was "in the council's ball park." Although he characterized the present situation as a stalemate, he felt something would happen soon. If there is no reconciliation by early July, the case will have to be turned over to the lawyer for Phase I, Bill Dunn. Giese also noted that the city would need one to one-anda-half months to prepare for

Any agreement between the city and Phase I Board of Directors would need the approval of a majority of Phase I membership, explained Ayers. However, Ayers does not anticipate much of a problem. The animosity is not so great as it once was," he said. He explained that Phase I members were concerned with many other issues now such as Martin's West, and the Smith-Ewing and Greenway properties.

Indeed, Richard Ley told the News Review: "I don't know what's going on; I've just been so busy with zoning." Ley is President of Citizens for Greenbelt and he noted that that group has not taken a position on the overpass. However, concerning the big difference in appraisals on the property he concluded, "I would like to see what the city's counter offer is."

Greenbriar resident Peg Johnson, originally opposed to the overpass, informed the News Review that her position has not changed. She explained that she was one of about 25 individuals who have spent their own money to hire a lawyer, Douglas Bregman, to present their viewpoint. The group constitutes an informal committee against the over-

Johnson felt the overpass project was "highly inflationary" and was disturbed that some of the increase in her city taxes would be used for the pathway for the project. She suggested that because of the Greenway Shopping Center and sidewalks near it, the State Highway Administration (SHA) might now consider a sidewalk on Greenbelt Road over the Parkway. "I don't see the need for another bridge," she explained.

The plans for the Greenway Shopping Center project include a sidewalk beside Greenbelt Road in front of the shopping center. However, the sidewalk only extends to the Beltway exit ramp for Greenbelt Road. Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak volunteered that as far as he knew, SHA is not considering See OVERPASS, page 3, col. 1

OPEN HOUSE AT UTOPIA

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center is holding an open house and party to celebrate its success on Monday, July 14, at 8 p.m. There will be a short meeting to discuss plans for the future, followed by a party with entertainment and refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Learn what's happening at the theater. (The location of the Open House is Utopia Theater, 129 Centerway

Action on Rezoning On Council Agenda

At its regular meeting on July 14, the Greenbelt City Council will again consider the proposed rezoning of 241/4 acres of Smith-Ewing property adjacent to Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High. On May 19, council tabled the issue until the rezoning proposal could receive more publicity.

The proposed rezoning would change the tract from R-55 (single-family) to R-T (townhouse). The city Advisory Planning Board has recommended the rezoning be opposed because of the city's historical and current need for single-family homes.

George Brugger, attorney for the owners, told council "R-T has several advantages." It will be easier to save trees, hide parking lots and keep sites attractive, he explained. At its last meeting, Brugger volunteered to recommend that a covenant be placed on the land restricting development to a maximum of eight units per acre under R-T zoning.

GVFD & RS

During the past two weeks members responded to a total of 77 calls for service. 35 were firerelated and 42 were ambulance calls The majority of fire calls were for hazardous conditions, service calls, structural fire, vehicle fire and investigation. The majority of ambulance calls were illness or injury related.

This past week's thunder storms were not as severe as the previous one that came through on Fathers Day, but some areas of the city were without power due to wires down, or blown transformers.

On the Fourth of July both ambulances were utilized as aid stations by the lake parking lot. In addition, an aid station was set up by the spillway. Several persons were treated on the scene for minor scratches and cuts. One person was transported to the hospital when ash from the fireworks embedded in his eye. One woman was transported when she went into labor. The ambulance just made it to the hospital.

A similar incident occurred on July 2, but in that case mother and baby were transported to the hospital! At approximately 12:33 a.m the ambulance responded to a residence on Laurel Hill Road for an (O.B.) woman in labor. At 12:45 a.m. a baby boy arrived. Several members of the department were on the scene. Junior fire fighter Barry Link who will celebrate his 17th birthday on the 19th of this month assisted the mother with the delivery. All are doing fine.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., July 10, 8 pm. GHI Organizational Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Sunday, July 13, 2-4 p.m. GHI Open House, see ad. Utopia Theater, Greenbelt

Monday, July 14, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

8 p.m. Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, Open House,

P.G. Democrats Schedule **Council Vacancy Hearing**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Prince Georges County Democratic Central Committee and Special Hearing for the County Council at-large vacancy will be held on Tuesday, July 15 at 8 p.m. at the New Carrollton City Hall located at 8511 Legation Road.

