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County and State Aid Helps-But Money Still Won't Cover Capital Projects

by Diane Oberg

Despite new county and state assistance, the cost of the three main capital improvement projects exceeds the six million dollar bond authorization by approximately 3.5 million dollars.

This news was presented to the city council by City Manager James K. Giese at a July 25 worksession on the capital improvements budget. Although this budget provides for a variety of capital projects, the worksession focused on the purchase of Parcels 1 and 2 and the construction of an indoor swimming pool.

In May 1985 voters approved a six million dollar bond issue. At that time, council envisioned using one third of the proceeds for "bricks and mortar" projects, including a new police station, one third for construction of an indoor pool and renovation of the outdoor pool, and the remainder for the purchase of parkland.

The bond allocations have proven inadequate in all three areas. The police station, currently under construction, is now estimated to cost almost \$2,1 million in planning, construction and furnishings costs, forcing the city either to defer or seek other funding sources for other needed bricks-and-mortar projects. The outdoor pool renovation has been completed at a cost of \$470,561, while the indoor pool is now estimated to cost \$2,525,125, for a total pool cost just over three million dollars.

The cost of the planned parkland projects also exceeds the money allocated. Major projects included in this area of the capital improvements budget include improvements to Schrom Hills Park and to Greenbelt Lake, and acquisition of Parcels 1 and 2 and the adjacent surplus school board land. Improvements to the lake and to Schrom Hills Park are estimated to cost \$155,095 and \$265,400 respectively.

The surplus school land is approximately 72 acres located along Northway Road, extended, where a three-school complex was once planned. In order to acquire this land, the city was concerned it might have to repay \$457,800 in debt service to the state. Giese announced at the worksession that the county has agreed to assume this cost.

In addition to this county assistance, the state Department of Natural Resources has agreed to grant the city \$100,000 in the current fiscal year and an additional \$500,000 next year. However, these grants must be approved by the state legislature.

Possible State Aid

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said

that state officials told him that the city could possibly receive additional assistance in the future. However, he said that the city cannot afford to wait, as the increased funding would be eaten up by increased land val-In addition, state officials ues. told Weidenfeld that the land would cost significantly more than what they normally purchased for parkland and questioned the necessity of purchasing all of the land desired.

The largest unknown in the capital improvements entire budget is the cost of acquiring Parcels 1 and 2. Giese now estimates that approximately five million dollars would be required but noted that the city will not really know the cost of the land until after officials either negotiate a purchase price or, failing that, complete condemnation proceedings. Giese, Weidenfeld and City Solicitor Robert Manzi all warned the audience that there is no easy way to predict what value a jury will assign to the land. In addition, Manzi said that the jury's award cannot be appealed.

Giese outlined several options for council's consideration, including seeking voter authorization for additional bond sales; financing the purchase of Parcels See MONEY, page 6

Council Works on Position On County Master Plan

by Mavis Fletcher

At a city council worksession on August 1, the council reviewed a draft of comments on the proposed master plan for the Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt area that had been prepared by the city staff. City comments on the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission plan are due on September 7. Their comments took in the proposed zoning changes, land use proposals, and the text comments of the MNCPPC planners.

Council agreed to take a formal position on the comments at the next regular council meeting on August 8. City staff Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson pointed out that the Advisory Planning Board report would not be available by that date. Therefore, council reserved September 6 as a possible special meeting date to act on any APB recommendations which might differ from the adopted position.

Specifics Discussed

The council members indicated that they would oppose plan proposals relating to the proposed abolition of the Residential Planned Community (RPC) designation for the historic city. Wilson said that the MNCPPC staff had agreed (since the plan was published) to retain the R-PC zoning and would work out a plan for the city based on the 1957 plan. The details have not been completed, she said.

Council also agreed to oppose the proposed rezoning of the land around the future Metro site to the Mixed-Use, Transportation Oriented (M-X-T) category on the grounds that tracts do not meet any of the criteria for the M-X-T zoning at this time and the zoning change would be premature. Later rezoning would give the city a chance to have more input into the development of the land, Wilson said.

Other major issues on which there appeared to be unanimity among the council members included: opposition to the proposed rezoning of the Greenbelt East unused school sites, recommendation that the North End Center tract land use be designated institutional and city parkland rather than totally institutional, recommendation that an overlay zone be created for Beltway Plaza and Greenbelt Road commercial areas and that enforceable strategies be devised to deal with design deficiencies, recommendation that the land use category for the Furey property and Parcels 1 and 2 be low suburban (1.6 to 2.6 units per acre) and that these parcels be retained in the RPC category, opposition to the extension of Kenilworth Avenue as a four to six lane arterial road, opposition to the relocation of Crescent Road with a request that the intersection be redesigned to achieve safety improvements.

Ridge Road Dissension

On most of the issues, council either agreed with the staff recommendation or easily devised a position to which all seemed to agree. When they got to the proposed extension of Ridge Road to link up with Cherrywood Lane, however, council struck a snag. The staff recommendation said that the road will have more advantages to the city than disadvantages. As advantages the staff draft listed See MASTER PLAN, page 4

WHAT GOES ON

Sun., August 7, 7 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band, Attick Park

- Mon., August 8, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Buildngi
- Tues., August 9, 8 p.m. Council Meeting with County Fire Chief Estepp and Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal Building
- 8-10 p.m. National Night Out to Prevent Crime (See story) Wed., August 10, 8 p.m. Ad-
- visory Planning Board Meet ing, Municipal Swimming Pool
- Thurs., August 11. 8 p.m. Greenbelt Homes. Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, Hamilton Place

High-Rise Apartment Development Moves Ahead at Sunrise Village

August 9: National Night Out to Prevent Crime

On Tuesday, August 9, Greenbelt residents are being invited to joint thousands of other communities across America in supporting a unique, coast-tocoast crime prevention event called National Night Out.

National Night Out is designed to: heighten crime prevention awareness; generate support for, and participate in, Neighborhood Crime Watch; strengthen neighborhood spirit in the crime prevention campaign; and send a message to ciriminals letting them know neighborhoods in Greenbelt are organized and are fighting back against crime.

