

News Review

What Goes On

Mon., April 6, 7 p.m. Recycling Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

Thurs., April 9, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

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Thursday, April 2, 1998

McLaughlin Submits to Council \$14.2 Million City Budget

by Diane Oberg

It's becoming an annual tradition. At the last council meeting in March, the city manager presents his budget to the city council, describing it as a "hold the line" budget due to decreasing or flat property tax revenues, a tradition upheld by City Manager Michael McLaughlin on March 23. His \$14.2 million general fund budget proposal represents a 5.5% increase over the current financial year. It calls for maintaining the current city property tax of \$1.44 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and uses \$450,000 of the city's reserves to pay for capital projects, equipment and debt service.

Revenues

The city's income continues to be relatively flat. Total revenues are projected to grow just 1.2% over the current fiscal year. Projections for the city's main source of revenues, the property tax are uncertain, but likely to be flat at best. There are two different offices in the state Department of Assessments and Taxation that project the city's tax base. One office shows assessable value decreasing 0.4%, while the other shows a 0.2% increase. The property tax accounts for 44% of

the city's revenues and is the most significant source directly controlled by the city.

Whatever the assessable base turns out to be, it will determine the city's property tax revenues for the next three fiscal years. The 1999 fiscal year, which runs from July 1 through June 30, 1999, is the first year in the three

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year assessment cycle. Properties within the city were assessed during 1997, while the real estate market was relatively low. These assessments will be used until the 2002 fiscal year. Several major stores in the city either have closed or are closing, thus reducing future revenues.

McLaughlin told council that, despite what they may have read about the booming Maryland economy, resulting in a state budget surplus, the city's income tax revenues have not shown a similar increase. Income tax revenues in the current fiscal year are expected to grow 6.4%. A further increase of 3.8% is projected for FY99. Other taxes (such as hotel/motel and admissions and amusements) are ex-

pected to grow 1.1%.

The city's aquatic and fitness center has continued to attract new users and to cover 92% of its costs in FY99. This is up from 88% in the current fiscal year and 86% in FY96. The high point, so far was FY97 when the facilities covered 91% of their costs.

GHI Rebate

Part of the city's good news comes at some cost to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. residents. The corporation had won the first round of an assessment battle with the state, resulting in a roughly \$300,000 decrease in FY97 property tax revenues. The state Department of Assessments and Taxation appealed the ruling. GHI eventually settled with the state on an assessment roughly halfway between the original assessment and the first ruling. This resulted in a \$152,000 refund to the city in FY98.

McLaughlin is proposing to transfer \$450,000 from the city's "fund balance," a form of reserves, to this year's operating

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Council Discusses WMATA Proposals for Metro Site

by Diane Oberg

At its March 23 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council voiced concerns about the development process of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), reviewed the environmental assessment for a new building proposed for the Goddard Space Flight Center, and approved a formal policy regarding sexual harassment involving city employees.

WMATA Issues

The WMATA is considering development proposals for the Greenbelt Metro Station site, along with the adjacent Smith property. Council learned some of the details in a March 11 executive (closed) session with representatives of WMATA and the developer. Greenbelt's Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze noted several concerns in the written agenda comments, including the fact that the development proposal has not been made available for public scrutiny, even though a "text amendment" has been introduced for county council action. This amendment would permit new uses of the property without the normal zoning review process.

City officials have been largely kept out of the process. Craze noted that the secrecy has been imposed by WMATA, not the developer, because the agency con-

siders the proposal to be covered by the rules for "procurements," which can be handled confidentially.

At the March 23 council meeting, the councilmembers unanimously agreed to communicate with the appropriate elected and appointed officials: 1) their concerns about the specific proposal, 2) their questions about the legality and appropriateness of handling development issues as procurements thus circumventing normal procedures for public review and comment, and 3) take exception to WMATA's claim that Greenbelt did not take adequate initiative to become informed about the proposal.

Goddard Expansion

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is proposing the construction of a 350,000 square foot building on the east campus of the Goddard Space Flight Center. The building would house the National Operations and Research Center. Employees of the center are currently located in leased space in Camp Springs and in the Suitland Federal Center. A memo from Greenbelt Director of Planning and Community Development, Celia Craze, which reviewed the environmental assessment for the project, said that the building would be constructed on an 11.3 acre site, requiring clearing of 6.5

acres. The wetlands on the site will not be disturbed.

The new building will house 1,200 employees. Along with other, previously announced projects, total employment at Goddard is expected to increase by roughly 2,500 over 10,825 currently employed there.