All persons interested in applying for the County Council vacancy must submit a written resume and must be present at the hearing. All interested Democrats are invited to attend.

The committee is seeking a replacement for County Councilman Francis Francois who is leaving the Council on September 5 to become the executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials headquartered in Washington, D.C.



REGULAR MEETING OF

CITY COUNCIL MONDAY - JULY 14 1980 - 8 P.M.

- ORGANIZATION 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4. Minutes of Council Meetings
- 5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager
- COMMUNICATIONS
- 6. Petitions and Requests 7. Administrative Reports
- 8. Committee Reports
- III. OLD BUSINESS
- 9. A Resolution to Allow for the Negotiated Purchase of a Smithco Easy Rider Athletic Field Conditioner at a Cost of \$3.995.00 - Second Read-
- 10. Zoning Map Amendment A-9361 - Smith-Ewing Property
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
- 11. Road Abandonment -Golden Triangle Drive -E-8170
- 12. Road Abandonment -Frankfort Drive - 8784
- 13. Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, Golden Triangle Lot 6A
- 14. Construction Agreement with Western Constructtion Co., Inc. for Improvement to Greenbelt Road
- 15. County Legislation on Metro E Route - CR-66-1980, CR-67-1980, CR-68-1980
- 16. Deterioration of Lake Park Suggested Policy Statement (Letter from H. A. Siegel)
- 17. Transfer of Alcoholic Beverage License, The Family Pub, Greenbelt
- 18. State Development Council - Regional Meet-
- 19. Expression of Interest for "National Main Street Program"
- 20. Maryland Industrial and Community Redevelop. ment Fund
- 21. Handicapped Parking -Enforcement and Mark-

V. MISCELLANEOUS NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change.

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For Bylaw Amendment

To the Editor:

I'd like to express my consternation at the course of events at the last general members meeting. The fact that the members would vote down a mere 5% budget increase one minute, then immediately table the amendment to prevent a 10% increase on escalated operating costs is indicative of the amount of confusion surrounding this important amendment.

Part of our present operating costs is the maintenance of our expensive oil burning heat system. Within two years it will be extinct. However, members will continue to pay for it (at 10% increase annually) even though it is no longer an "operating" expense - unless Amberg's proposed amendment gets passed. In addition to paying for extinct operating costs, we may be paying additional costs for new programs which are not costing the Board anything. For example, the new electrical heating system is under 5 year warranty, so for the first 5 years, there should be no operating expenses as far as heating is concerned. Furthermore, there are other operating costs which are really only onetime charges, but which we continue to pay for year after year because it is included in the operating budget.

Amberg is simply proposing that these charges be removed from the operating budget so that they are not subject to these yearly increases. Now I ask . what is so "complicated" about that?

Catherine Sersen

TM PROGRAM

A free public lecture in transcendental meditation (TM) will be given Tuesday, July 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. The lecture will be given by Mark and Pauline Stickels, two Greenbelt residents and TM teachers. Tuesday's lecture will be "A stress-free life in a stressful society."

TM practitioners who would like to learn more about Greenbelt's free TM follow-up program are invited. For more information call 441-9398.

BAHA'I MEETING

The July meeting of the Baha'is will feature Iraj and Mary K. Radpour of Chattanooga, Tennessee, speaking on "Marriage: a Covenant for Growth and Well-Being." The meeting will be held Friday, July 18 at 8 p.m. at 120 Rosewood. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 474-4090 or 474-6779.

The editor of Child's Way magazine, Mrs. Radpour is a Marriage and Family Counselor. Mr. Radpour is the president of Technitronics, Inc. Baha'is, they are the parents of four children.

Police Blotter

There were a reduced number of police officers assigned to the Fourth of July detail this year. However, no unusual problems were experienced, just the normal crowd, traffic congestion and fireworks.

Pfc. Thomas H. Miskell recovered a 1980 MG Convertable that had been reported stolen to the Arlington, Virginia Police.