Citizens can do their part by turning on all outside lights, then sitting out on porches, lawns or front steps from 8 to 10 p.m. Join in making this the safest night of the year. Police department officials, crime prevention committee members, and Neighbrohood Crime Watch groups will be out patrolling neighborhoods.

For further information contact Pfc. David Buerger at 474-7200.

by Elaine Skolnik Developers of the Sunrise Village property have applied for a permit to grade the 9.9-acre tract located south of Hanover Drive and north of the Greenway Village Apartments between Hanover Parkway and the Beltway. Preparatory work on retaining walls is already underway on the hilly site. However, the question of whether the proposed 478unit high rise apartment development will be constructed on the existing R-10 apartment-zoned land or whether the developer will continue to press for a commercial office project appears to be near resolution. In a statement at the June 7

In a statement at the June 7 hearing on the College Park, Langley Park, Greenbelt Master Plan, Russell Shipley, attorney for the owners, said that rezoning of the property to commercial office would be pursued, but that the owners would not "go forward with it if it does not please the residents of the community and the City of Greenbelt." Shipley told the News Review recently that "we were getting a fairly negative message so far on the C-O zoning."

In the meantime, various departments of the county and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission are studying the site plan for the apartment development. According to Michael Ma of MNCPPC's Urtan Design division, the project is "on hold" until certain problems are resolved. He noted that the required setbacks have not been met. Yet to be determined is where the front of the building should face. A 100-year flood plain study must also be approved. Since the property has already been subdivided, there is no requirement for a traffic study.

Shipley estimates that the Planning Board will consider the See SUNRISE, page 4



Above is the architect's rendering of the Sunrise Village apartments which are planned for a site southeast of the Holiday Inn in Greenbelt East. The apartment development will contain 44 efficiencies, 199 one-bedroom apartments and 235 two-bed-

room units. Of the 720 parking spaces provided, 479 are described as surface parking, with structured lower level and mid-level parking holding 241. (Bower Lewis Thrower / Architects drawing used by permission of developer James McCaig.)

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If It Ain't Broke . . .

Here they go again, trying to restructure the Prince Georges County Council. A group called Citizens to Improve County Government is sponsoring a petition drive to place on the November ballot a proposal to change how we elect our county council members.

Currently county voters elect nine council members from nine districts. Greenbelt and Bowie voters elect the District 4 member. Under the new proposal, the county would be divided into five much larger districts, each with its own councilmember, while four other members would be elected at large-a split system.

We've been scratching our heads to figure out what's better about a split system. Frankly, we haven't come up with any support for the change. This would be the third change since the county charter was approved by voters in 1970. Three changes in 18 years, on its face, are many, but there are better reasons to resist a change. Three changes in 18 years, on its face, are too

Keeping our elected officials close to the voters they represent-on the shortest possible rein-tops our list. A municipality like Greenbelt with a strong self-concept needs all the clout it can get with a county government that makes zoning and land-use decisions for us. We think that the district system has worked better for Greenbelt in the last six years than the split council of the 1970's-a system which was thrown out by voters in 1980.

The larger districts would dilute the vote of the individual voter and diminish the influence of the municipalities with their council member. The at-large council members would have such huge constituencies that they could not take an interest in issues affecting an individual voter or a single community.

Proponents argue that at-large members on a split council would be accountable to all county voters, but could also take a broader, less parochial view, leading to better decision making. They can't have it both ways! Council members are either close to the voters in their relatively small districts and responsive to their concerns or they are elected county-wide, are remote from the individual voter and, therefore, are (possibly) less parochial.

We agree with the opponents of the petition. They say that campaigns in larger districts and, particularly, in at-large races would be so expensive that they would reopen the door to domination by powerful political bosses and by developers and other special interests.

If 10,000 registered voters sign the petitions by next Monday, the proposal for change will be on the ballot in November. If it gets on the ballot, the special interests will mount a well-funded campaign to get it approved. We think it would be better not to let the proposal get that far. If someone asks you to sign the petition in the next few days, we recommend that you say No.

TWO REUNIONS PLANNED

The class of 1978 of Elean. Roosevelt High School is celebrating its 10-year reunion 8 p.m., August 19, at Martin's Crosswinds. For additional information, call 294-0960.

The class of 1943 of Theodore Roosevelt High School in Washington, D.C., is invited to spend Columbus Day weekend at the Marriott Key Bridge Hotel in Rosslyn, Virginia.

The two-day reunion of dining, dancing, relaxing, and reminiscing is planned for October 8 and 9. Guests and families are invited. Call Randy Dunnavant at 299-6734, or Ruth Reiter (Writer) Laubgross at 649-1924.

Recreation Review Women's Flag Football

The Greenbelt Women's Flag Football League is open to all teams on a first-come, firstserve basis with priority going to resident teams. Play will begin Sunday, Sept. 11.

Adult Co-ed Soccer League

The Adult Co-Ed Soccer League is open to all teams on a first-come first-serve basis with priority going to resident teams. Sanctioned officials will be i.. charge of all games. Games will begin Sat., Sept. 10. For further information, call the Recreation Department at 474-6873.



Art Show

The Art Show is always a popular event at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and many Greenbelt artists have already decided upon their entries for the show. Applications will be available beginning August 8 in many city locations including the Youth Center, Springhill Lake Community Center, Windsor Green, Library and Mellon Bank.

Photo Show

Look for the Photo Show in a location this year. The Youth Center will be the site of the Labor Day Festival Photo Show where visitors can view award-winning photographs in a number of categories

Talent Show

Wanta sing? In a group or so-10 ? Sign up an act for the Children's Talent Show. Anyone 18 years old or younger who likes to perform is welcome. Singers, dancers, jugglers, mimmusicians, acrobats, baton twirlers, and other performers are needed. For more informa-tion or to register, call Susan Breon, 982-9560 (eves.) or 286-3392 (days).

Parade

"With a hundred and ten cornets close at hand." The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Parade is looking for bands, floats, cars and other entries for this year's parade. Call Richard Semler, 474-0885.

Opening Ceremonies

The Greenbelt Concert Band, under the direction of John del Homme, will again open the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival with a concert in Roosevelt Center Mall, on September 2.

Outstanding Citizen

August 14 is the deadline for nominations for Outstanding Citizen. Nomination forms appear in the News Review. This is an outstanding opportunity to recognize some of the many people who work hard to make Green belt great.