The assessment found that three road improvements will be required to deal with the increased traffic generated by the expansion. These are: a signal at the intersection of Powder Mill Road and the northbound Baltimore/Washington Parkway ramp; an additional thru/right turn lane on westbound Greenbelt Road between Good Luck Road and Soil Conservation Road; new left turn lanes at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Lanham-Severn Road.

Council unanimously agreed to send comments in response to the environmental assessment asking the federal government to commit to construct the road improvements required to handle the traffic generated by the project, and suggesting the development of a service road for Greenbelt Road to remove NASA related traffic from the through traffic flow. In addition, the use of the Baltimore Washington-Parkway employees ramp will be suggested as the main point of entrance/exit for workers. The city will also suggest

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Metro Study Area Bills Before County Council

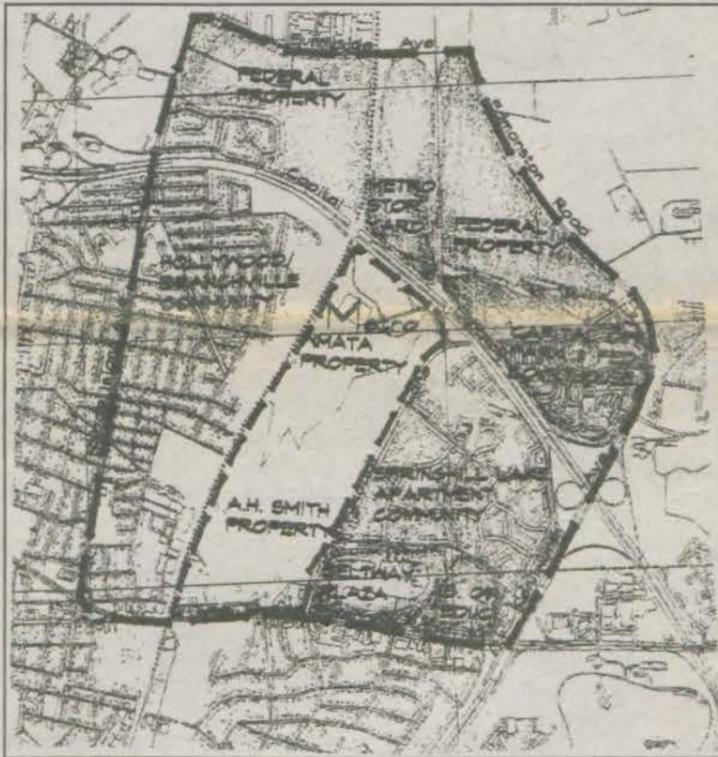
by Elaine Skolnik

The Prince George's County Council will consider two pieces of legislation relating to the planning and zoning of the Greenbelt Metro Study Area (see map) on Tuesday, April 7 at 10 a.m. The legislation will be considered along with changes recommended by the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee, composed of five County Councilmembers.

On March 11, the PZED committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of CR-17 to the entire council with the condition that the planning process be shortened. This resolution initiates a sector plan and concur-

rent Sectional Map Amendment for the study area. This procedure was recommended to the county council by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's team leaders of the citizen focus group after nearly a year of study. In December 1997, winding up its study, the Greenbelt Metro study focus group concluded that the Sector Plan, along with a current Sectional Map Amendment (SMA), which the City of Greenbelt supported, was the most effective planning tool to be used for the study focus area. This area includes: (1) the A.H. Smith and Washington Metropolitan Area

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Outer heavy line delineates study area. Metro/Wmata/Smith property outlined within is focus area. The Sector Plan is generally bounded on the north by Sunnyside Ave., on the east by Kenilworth Ave., and on the south by Greenbelt Road; also included is all commercially zoned property on the south side of Greenbelt Road from Rhode Island Ave. east to the CSX railroad track and then to Kenilworth Ave.

Signing of Agreement Ends School Busing in County

by Mary Moien

The historic signing of the Memorandum of Understanding to end the 25-year school desegregation case in Prince George's County took place in Upper Marlboro on March 19. County Executive Wayne K. Curry; Prince George's County Board of Education chairman, Dr. Alvin Thornton; and Hardi Jones, president of the Prince George's County Chapter of the NAACP, participated in the signing.

"It's over," commented Suzanne Plogman, Greenbelt's school board representative, referring to court-ordered busing. She added that the work of the school board is not over but will now shift to implementation of the plan and to the monitoring of activities that will improve the quality of education to all students in the county.

It is anticipated that Judge Peter Messitte will approve the plan in early May. Messitte is presiding over the desegregation case Vaughns v. Board of Education of Prince George's County. Earlier in March he reviewed the memorandum and stated that "the Memorandum of Understanding is reasonable and provides a sound basis for settlement of the pending desegregation lawsuit." Several legislative actions remain that have to be approved by the Maryland State Legislature to provide funds and authorities to accomplish the tasks. It is anticipated that all will be approved.