A 1976 brown Cadillac Seville, Maryland Registration BVT-084 was stelen from Capital Cadillac when left for repairs The vehicle was recovered in Washington, D.C.

A 1976 black Ford Thunderbird, Maryland registration CER-503 was reported stolen from the North Municipal Parking Lot.

A 1976 Maroon and White Chrysler New Yorker, Maryland registration DBP-015 was reported stolen from Springhill Lake.

Officer Ralph J. Cancelose charged an adult with littering after observing him depositing trash on the highway, and refusing to pick it up.

Officer Greg Lynn charged an adult female with theft after she excited the Beltway Plaza Liquor's without paying for merchandise.

A 70 pound male Golden Retriever answering to the name of "Watson" was reported stolen from a residence on Crescent Road. If observed, please contact the police department.

Several breakings and enterings were reported this past wek. A residence on Laurel Hill Road was entered and property valued at \$3,415 dollars was removed. The CO-OP Food Store was entered and film valued at \$153.00 was removed; most has been recovered.

An indecent exposure was reported to have occurred in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. A suspect was later arrested by Pfc Thomas R. Justin.

A breaking and entering occurred in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace. Silver coins valued at \$800.00 were removed from the

THANKS

We thank those GHI members who supported us. We especially thank those of you who worked with us. The vote of confidence was most gratifying and we will put forth our best effort to serve the interests of the corporation and the people.

> Joseph A. Jenkins John Lewis Della Donaldson Steve Curtis

Now that the GHI membership have chosen several new members to represent them on the Board of Directors, let us in the true spirit of democracy, give them our support as they struggle with the horrendous financial problems with which we are faced.

Many thanks to all who supported me in the election. It was a privilege to serve the community for over ten years.

BATTER BUT KANDAN KANDA

James R. Foster

Correction

Last week's article on the June 26 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. annual meeting reported that director Ed James addressed an impolite remark to board president Donald Volk. James' remark was actually addressed to director Jim Smith.

SWIM TEAM NEWS

by Sue Jones

Greenbelt's Barracudas soundly defeated Beltsville last Saturday, 291-246. Craig Dies and Lynda Blue broke pool records and scored 15 and 11 points respec-

Other high point scorers were: James Fellows - 15, Aimee Fellows and Mark Blue - 13, Tara Yaney and Brian Dies - 12, Susan Gardes, Jay Gordon and Karen Jones - 11, and Colin Aldridge with 10 points.

This Saturday Greenbelt faces rival Belair Bath and Tennis at their pool, and as usual it should be close. Swimmers and parents should meet at Greenbelt Pool at 7:30 a.m.

Arts Center Casting "Owl and Pussycat"

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center production company will offer Bill Manhoof's play "The Owl and the Pussycat" in the near future. A casting call is being made for the male leading role age 25-35. Auditions will be held Tuesday, July 15 at 8 p.m. Men in this age group should report to the Utopia Theater, 129 Centerway, on that date. For further information, call 345-3916.

Concert at Baptist Church

On Sunday, July 13, the Clingenpeel Family Singers will give a concert at Greenbelt Baptist Church at 7 p.m. This ninemember team has been involved in the musical ministry since 1975. The public is invited. There is no admission charge but a free-will offering will be ac-

At Greenbelt Library

Monday, July 14, Movies for Tots ages 3-8, 10:30 a.m. Caps for Sale; Dragon In a Wagon; Little Blue Little Yellow.

Wednesday, July 16, Dinosaur Days, ages 8-12, 2:30 p.m. Dinosaur stories, games, puzzles, and crafts. Registration required. Space limited to 50 children.

I wish to thank all of the GHI members who voted for me in the GHI elections.

Virginia Moryadas I wish to thank the members of GHI for electing me to represent their concerns on the Audit Committee. I'll do my best to assure us all of a better GHI. Frank Gervasi

I want to thank those friends and neighbors who worked for me in my campaign for election to the Audit Committee, and those who supported me by their vote. I will work hard to merit your confidence and I assure you I will work just as hard for those who did not vote for me.

I will need your continued support. Your presence at GHI meetings, your comments and suggestions, will encourage all of us and help make this organization a true cooperative.