Children's Pet Show

QUACK, QUACK. Waddle, jump, or slither on down to the Children's Pet Show held on the Center School lawn on September 3. Registration is on site and all types of pets are welcome. Pets must be on leash or in container and where appropriate have rabies shots. For more information call Mary Ann Baker, 474-1706.

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Arts Center Takes a Break

The Greenbelt Arts Center is changing the schedule for the Summer Repertory Theater in order to accommodate scheduled maintenance work on the Center School gymnasium, where the plays are being performed. In order to allow refinishing of the gym floor and other renovation, the stage will go dark for the first two weekends in August.

The final performance of "Ag-nes of God" will take place at the school on Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20. The comedy one-acts "An Actor's Nightmare" and "The Real Inspector Hound" will end their run on Friday, August 26 and Saturday, August 27.

All performances will begin at 8 p.m. in the Center School gym. Refreshments will be on sale at every performance. For reser vations, call 441-8770.

BAND CONCERT AT LAKE The Greenbelt Concert Band of

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Simple Issue To the Editor:

In 1980, I joined with those who changed the at-large system of county council representation. My strong commitment to a nine-district council came from the recognition that even a combined system was not in the citizens' best interests, given the pressures for over-development exploding around us in this county. That structure doesn't guarantee responsive, accountable, effective government.

County voters overwhelmingly adopted the district system, only in effect since 1982, because they wanted more direct access and close-to-home representation. Before you commit to changing it, consider how well you in Greenbelt have fared under its. structure. First, (no one argues) that Greenbelt has (not) enjoyed representation under the present system. There is no guarantee, and every likelihood that it would not, under the new proposal.

Worse, both Greenbelt and Bowie could, in the future, vote against their own representative, yet under the new proposal he or she could still be re-elected. Those "Super Districts" will double in size and your voting power will diminish proportionately.

Councilman Floyd Wilson, sponsor of the at-large system, told us he'd "be seen more" in our district, if he was elected at-large. The real issue is, isn't he also saying that in Hyattswille, in Glenarden, etc.? If faced with a choice that pits Greenbelt against one of them, are you sure how he'll vote? How quickly will he return your phone calls, answer your letters, and provide you with needed county agency help?

Certainly Parris Glendening ought to be elected countywide, but lawmakers ought to be representatives.

Could recent successes in blocking unwanted development in the county be driving the business community to embrace this previously rejected system? Citizen pressure works under the district system. Just this past month, citizens halted higher density in Glenn Dale, Laurel and in Bowie.

Running from "Super Districts" or at-large will cost lots of money. Large contributors can be expected to foot the bill. These special interests will field a slate of "chosen" candidates, who will owe their loyalties to those who "put them there."

This is a very simple issue of good government! There has been litle evidence to justify changing the current system, by which access and accountability are assured.

Joan B. Pitkin Delegate, 23rd Legislative District

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Fire Smolders 3 Days

By Betsy Likowski The Greenbelt fire department fought a fire smoldering in a huge pile of woodchips at Northway Athletic field off and on for three days. Nearby residents may have heard the fire engines Sunday, Monday and Tuesday mornings and smelled the wood smoke.

The fire was first reported Sunday morning. The fire department put it out, but asked the Greenbelt police department to keep an eye on it. The fire did come back later. According to Police Officer Carolyn McLean, present at the scene, the fire department theorized that the pressurized hoses may have pushed the fire down into the pile

On Sunday trucks and a water holding truck from a Bowie company worked on the fire. Water was held at the scene in a large yellow, inflated container, like a pool.

About 16,000 gallons were used on the fire. Water was taken from the hydrant at the corner of Ridge Road and Northway.

The pile was spread out and hosed down on Sunday and Tuesday. No threat to the surrounding area was perceived. According to Deputy Fire

Chief Eddy Meier, as of Tuesday evening the fire was out.

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arrested them.

Pfc. Steven Keller, one of the officers searching for the suspect, came upon him in the 7500 block of Mandan Road driving a 1982 Datsun which he had just stolen. He jumped from this car and fled on foot into the NASA grounds where he tried to steal another Datsun 280ZX. He was finally tracked down and apprehended by K-9 Sonny and his handler, Sgt. Danny Love.

Greenbelt police charged the suspect with two counts of auto theft and one count of attempted auto theft. For his activities on federal property (NASA) U. S. Park Police charged him with criminal trespass, unauthorized





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use of a motor vehicle and tampering with a motor vehicle. He also faces additional charges in D.C. as a District Jail escapee and in Prince Georges County on an outstanding robbery warrant. The suspect was a 25-year-old resident of Seat Pleasant. His two companions, a 20-year-old D. C. woman and a 25-year-old Landover woman were each charged with one count of auto theft.

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for Greenbelt **Center School PTA**

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Wide Search Results In Escapee's Arrest

A District Jail escapee who was also wanted for robbery in Prince Georges County was the object of a widespread police search in East Greenbelt during th early morning hours of July

Pfc Michael Jeffreys first came upon the man about 3:35 a.m. in the 7800 block of Han over Parkway in the act of trying to steal a Datsun 280ZX. As the officer approached he fled into nearby woods leaving two female companions sitting in a stolen Subaru where Jeffreys Free Plays in Baltimore

Sunrise Village Moves Ahead

(Continued from page one) site plan in September.

On February 22 the Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to oppose the C-O rezoning that would allow 500,000 square feet of office space in three buildings. Traffic was a major concern for both the council and the Advisory Planning Board, which also opposed the project. The intersection of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway is the area most affected by the development.

Although the developer's rezoning request was rejected, there was some indication that council might consider commercial office development if the size of the project were scaled down. At the time Shipley pointed out that the commercial projects would result in increased revenues for the city while requiring fewer services than apartments. He described offices as a better deal for the city, since they would take longer to build, allowing time for pro-grammed road improvement to occur. He estimated that apartments could be finished within two years, while the office complex would require 10 years to complete.

Developer James McCaig told the News Review in June that he has already reduced the size of the commercial office project from 610,000 square feet to 510,-000 and might be willing to reduce the project another 25,000 square feet. He explained that 500,000 square feet was required to justify the increased costs of constructing office buildings, in particular an expensive structured parking facility. Some 720 parking spaces are on the drawing boards for the 500,000 square foot apartment complex but about two and half times that number are needed for the office buildings. McCaig observed that management costs are higher in office buildings.

Architect Jack Thrower of Bower Lewis Thrower, Architects of Philadelphia, noted that commercial buildings were more expensive to build. "The skin of the building must be of the highest grade . . . and more sophisti-

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cated equipment is used." He said that ceilings in office buildings are higher than those in apartments to "hide the duct distribution (system) and other mechanical equipment."

McCaig opined that while "commercial use of the tract is the only way to realize the ultimate potential for the land," he aid not feel there would be a "dramatic increase" because of the structural parking facility.

In response to a question about how long the developers would wait for a decision on the rezoning request, McCaig said, when the land is cleared, "We'll push the pedal to the metal." Thrower observed that "We're cranking up for apartments."

There appeared to be mixed feelings in Greenbelt East on whether apartments or office buildings are preferred. The concern was that apartments would generate more traffic from residents going to work at peak morning and evening rush hours. With office development, employees would be traveling in a reverse direction from residents.

Greenbelt East residents are also fearful that if the Sunrise property were rezoned to commercial office, this action could adversely affect the desired residential zoning for the land located on the southern portion of Hanover Parkway. Master Plans for the area have maintained the principle that development down Hanover Parkway should be less dense as it moves toward Good Luck Road.

Greenbelt East Views

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee recommended that each association take its own position on the question of com-mercial office buildings versus high-rise apartments. At the June meeting, GEAC Chair Robert Zugby said that he had not been notified by the individual boards of the positions taken. Representatives of the boards of Windsor Green and Greenbrook indicated that the decision

Tuesday nights at the War Memorial Plaza in Baltimore, free plays are offered by the Baltimore Department of Travel and Tourism. The plays are performed by local dinner theatres and acting groups. The last four plays scheduled are - Aug. 9, "Little Shop of Horrors'," Aug. 16, "The Phantom of the Opera;" Aug. 23, "Lord Lift Us Up;" and Aug. 30, "Bravo Baltimore."

The Recreation Department of Greenbelt will provide transportation to see the Aug. 9 and 16 plays. Anyone interested may call Karen Haseley at 474-6878.

commercial development; a representative of the Greenwood Village board said that the board had supported commercial development as opposed to highrise apartments.

In response to a question later by the News Review, Michael Vaccaro, president of the Greenbriar Condominium Association, said that the board had voted to support commercial development. James Foy, president of the Hunting Ridge Homeowners Association, said that the board of that association had voted to support the change to commercial office buildings.

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Museum Receives 48-Star Flag; Plans New Display for Labor Day by Sandra Barnes

Although an original triple coun-

tertop has still not been found,

two double countertops have been

acquired from Lucille Howell and

Nat Shinderman. The two coun-

tertops will be fashioned into

one on a temporary basis. All

interesting fact about the coun-

tertops is that beneath the black

linoleum type surface is solid

A special Labor Day display during the Labor Day Festival

week-end is being planned. The

theme of the display will be how a typical Greenbelt house was

run in the 1930s. The museum is

looking for a number of items to

complete the display. These in-

clude a rug beater, a carpet sweeper, a spin dry washing

machine, a curtain stretcher and

maple wood.

The Greenbelt Museum is spruced up for the summer. A recent acquisition is the 48-star flag, a donation from Ruth Dungan. The flag has been hanging on the service side of the museum in reecnt weeks. The museum staff hopes to have a kitchen countertop soon.

should call Martha Sinden, 345-1669, or Mary Linstrom, 474-7951.

The museum is also interested in acquiring -springs for the screen door. Anyone planning to discard an original screen door, either from the garden or service side, please contact one of the above named persons.

Many visitors have come to the museum during the summer. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. every Sunday, and by appointment other days. Call the museum at 345-1936 to arrange an appointment.

CITY NOTES

The building maintenance crew continued work on the remodeling of the Public Works Offices which will allow for more office space. This work is ap-



WHEREAS, The National Town Watch Association is sponsoring a special, coast-to-coast community crime prevention project on the evening of August 9, 1988 called "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"; and

WHEREAS, The Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee plays an essential role assisting the Greenbelt Police Department through its cooperative crime prevention efforts in Greenbelt and is supporting the 5th Annual "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" locally; and

WHEREAS, It is important that all citizens in Greenbelt be aware of the importance of crime prevention programs and the positive impact that their participation can have on reducing crime in our neighborhoods; and

"WHEREAS, "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" provides an opportunity for Greenbelt to join together with thousands of other communities across the country in support of safer neighborhoods and to demonstrate the success of cooperative crime prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhood spirit and cooperation is the theme of the "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" project and is also the key ingredient in helping the Greenbelt Police Department to fight crime;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, by authority vested in me by the Council and the Citizens of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this Proclamation to designate August 9, 1988 as

"NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"

in Greenbelt, and to call upon all of the citizens of Greenbelt to join the Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee and the Greenbelt Police Department in supporting and participating in "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" by lighting their outside porch and entrance lights during the hours of 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. in Tuesday, August 9, 1988.

> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 11th day of July, 1988.

Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor

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It's a boy for Fran and Kevin Fendlay of 6 Plateau Place. Their son Shane Michael was born July 9 weighing 8 lbs. Shane is welcomed to Greenbelt by grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fendlay, Southway and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rall, Greenhill, aunts and uncles Harry and Beth Fendlay, Plateau; Ronnie Fendlay, Southway; and Chris, Mike and Chuck Rall.

Congratulations to the following Greenbelters who succeeded in academia: Michael Kellaher was a may graduate of Towson State University with a B.S. in business administration.

Greenbelter Edward Salmon received a Chancellors scholarship at the University of Maryland. Recipients of Chancellors scholarships must have a grade point average between 3.4 and 4.0.

Colette Zanin, of Lakeside Drive, has been awarded a Dean's Scholarship in Liberal Arts at Towson State University for the fall 1988 semester. Zanin, a sophomore philosophy major, is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She has been a recipient of a Senatorial Scholrship and a Presidential Scholarship.