Thank you again.

Carl Conrad

MOWATT MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.

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Bahá'í Faith

Greenbelt Community July Public Meeting: MARRIAGE: COVENANT FOR GROWTH AND WELL-BEING

speaker: Marriage Counselor Mary K. Radpour Friday, July 18, 8:00 p.m. 120 Rosewood

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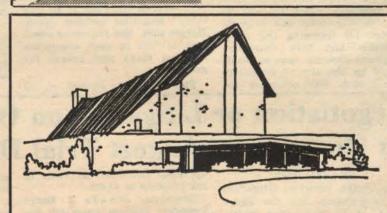
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OVERPASS, Cont. from p. 1 approval of a sidewalk on the Greenbelt Road bridge over the Parkway. In the past, SHA has opposed such a sidewalk or bikeway because using it would be unsafe.

Aside from the price, Greenbriar Phase I Directors are also concerned about environmental, aesthetic, maintenance and security factors. In November 1979, members of the Greenbriar Phase I Board met with city and Fed-Highway Administration (FHA) officials for information about these concerns. Later the Board noted its preferences on several concerns that were raised at that meeting.

Pathway Design

One question was the design of the pathway. The Board envisions a pathway eight feet wide at the bridge end tapering to between four and six feet at the parking lot. Further, they would like the path through the median strip to be four feet wide. Two types of paving materials are recommended, cement for the median strip and asphalt through the woods because it will be more harmonious. Except for curves to avoid cutting trees, the path should be straight. Lighting that is directed only at the path is advised. No fence is recommended for the woodland path. However, a low wall of approximately three feet is desired on either side of the median walkway. Suggested materials for the wall are natural fieldstone or brick. Parking bumpers and shrubs should be placed in front of the wall and recessed planters for seasonal plantings on top.

Other landscaping desires include bushes and trees between the woods and the parking lot and bulbs beside the woodland path. A landscaping solution has also been suggested for the continual problem of holes in the Parkway boundary fence. First the fence should be repaired with a heavier gauge and then multiflora roses planted to discourage trespassers.

The easement will be eight feet through the parking lot and thirty feet through the woods, about twelve feet of which could be returned and closely restored to its original condition after construction is completed, the Board feels. The Board is also concerned that any damage to

Greenbriar property should be repaired promptly. Use of the parking lot for construction machinery should also be confined to the hours between 7 a.m. and

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

Another Board concern was Greenbriar's liability insurance. Condominium owners were assured this should not increase for one year after the overpass built; thereafter insurance costs would be based on the number of claims made.

Maintenance

Upkeep is another issue. Greenbriar feels the city should be responsible for all maintenance, electrical costs, snow removal, trash clean-up and grass and plant care. An FHA informational booklet on the pedestrian overpass states that while the National Park Service will be responsible for the general maintenance of the overpass, the city will be responsible for the pathway. It adds that the city should carry out snow removal for the overpass and pay electricity cost for both the overpass and the

Traffic and security are additional concerns. Stop signs, pedestrian cross-hatching on Hanover Parkway and 15 mile an hour flashing signs at school hours are recommended. It is felt the use of the overpass should restricted to non-motorized handicapped vehicles. The Board feels the one parking place which will be taken does not need to be replaced. Extra security is desired in the form of a full-time policeman for eastern Greenbelt and in particular the presence of a police officer when the high school opens and closes.

FHA has prepared basic designs for the overpass. The bridge will be 12-14 feet wide and 215 feet long. In both designs a pedestrian cage will discourage throwing objects down onto the roadway and vehicles. The center pier, bridge abutments and deck in both versions are concrete. The major difference is the use of painted or weathering steel. Those present at the November meeting favored a selfrusting steel that would weather a soft-brown to blend well with the landscape. FHA notes that the bridge could be angled to break the line of sight. However, the advantage of screening

should be weighed against the disadvantage of vandalism or loitering. Greenbriar Phase I Board decided against angling the bridge. FHA will require that the overpass work be done entirely from the Parkway and not the Greenbriar parking lot. FHA officials have made assurances that the wishes of those affected will be considered.