Andrew Kliman was recently awarded a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Utah. The son of Ted and Itsy Kliman, 58 Crescent Dr. Kliman has accepted a position at the University of Castleton in Vermont.

Dr. Jan Kuhn presented a paper at an international colloquium of family therapists held in County Cork, Ireland on July 6. The focus of the conference was family response to loss. Jan's paper was entitled "Auto matic responses to separation."

Greenbelter Jean Spencer ha. been named by University or Maryland president John S. Toll to oversee the changes to the university system mandated by "he state legislature. Acting vicepresident of policy and planning, Spencer will oversee the merger of the university's five campuses and six research and service dirisions with the six institutions of the Board of Trustees of

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State Universities and Colleges. Spencer was the former executive director of the poard. Dr Spencer has degrees in government and politics from the university's College Park campus.

Family and friends of Mat and Rose Amberg, 6 Court Hillside, held a simcha or celebration of Mat's 70th birthday last weekend. The party was also a welcome home from Turkey, where Mat travelled for three weeks with Elderhostel this summer. Host/hostesses for the party were the three junior Ambergs -Margaret and husband Richard Winz from Dousman, Wisconsin; Ruth and husband Jim Lantelme of Arlington, and Alan, Washington, D.C.

The buffet dinner at Ruth's home for the 30 guests featured Turkish food.

Guests from Greenbelt included Evelyn Kaplan, Eva and Jor-dan Choper and Mary Lou and Jim Williamson From our mailbag comes

news from staffers in the U.S. and abroad. From Jan Brenner in Germany comes word that she is settled in her new home now but missing her proofing for the paper. We miss her, too.

Jane Jaworski informed us that she had delivered a "Greenbelt" book to Letchworth, the first of the garden cities, and received some books for Greenbelt in return.

Closer to home - the post card from Eileen Peterson showed the view of Seattle which can be seen from Katie Keene's living room window. Now we're all anxious to see for ourselves. Move over, Katie. You're about to get company.

Congratulations former to Greenbelter Walter M. Miller, DDS, who received the Academy of General Dentistry's prestigious Mastership Award during a special ceremony at AGD's Annual Meeting, July 18, in Chicago, To earn Mastership, AGD dentists must have obtained A-GD Fellowship status (500 course hours within 10 years) followed by completion of 600 more hours.

Dr. Miller has been practicing



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in College Park since 1968. He holds membership in many dental societies, is an Associate Member of Prince Georges County Medical Society and is a recipient of the Fellowship Award from both the Academy of General Dentistry and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists.

Navy Ensign Ian A. Cassidy, son of James E. and Barbara O. Cassidy of Greenbelt, was designated a Naval Aviator. Presen-tation of the "Wings of Gold" marked culmination of 18 months of flight training. He joined the Navy in May 1986.

8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 1988

Municipal Swimming Pool

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. DISCUSSION OF PLANS

4. PRELIMINARY MASTER

PLAN FOR COLLEGE

5. PRELIMINARY PLAN OF

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One Year Later--Sandra Remembers

by Betty Allen

1987 - "it was a very good year". After years of involvement with Greenbelt organizations - especially the Labor Day Festival and the News Review - Sandra Barnes saw in the many successful events of the Anniversary year the culmination of her efforts as three year chairperson of the 50th Anniversary Committee. Then, at the opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival, her name was announced as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of the year. How did she feel at that moment?

Basically a quiet, unassuming person, Sandy really didn't expect the honor. She says she thought she might be nominated, but expected one of the "pioneers" would be a good choice for the anniversary year. What moved her most was learning of how many fellow citizens had submitted her name - realizing that many friends and fellow workers had taken the time and made the effort to put her name before the committee.

Many people who were involved in the anniversary activities found the whole year to be a community "high" - and for Sandra the Outstanding Citizen award was the crowning moment. She feels the award is a reflection of the kind of community we are. Looking back over the list of recipients and sceing her name in that company continues to fill her with deep satisfaction.

It's nomination time again -Sandy hopes that anyone aware of the special contributions of any person will make an effort to nominate that person. The deadline is August 14; who will be our 1988 Outstanding Citizen?



MONEY PROBLEMS REMAIN

(Continued from page one) 1 and 2 with a mortgage, canceling the indoor pool project, or purchasing only a portion of Parcels 1 and 2.

Even if the pool were not built, the additional \$1 million in short term financing agreed to in June would still be required to accomplish the other projects.

In a memo to council Giese said that Rocky Gorge Communities, Inc., contract purchaser of Parcel 1, has indicated that 30 acres of undevelopable land on the parcel could be given to the city as open space. The city could also attempt to purchase additional acreage from Rocky Gorge. Giese estimated that the city has sufficient funds to purchase Parcel 2 plus one-quarter to onethird of Parcel 1.

Another alternative would be to buy all of Parcel 1 but not try to buy Parcel 2. Giese estimated that this would reduce the purchase price by at least \$700,000. He wrote that if the city did not build the indoor pool and did not purchase Parcel 2, only the original \$6 million bond issue would be required.

Another Referendum?

Councilmember Joseph Isaacs called for a second bond referendum to seek the additional funds needed to complete all the bond projects. He said that it is time for the citizens to aswer "with their votes" the question of whether they are willing to pay the additional taxes required to repay these loans. He also suggested that the city continue to seek additional assistance from the state and county.

Councilmember Edward Putens agreed but demanded that any new bond referendum must be based on good cost estimates and contain a prioritized listing of the projects to be financed.

However, Councilmember Thomas X. White and Mayor Councilmember Weidenfeld said that it is too early for another referendum. White said that he could not even consider a second bond referendum until after a thorough evaluation of the city's current situation. Weidenfeld said that a second referendum is more likely to be successful once citizens can judge whether the projects funded by the current bond issue benefit the city and whether the money was spent wisely. Both White and Weidenfeld were concerned that a referendum defeat might hinder future efforts to raise funds.

Councilmember Antoinette M. Bram was concerned that holding a second bond referendum would further delay completion Weidenfeld, projects. the of

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White and Bram agreed that Giese's suggestion to finance the land purchase with a mortgage

should be more fully explored. White argued that the land is overpriced and that if additional bonds were approved for the purchase of the parkland, the price would rise to consume the funds available. Putens later made the same point, saying that the price had increased significantly immediately following the 1985 bond referendum.