History

The problem of students taking a shortcut across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway surfaced soon after Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School opened. A meeting of school and city representatives in August 1977 recognized that there was no safe way for students to walk or ride bikes to and from school, as there is no sidewalk or bikeway along Greenbelt Road. Efforts were made to publicize the fact that walking across the parkway is a state and federal offense subject to fines up to \$500. Nevertheless. large holes in the fences on both sides of the highway have continued to be cut and recut after they have been repaired.

Through the efforts of Congresswoman Gladys Spellman, the federal government in late 1977 committed funds for the construction of a pedestrian-bicycle overpass for the Parkway. Under a permit from the National Park Service, FHA will build the overpass. Eventually the bridge will be turned over to the Maryland State Highway Administration. The city is required to provide a safe and direct pathway, with provision for the handicapped, to the overpass.

After four sites were studied for the proposed overpass, the site connecting with the parking lot between buildings 7716 and 7718 in Greenbriar was designated the preferred site. The Gardenway location, as it is known, was preferred in terms of shortest distance, actual use, safety, topography and cost. In February 1979, the city filed condemnation proceedings after Phase I owners refused to grant an easement for the pathway to the overpass. However, the results of a referendum on the ballot in the fall election showed overwhelming support in all sections of the city for the preferred loca-

Akita Club

The Colonial Akita Club, Inc., welcomes new members. Interested Akita owners or admirers should contact Elaine Nussbaum

Methodist Church News

On Thursday, July 10 at 7 p.m., guest singer Mary Cole and Friends will present an evening of enjoyable music. Everyone is

GHI Open House

Sunday, July 13 - 2 - 4 p.m. FEATURING HOMES THAT HAVE CONVERTED TO ELECTRIC HEAT

THESE HOMES WILL BE OPEN:

Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch, 11-G Hillside

(through-the-wall heat pump system - frame home) Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, 54-M Ridge Road

(radiant heat - frame home)

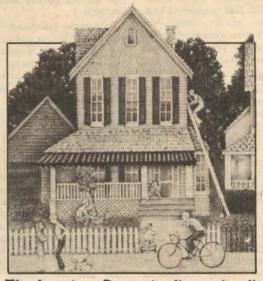
Mr. and Mrs. Terence O'Driscoll, 4-A Crescent

(radiant heat - block home)

Mr. Steve Curtis, 9-M Ridge Road (electric baseboard heat - brick home)

Mr. Robert Wilhide, 59-G Ridge Road

(electric baseboard heat - frame home)



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Fri., Sat., Sun.

July 11, 12, 13

OPEN HOUSE — Members-friends

ENTERTAINMENT - REFRESHMENTS

Monday, July 14 - 8 p.m.

LIVE CONCERT — Mary Beth Kiss and friends

"BAROQUE and BLUE"

Friday, July 18 - 8:15 p.m.

PUPPETS — The Smith's

"PUNCH and JUDY"

Saturday, July 19 - 11 a.m.

FILM — Comedy Film series

"HAROLD LLOYD FESTIVAL"

8:00 p.m.

Sat., July 19; Fri., July 25, Sat., July 26 Sammannan and a second a second and a second a second and a second and a second and a second and a second and

New GHI Board Meets to Okay Council Closes Out Fiscal Hiring of Project Manager

In a special meeting, Thursday, July 3, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors authorized manager Kenneth Kopstein to go ahead with plans to employ a project construction manager for GHI's rehabilitation program. President Don Volk presided at the meeting with all present except Director Wayne Williams.

The newly elected directors Steve Curtis, Della Donaldson, Joe Jenkins and John Lewis, sat on the board for the first time. Also present for the first time were newly elected members of the audit committee, Carl Conrad and Frank Gervasi. (Katharine Keene is out of the coun-The special meeting had been set to discuss staffing for the rehabilitation program only. Reorganization of the board will take place at the next regular board meeting, Thursday, July

At the last regular board meeting the board had requested that management meet with the chairman of the personnel committee to outline personnel needs for the rehabilitation program.

Coming back with personnel specifications, Kopstein turned to his assistant, Tim Mitter, who presented the board with two options. The first would have GHI Development Corporation (GHI DC) hire a general contractor or project manager who would be directly responsible to the project director, GHI's engineer, Ove Kongsted. Kongsted would spend one-half of his time supervising regular GHI affairs and the other half on the rehabilitation program acting as technical liaison with consultants and contractors. He would be directly responsible to Kopstein.

The project manager would be responsible for the successful completion of the rehabilitation project and would act as the organization's representative with consultants and contractors. An inspector and secretary would also be hired for rehab work.

Directly under the project manager would be joint venture contractors (two contractors working together), who would be responsible for actually getting the work done, hiring subcontractors

and providing staff necessary for the project within the limitations set by the board.

Second Option

The second option would be similar to the first. But if joint venture contractors are not hired. the project manager would be responsible for subcontracting and other rehab work. This option would require a larger staff.

Director Margaret Hogensen moved that the first option be implemented; however, if it should prove unfeasible to obtain the staff as outlined, then the second option would be ac-

Kopstein informed the board that a candidate for project manager had been found and that bidding had already been done for the joint venture contractors. GHI was now ready to go ahead with the hiring.

In reply to a question by Jenkins about how soon the work could begin, Kopstein answered that he thought a contract could be signed by July 15 and work could begin in two weeks. After carefully quizzing Kopstein about possible salary - (the mid 30's), termination provisions, the new board approved Hogensen's motion unanimously.

The brief meeting, lasting less than an hour, was both businesslike and congenial. After the meeting, Director Ed James was presented with a birthday cake by staff. (His birthday had been election day.) All those present were invited to share the cake with him.

Fun Runs

The regular series of Fun Runs from 4 mile to 6 miles will be held Saturday, July 12, at 9 a.m. refreshment stand at at the Greenbelt Lake.

Year with Special Treat

by Hally Ahearn

A special meeting of the city council was convened on June 30 to consider items to be dispatched before the ending of the fiscal year and other business required before the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 14. While the august body conducted formal readings and passages of items already given consideration, individual council members munched happily on chunks of baklava provided by City Attorney Emmett "Zip" Nanna and Kevin Piendak, son of Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak, shyly accepted the Mayor's invitation to occupy the vacant chair ot Councilman Richard Pilski.

In a trade-off with Western Development Corporation, developers of Greenway Shopping Center, council gave first reading to an amendment which would change the five-year phase-in of city taxes on Parcel A of the Greenway property to a three-year phase-in. For this, Western would receive an additional \$500,000 in general obligation special assessment bonds over the \$1,500,000 already provided for in the bond ordinance. The amendment to the bond ordinance providing for the increased funds, first reading.

Council then passed a resolution to transfer \$8,700 within city departments and another to waive bidding and authorize the purchase of \$8,964 of police professional liability insurance through the McFarlin Insurance Agency. Although another agency had offered a lower-cost plan, that company was not recognized by the state. Moreover, the Mc-Farlin policy covers punitive damages and provides the desired \$500,000 per person increased cov-

A resolution to allow for the negotiated purchase of a Smithco Easy Rider athletic field conditioner at a cost of \$3,995 passed first reading. This amount does not include the cost of a drag mat, the city plans to provide.

And savoring the last morsels of their honey and pistachio treat, council members unanimously granted the request of an injured city employee for administrative leave through July

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ing season. According to GHI comptroller Don McGinn's calculations, by the end of June the corporation will be \$38,000 in the bole," she said. "From then on it gets worse. By the end of January the corporation will be \$141,000 in debt. By the end of February that figure will rise to \$288,000. We have no savings account and no reserves. The corporation will have to borrow."

McCarthy's amendment failed as did the main motion.

Bylaw Changes

With very little discussion, the members adopted a bylaw change which altered the method of nominating the Nominations and Elections Committee. Prospective candidates must file for the committee ten days before the election. The names will then be advertised with provision for three additional days for more nominations and written acceptances. The amendment calls for a separate ballot for the election of the Nominations and Elections Committee

Near the end of the three-hour meeting the group appeared unwilling to consider the complexities of Mat Amberg's proposed bylaw change and it was tabled. Currently monthly charges are increased when GHI's operating expenses increase. Under this change, new member-approved programs costing more than \$250,000 or discontinued programs would be removed from the operating expenses and be included as additions to the operating bud-

Amberg was successful in requesting that members receive copies of minutes of previous membership meetings far enough in advance of the meetings so as to make review meaningful. As a result two of the four sets o. minutes presented were not accepted; the other two having been accepted before Amberg's motion.