As explained by Giese, the sale of general obligation bonds pledges the full faith and credit of the city to repayment of the loan. A mortgage, on the other hand, is limited to the value of the property and does not commit future councils to levy sufficient taxes to repay the loan. In case of default the lender would seize the land. Bond issues, therefore, must be approved by the voters while mortgages do not require such approval.

Isaacs and Putens objected to borrowing large sums of money without voter approval, but Weidenfeld said that an advisory referendum could be held, as suggested in Giese's memo. Isaacs was leery, saying that it might be difficult to differentiate between an advisory referendum and one which was mandatory.

There was considerable discussion among the council and the audience on the form that an advisory referendum should take. Some citizens asked that they be allowed to vote not only on whether and how much additional money should be borrowed, but also on whether all the projects should be apmpleted. Reasons given for a broader referendum included the higher than expected costs of all the projects and changes in the city's population since the original referendum.

White cautioned that an advisory referendum could result in a three-way split, rather than providing the clear-cut answers sought by the speakers.

Polarization In his memo, Giese said that the city staff is concerned that the community is being divided by the bond issue questions. He said that past debates within the city had not reflected divisions of the different sections of the community. However, he said that in this case "there is the potential of a division of the community . . . with the result that one area will win at the expense of another area.'

Some of these tensions were evident at the worksession, with some residents saying that Parcels 1 and 2 represented the last piece of the original Greenbelt ······

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Partial Listing Based on Unformation Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Sgt. John Lann arrested two Beltsville men, ages 23 and 25 about 8 p.m., July 25 after he stopped them on Frankfort Drive near Ora Glen for a traffic violation. He found that the operator had no driver's license and that there was a bottle of suspected liquid PCP (Phencyclidine) in the car. The suspects were charged with distribution of a controlled dangerous substance and brought before a District Court commissioner who set bond at \$50,000 each.

Following a stop for a traffic violation about 6 p.m., July 28 at Greenbelt and Cipriano Roads Officer Thomas Moreland found that the car was being operated by an unlicensed driver with two passengers. He then found a quantity of "crack" cocaine and other cocaine which was apparently for distribution. The driver, a 19-year-old Lanham man and one of the passengers, a 15year-old non-resident were charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. The ad-

and that their preservation was essential. Others, while accepting the significance of the land, questioned the high cost and argued for equity in expenditures benefiting the different sections of the city. At one point Weidenfeld had to remind the audience to address their questions to the council rather than engaging in debates among themselves.

The council then adjourned into executive session after Weidenfeld told the audience that council had just begun to review its options. He said that the decision on how to proceed will be made at a regular council meeting after everyone has had an opportunity to make their views known.

ult was held on \$50,000 bond and the juvenile was released to his parents pending trial. A second juvenile in the car, age 14, was released to his parents without charge.

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During the evening of July 26 someone broke the window at the Mellon Bank branch in Roosevelt Center. Damage was estimated at \$500.

A residence in the 8100 block of Lakewood Drive was broken into during the night of July 22-23 through a sliding glass door. Stereo equipment and jewelry valued at about \$3200 was stol-

Construction materials including interior railings, wood doors and closet rods were stolen during the night of July 22-23 from a construction site in the 7300 block of Frankfort Drive.

The Maryland Trade Center III in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive was broken into over the weekend of July 23-24. Tools valued at \$1500 were stolen.

On July 27 a paint sprayer valued at \$1000 was reported stolen from a construction area at Beltway Plaza.

A dishwasher installed in a newly constructed home in the 7000 block of Mathew Street was reported stolen July 27.

Pfc Alan Caho arrested two non-resident males, ages 21 and 17 about 2 a.m., July 24 who were seen by a resident using a baseball bat to break out the rear window of a car parked in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. They were charged with malicious destruction. The adult was released pending trial and the juvenile was released to his parents pending juvenile court action.

In a shopliting theft about 6 p.m., July 27 at the Kemp Mill records store in the Greenway Center a man ran from the store with assorted compact discs. He

was white, 25-30 yrs., 5'9", 155 lbs., with strawberry blond hair, wearing gray jeans and a purple shirt.

Investigating a complaint of a loud party about 12:15 a.m., Ju-ly 24 in the 100 block of Westway, Pfc. Steven Keller arrested an 18-year-old Suitland man for urinating in public.

Officer Robert Dowling arrested three Adelphi men about 7 p.m., July 23 in a car bearing a license plate which had been stolen in Pennsylvania. They were charged with theft. Two were held on \$500 bond each and the third man was released pending trial.

A green 1980 Volkswagen Rabbit. Md. SSN1780 was stolen July 24 from the 9100 block of Edmontson Terrace. On July 26 a gold-colored 1984 Toyota Corolla, Md. VSB912 was stolen from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway.

Pfc Jeff Riskin recovered a 1974 Dodge van July 21 in the 8000 block of Breezewood Drive. It had been stolen March 16 in Anne Arundel County. A Toyota Camry, stolen July 26 from the 5300 block of Canning Terrace was found the same evening in the 10,000 block of Greenbelt Road. On July 27 Cpl. Thomas Miskell found a 1983 Datsun 280ZX which had been stolen July 25 from Hillcrest Heights. There were no arrests,

The Greenbelt Marriott Hotel on Ivy Lane reported the theft July 22 of two dry chemical fire extinguishers.

In an office suite in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive a wallet was stolen from a purse about 6 p.m., July 26.

A small amount of change was stolen from a Coke vending machine which had been pried open during the evening of July 22 at the Phillips 66 gas station in the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road.



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Member Questions Corporate Actions On Structural Problems in GHI Homes

by Mavis Fletcher

A discussion of the structural repairs needed by some of the homes in the cooperative occupied almost two hours of the meeting of the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. on July 14. This examinaton was prompted by a letter which was sent to the board by Lynette Johnson of the 17 Court of Ridge Road.

Johnson's letter, which was introduced at the meeting on June 23 but not discussed said that the management staff years ago acknowledged that a structural problem existed in her unit and that the problem was being studied. According to the letter, Johnson was unable to get information on the studies and had decided to bring the matter to the board.