Earl Kepler, 42 Ridge, asked that the board and members present take time to look at a radiator he had brought as an exhibit. He and members of his court, he said, have found a way to use the present radiators in the conversion to electric heat instead of removing them as planned. Kepler asked the board to consider this possibility at its next meeting.

Report of Officers

In his report to the members Volk commented on the number of times the members had been called to meet since last annual meeting. At that time, he said, GHI had an approved rehabilitation plan but no commitment on financing. During the interven ing months HUD committed \$6.4 million toward the initial phase of rehabilitation, the program was refined and revised, and at direction of HUD, GHI agreed to concentrate the HUD loan on the frame homes. The documents were finally



signed June 26. Installation of insulation is expected to begin by mid or late July. The next two years, Volk said, "will be hectic, but we'll have something to show

Treasurer James Foster expressed his concern that GHI has not lived within its budget in recent years, is falling farther behind and will have to borrow to get through the year. He felt members have not been willing to face the financial facts of the corporation.

Manager Ken Kopstein pledged improvement in management's efforts to communicate with members. He spoke of GHI's growing national reputation. GHI, he said, has received an enormous amount of financial help over the last several years from the federal government. The low-interest 312 loan from HUD is the largest of its kind in the United States. Kopstein expects it will save GHI \$12 to \$15 million (in interest charges) over the 20-year life of the loan as compared with commercial interest rates. Grants over the last several years include: CDBG-\$1 million for GHI area, HUD-\$20,000 for solar energy experiment in 14 court Ridge, CETA-\$100,000 for employing young people in jobs which benefit the community.

Kopstein identified improvements in management: development of a procedures manual, internal management controls and evaluation of internal procedures. He, too, is concerned about the financial condition of the cooperative: (1) GHI has spent \$325,-

000 in working capital and has not replaced any of it and (2) there are no replacement reserves. One of the reasons why the amount of money needed for rehabilitation is so large, he said, is that members have not contributed to replacement reserves.

Kopstein thanked retiring board members Jim Smith and Norman Weyel for their work on the board, their wisdom and guidance. He also introduced CHI's new assistant manager, Tim Mitter.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

As required by Section 19 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended), notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the City Council of the City of Greenbelt, Prince George's County, Maryland, in the Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Mary-

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 1980 AT 8:00 P.M.

or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, on a Resolution of the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, TO AMEND SECTION IV of Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1979-2, which Resolution Annexed Land Contiguous and Adjoining the Existing Corporate Area Known as Parcels A and C, Together with Adjacent Public Roadways, and Provided for the Special Treatment of Taxable Real Property in the Area Annexed from the Effective Date of Annexation through the Taxable Year Ending June 30, 1985, TO PROVIDE FOR A THREE YEAR PHASE-IN OF THE LEVY OF CITY REAL PROPERTY TAXES UPON TAXABLE REAL PRO-PERTY WITHIN PARCEL A, GREENBELT EAST SUBDIVISION INSTEAD OF THE FIVE YEAR PHASE-IN OTHERWISE PRO-

Parcel A is a tract of land shown on plat entitled "Plat of Correction, Parcels A, B & C Greenbelt East" and recorded among the Plat Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, in Plat Book 105, Plat 65, containing 990,629 square feet or 22.7417 acres of land all as shown on said Record Plat, and as further described in this proposed resolution.