Among questions she put to the board was a query about any past studies which had included all GHI units or any units outside the test row on Hillside. She also asked who is responsible for studying this problem and who will select the corrective action and oversee the project. She asked specifically whether the board could confirm that the staff has the necessary experience and expertise to do this work or whether a consultant should be employed.

In his report to the board, GHI Manager Ron Colton pointed out that the cooperative had hired three engineering firms in the last five years to study the structural cracking in some of the masonry homes and to recommend a solution which would prevent further damage. The firms, Colton said, agreed that the cracking resulted from the movement of the footings, which rest on clay soils that are alternately saturated with water and then dried out. This swelling and shrinking of the soil causes movement of the buildings. Colton said the technology of building on clay soils was not understood in the 1930's when the homes were constructed.

Suggested Solutions

Remedies recommended by the engineering firms ranged from the injection of a lime slurry under the footings to harden the soil beneath them to drainage systems to relieve the water pressure. The lime slurry solution was rejected, Colton indicated, because the firm could not demonstrate that the process had ever been used in this area and would not guarantee the results. The last two firms had recommended a footings drainage system and in 1986 GHI contracted with one of these contractors to install such a system in one row of homes in the 6 Court of Hillside, where damage seemed to be the worst.

6 Court of Hillside

Colton said that the drainage system put around the test building in this court was completed at the end of September 1986. The contractor's monitoring has since showed that movement of the building has almost stopped except for one end unit, Colton reported. The contractor has replaced a drain around that unit and monitoring is continuing. Colton pointed out that the work is warranted for five years after their report is

made. Johnson seemed unsatisfied with Colton's explanations. Slie pointed out that she had for years been living with problems in her unit and she is concerned with the way GHI has handled her complaints. She asked for records of any monitoring that had been undertaken in her unit and wanted to know, "If monitoring is important now, why wasn't it important three years ago?"

Colton explained that the staff is not convinced that a viable solution has been found and that it is still looking for better and more cost-efficient remedies. Jay Freedman, head of GHI's Technical Services, added, "The reason you do any monitoring is to find a solution which works. We are trying to isolate how your building is moving," he said.

To Johnson's suggestion that GHI may not have managed the problem "in a sophisticated way" and that a firm of experts should be hired, President Wayne Williams pointed out that GHI had hired firms to analyze the problem but had found that the staff, in the end, had to develop the expertise in-house. As Director Betty Deitch phrased it, "The engineers didn't have any good solutions."

6 Court Hillside Problems

Barbara Likowski, a resident of the test row in the 6 Court of Hillside, suggested that the work in her court might have better if it had been been more closely supervised by GHI. stated GHI She that was prompt to come in response to her calls to check the work, which in some cases had to be done over. Colton conceded that there may have been some problems in supervision but he said that GHI is "not staffed to put a staff person out there eight hours a day."

Board Comments

Director Alan Freas summed it up when he said that there are "no pat answers," the perfect firm (to do the work or study the problem) doesn't exist, and that "GHI is us—the money comes from all of us."

Director Nancy Hutchins pressed the staff for a timetable when the monitoring now being carried out might show results; Freedman said they might expect some results in six months but emphasized that alternate wet and dry periods were needed to relate the results to the soil conditions.

Surface Drainage a Factor?

Director Mac Wirick raised the matter of positive drainage away from the unit. Johnson said that the gutters overflowed on her unit and that the sidewalk tipped toward the building. After some discussion, Wirick made a motion that the staff come

a motion that the staft come back with an estimate for grading the yards (with and without shrub replacement) and repair of gutters and downspouts. The motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Supervisor Joe Whelan, however, warned that the reason drainage was not improved during the rehabilitation program was that members objected to the disturbance of trees and shrubs which that would involve. Other Actions

Despite a recommendation for approval by the Aesthetics and Environment Committee, the board voted 5-2 to disapprove plans for a serviceside covered deck in the 42 Court of Ridge Road. Several directors who voted against the deck said it was too large for the situation. Wirick and Director Chuck Hess, who voted for approval, said they were reluctant to overrule the A & E Committee.

The board voted unanimously to approve a recognition agreement with Prince Georges/Columbian Federal Credit Union, which has the Knights of Columbus as its sponsoring organization. Colton noted that this agreement brings the number to six of lenders active in making loans in GHI.

The board decided to look at the next meeting at the specifics of a staff recommendation to spend the last \$10,000 of budgeted parking funds in the 10 Court of Southway. Colton reported that the goal of one assigned off-street parking place per unit had been substantially achieved throughout the cooperative. The next goal will be to provide an average of 1.85 spaces per unit (including street parking) in the GHI neighborhoods.

By consensus, the board took no action to comply with a member's request (brought to the board's attention in an A & E report) that snow be removed from the court instead of being plowed into piles within the court. Board members felt that trucking the snow out would be too expensive.

The board briefly discussed instituting a plan under which members who meet certain income criteria could postpone increases in the monthly charges for their units. Treasurer Ray McCawley said that the Finance Committee had looked at the plan and had questions. The manager was asked to get answers to the questions and bring the proposal back at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the board will be held on August 11. The September meetings will occur on September 8 and 22.

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Greenbelt High's Class of '48 Held Fortieth Reunion Here

by Mary Lou (Goodall) Krahe

Class president Jim Williams said it all in one sentence of his welcoming remarks to the 1948 class of Greenbelt High School at their 40-year reunion - "Each reunion gets bigger and better than the last one!" The applause from the classmemvers indicated their agreement. The facts and figures also show Jim's staement to be true. A grand total of 58 classmates participated in the 3-day reunion week end, June 24-26. And they came from 15 different states -Washington, California, Arizona, Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, Florida, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The weekend activities began Friday evening with a "come-asyou-were" gathering at the for-mer high school, now Greenbelt Middle School. The intense heat of the entire week gave way to a cool, breezy evening, as many of the "girls" appeared in saddle shoes and bobby sox, or men's white shirts with the "tails" hanging out. The group took a tour of the old part of the school and many remarks and stories could be overheard about the classrooms, the locker rooms, the gymnasium and Principal Speicher's office. We then assembled in the media center to exchange more stories and also to reminisce while looking at pictures other memorabilia many and classmembers had brought along. At 9 p.m. the group headed for the Legion or Bob's Big Boy and stayed on 'til closing time. There was a lot to get caught up on!