Greenway Center Associates Limited Partnership, the owners of Parcel A Greenbelt East Subdivision located in the area annexed by Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1979-2, have entered into Agreement with the City of Greenbelt Amending the Annexation Agreement of May 31, 1979, AGREEING THAT GREENBELT MAY PHASE IN THE LEVY OF TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY APPLICANTS OR THEIR SUC-CESSORS/ASSIGNS (PARCEL A, GREENBELT EAST SUBDI-VISION) IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY THIS PROPOSED RESOLUTION INSTEAD OF IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 1979-2

Said Resolution to be considered at public hearing on August 11, 1980, therefore, proposes that real property taxes shall be phased in by the City of Greenbelt upon all taxable real property within Parcel A of Greenbelt East Subdivision with no taxes being levied through fiscal year 1981; with taxes being levied at a rate that is a percentage of the full rate levied through fiscal year 1983 (33 1/4 %) in fiscal year 1982; 66%% in fiscal year 1983), and with the property taxed in the same manner as other property within the City after July 1, 1983.

Copies of this resolution may be obtained from the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, Telephone 474-3870 or 474-8000. Such copies will also be made available for public review and discussion at the public hearing herein before advertised.

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Festival News

The traditional Salute to American Workers at the Labor Day Festival is in trouble. Volunteers are desperately needed to demonstrate their jobs at the Festival. The event will take only a couple of hours on Labor Day. All interested "workers" are asked to call Linda Lynch at 474-5405.

GHI NOTES

An Open House has been planned for Sunday, July 13, featuring homes that have converted to electric heat. Two homes which were not on the House and Garden Tour in May will be open. These are: The Lynches, 11-C Hillside (individual heat pump system) and the O'Driscolls, 4-A. Crescent (radiant system in a block house.) The Lynch no. was incorrect in GHI's mailing. Correct phone no. is 474-5405.

A questionnaire on selection of an electric heating system has been mailed to each member. Those members who do not receive the questionnaire by Friday, July 11, are asked to contact the Manager's Office or stop by and pick one up. It is very important that the questionnaire be returned by Thursday, July 17.

The Board will have its organizational meeting to elect officers for the coming year tonight at 8 p.m., Board Room, Hamilton Place.



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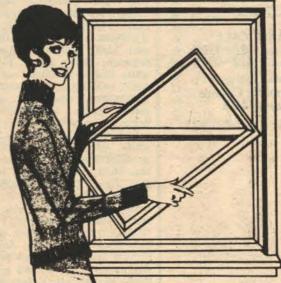
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GREENBELT OFFERS

by Frank H. Hirschel

Reflecting upon the evening of one-act plays, "Views," presented by the Greenbelt Players' Workshop, I remembered my youth in the Washington, D.C., area during the late 30's and 40's. There was little opportunity to grow as an actor. We had no actors workshop, as such. If we wanted this type of training and experience, we were told to go to New York or Hollywood. Some aspiring actors made the trip only to return discouraged and beaten. Those having the courage to stick it out could be counted on one hand. For example, I can remember Shirley Maclaine and Warren Beatty. Had we had this kind of opportunity, there might be more Marquee names from this area. Now the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, through this workshop, is giving the artists of this area that opportunity.

The staff of the Center also deserves praise. They include Sandy List, Bruce Crabill, Jay Elvove, Thomas Schreiber, Douglas Haines, Paula Lipman, and Elizabeth Frey. Applause to this group from this corner. Now to the play.

"Where Have All The Ghosts Gone?" by David Campton was the third play. The first two were reviewed last week. Christel Lebkicher, Kenny Holl, Claudia Schreiber, John Lebkicher, and Judith Holland were the cast. John Lebkicher directed. In my opinion, the script was weak but the cast was superb. Director John Lebkicher, an apprentice director, waved a magic wand and the cast, led by Christel Lebkicher brought this play to life.

The last offering was "The Wall," by Michael Walker. Directors Janet Cripe and Angela M. Schreiber created an effective drama from an apprentice cast. The stage looked very good; the players moved with feeling. Nan-

cy Prestipino, an old woman, and Angela Schreiber, Jr., a young girl, were outstanding in small roles. Kenneth Holl and Arlene Golden were effective on one side of the wall while on the other side we found David Anderson and Jonathon Goldstein providing suspense and drama. Skip Pocock played a captain in this play, the male lead in one of the other plays, and directed still a third play. Would you say "A Hard Worker?"

Bravo to the entire staff and cast for an evening worthwhile. If you like plays, don't miss the final performances at the Utopia Theater, Friday-Sunday, July 11, 12, and 13. Curtain time is 8:15 each evening.

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