Saturday night's dinner-dance at the new Calverton Holiday Inn in Beltsville drew the largest crowd: 54 classmembers, 6 teachers and Mrs. John P. Speicher. It was quite a coincidence to learn that June 25, 1988 would have been the 50th anniversary of the marriage of John and Mildred Speicher. The teachers attending were Ellen Beckman, Dorothea Dawson, Louise Druffner, Rebecca Griffith, Howard Skidmore and Eileen Turner.

The delicious buffet dinner was followed by a program including an announcement by Jim Williams that the 50-year reunion of the class was already scheduled for the last weekend in June of 1998! A touching tribute to our principal, the late John P. Speicher, was given by classmember Jim Hanna, who explained he had gone home from the gathering at the school the previous evening and written down his own thoughts about Classmember, Bill Speicher. Harrison, delivered an entertain-ing narrative entitled "A Look Back at the Fabulous '40's", which highlighted both national and local events from our growing-up years together.

Seven prizes were awarded: Traveled Farthest - Mary Ann Harper Sayler from Washington State; First Reservation -- Thomas Schwartz; Last Reservation Charles (Squeeky) Attick; Largest Family - Shirley Gray Bailey (and Ray), 8 children, 13 grandchildren; Married Longest John Martone and Patricia Miller, 40 years on November 20, 1988; Best 40's outfit (from previous evening) - Jane Johnson Christy; Fulfilling Class Prophecy - Benton Havens became an aviator. Ben flew B-47's while on active duty in the USAF, and still flies Lear jets and Cessnas in his position as safety inspector for FAA.

All classmembers were then awarded white. t-shirts with the big green "G" - that explains all those seen in and around

Greenbelt these last few weeks. Final order of business was a class picture, a testimony to the fact that the class of '48 was comprised of a great "bunch of kids!" The remainder of the evening was filled with music, both old and new, but it seemed classmembers were more interested in reminiscing than in dancing.

The weekend reunion concluded on Sunday with a walking tour of Greenbelt at noon and a family picnic at Greenbelt Park in the afternoon. Two remarks were heard throughout the afternoon - "let's not wait 10 years for the next reunion,' and "how can we ever top this one!



Dancing to the '40s music at the banquet Saturday night Lorene Nelson Hanna are and husband Jim. photos on this page by Ed Krahe



Reminiscing over old photos at the tour of the former Greenbelt High School on Friday evening are, from left, Marilyn Eshbaugh Tastet, Jim Hanna, Janet Roby Owens, and Marilyn Underwood Lindsay.



At the banquet class president Jim Williams presents the award for the largest family to Shirley Gray Bailey who has eight children and 13 grandchildren.



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Mary Lou Goodall Krahe and Betty Thomas Aydinel model T-shirts at Sunday's picnic.



Getting ready for the group photo Saturday night.



Master Plan Workshop

(Continued from page one) with this position.

better access for the North End to Metro and Kenilworth Avenue, some reduction of traffic on Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road, and new access to Lakeside North apartments and the Furey property if Crescent Road has to be relocated. They felt that extending Ridge would be preferable to improving the present Ridge Road between Lastner Lane and Ivy Lane.

As disadvantages, the staff report listed some increased traffic shortcutting between Kenilworth and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and some increased traffic on Ridge Road between Research and Lastner Lane. The staff report takes the position that there will be no "increased traffic to the North End, because the road only serves the North End. It is not a short cut to Greenbelt Road and Southway. Crescent will serve this purpose much better, even though Crescent is a longer, slower route than Kenilworth Avenue-Greenbelt Road.

City Manager James Giese also pointed out that, if the Furey property is developed, he could see "a scenario in which the city would be forced to pave the dirt road," to accommodate residents on the Furey tract. (The dirt road is an unpaved portion of Ridge Road outside the city limits which runs between Lastner and Ivy Lanes.) In response to question by Councilmember Antoinette Bram, however, Wilson said that the Furey tract (a 5.57 acre plot) would only contain about ten homes if developed at the proposed density.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld suggested that the council take no position on the Ridge Road extension, noting that this procedure keeps all options open since the road will not be built unless the city, at a future time, asks that it be funded. Taking no position would allow the county to acquire the right of way for the road in case of future need. Councilmember Edward Putens agreed



Councilmember Bram and Thomas White, however, did not share the staff's confidence that the road would not serve as a shortcut. White also noted that plans for this road might provide support for the development of Parcel 1. Bram and White indicated that they wished to oppose the proposal explicitly. Since there was a twoto-two split in the council, Weidenfeld said the position would have to be decided at Monday's council meeting. (Councilmember Joseph Isaacs had had to leave the meeting shortly before

Mandan Road Extension

this item was discussed.)

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A similiar problem arose on the question of extending Mandan Road to Brae Brooke Drive and extending Brae Brooke Drive to connect with Hanover Parkway. Previous opposition to the extension of Mandan Road had been expressed by the board of the Windsor Green Homeowners Association on the grounds that it would bring increased traffic

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through their neighborhood. This opposition was repeated at the worksession. The staff noted, however, that failure to extend the road would force traffic onto Megan Lane and Matthew Street, which are narrow and have parking on both sides. Giese pointed out that Mandan Road had been built to acommodate more traffic.

All councilmembers present agreed to take no position on the two proposals, thereby keeping the city's options open. Putens said that the council needed to hear from others in Greenbelt East and Weidenfeld suggested that a public hearing would be appropriate.

Remove Roads from CIP Earlier in the meeting, Bram suggested that the city should request that the city roads (Crescent, Ridge, Mandan Roads and Brae Brooke Drive) which are currently on the county Capital Improvement Program should be removed from that list. She said that this would make it perfectly clear that the city did not want these roads built unless the city asked that they be put back on the list. Wilson pointed out that an un-

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Bram said that asking that they be removed would be "a stronger step" and Isaacs supported the suggestion, saying that their "mere presence on the list puts it in their minds that they are to be built." White agreed, saying it "gives them a a life they don't deserve." It was agreed that such a request will be made to the county. In the matter of relocation of Crescent Road, however, Giese pointed out that the state can relocate it without the city's consent if it wishes to do so for safety reasons.

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