Plan Details

Provisions of the agreement include: 1. Maintain magnet schools. 2. Provide compensatory support to schools with racially

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Transit Authority (WMATA) properties — the "focus" area containing about 267 acres; and (2) the "study area," which includes Beltway Plaza, Springhill Lake Apartments, and Capital Office Park. Together the study-focus area totals over 1,000 acres.

On March 31 the PZED committee voted three to one to recommend approval of CB-35 with conditions that were offered by the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George's County Planning Board.

CB-35, favored by Smith's representatives, calls for a zoning text amendment (ZTA) changing the existing light and heavy industrial zoning ordinance (I-1 and I-2).

The amendment would define a "Metro Planned Community" allowing mixed uses and densities to be developed on the existing Smith/WMATA industrial zoned land. About 51% of the focus area is undeveloped, of which 91% is zoned for heavy industrial use.

In recommending the approval of CB-35, the PZED committee attached several conditions. These include:

1. Amending to specify a minimum development area of 175 acres instead of 75 acres;

2. Requesting Richard Reed, Smith representative, to get together with the City of Greenbelt to resolve their differences over the adequate public facilities test;

3. Including the Planning Board's recommendations to the committee on CB-35 which contains minor changes to certain performance standards; and

4. The City of Greenbelt's recommendation that the Mixed-Use Transportation Oriented Zone (MXT) be looked at and MXT provisions included in CB-35.

City's Statement

"We oppose the bill as presently drafted," Mayor Judith F. Davis said to the PZED committee in a letter dated March 30, regarding CB-35. Davis objects to the lack of development controls in the zoning bill. She urged the committee to look at the Mixed-Use Transportation Oriented Zone (M-X-T) as an alternative; or to include those provisions of the MXT that subject the developer to a review process plus public participation in planning.

Emphasized in the letter was the aspect of "quality," incentives for public amenities and a review of the adequacy of public facilities and minimum development standards. "CB-35 has been drafted to include all the flexibility of the MXT zone, while excluding all of the controls," Mayor Davis asserted.

Recreation Offers B-Ball Clinics

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will offer free basketball clinics for boys and girls for five consecutive Wednesdays starting April 8 for ages 6-8 (6-7:15 p.m.) and for ages 9-11 (7:30-9:15 p.m.), and on five consecutive Tuesdays starting April 7 for ages 12-14 (7:15-9 p.m.). Participants will be required to follow clinic rules. For information, call Austin Gibbs at 301-397-2212.

Letters

Improvements Needed

In your coverage of the worksession between the city council and Metro, you mentioned a statement I had made with regard to the bus stop at Crescent Road directly across the green triangle from the Center. The "stacking" of the buses at that location was one of my interests, but my statement at that time listed two more important concerns. One of the issues is that there is no lighting in that area, and if one alights from a bus in the evening the visibility is very poor. In addition, there is no paved area on which one can walk to any crosswalk, and the grassy area is badly rutted, and often, depending on the season, muddy, slippery, or snowy.

I understand that this area is considered "sacred." My late dear friend Leo Gerton has a memorial there. He would have been both amused and appalled, and have spared no effort to have this situation corrected before a tragedy occurs, and another memorial has to be erected.

It would be very much appreciated if the city council would consider placing a street lamp and a strip of pavement at this site. I am sure that a person with disabilities would find these improvements a great help.

Judy Goldstein

MARC Info Line

I'm writing about a very important amendment to the FY 99 Mass Transit Administration Bill JH-1, sponsored by delegate Joan Pitkin, dealing with MARC train service.

MARC has a terrible record in communicating causes of late trains and service disruptions to passengers. Train crews are usually unhelpful in explaining the reasons for late trains. If you get any answer, it's usually an incomplete explanation. MARC's customer service staff at Union Station are usually in the dark as to the reason for delays and you have to wait a long time to talk

to somebody at the MTA Information Center's 800 number.

The amendment recommends that MARC install a 301 area code number for patrons to call the MARC control center, located near the BWI Rail Station to get coherent explanations. Currently, patrons have to dial a 410 area code number which is long distance for those who work in Washington. The 301 area code number would be a local call.

Due to Delegate Pitkin's hard work, the House Appropriations Committee accepted her amendment. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. I encourage all MARC patrons in the 23rd district to contact our senator, Leo Green, at 301-858-3631 and urge him to support the MARC Customer Service Improvement amendment to Senate Bill 125.

Michael Ditkoff

Open Letter

Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

Once again it is that time of year when the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad Inc., is asking for your generous donations. The first week of April you will be receiving your donation packet through the mail. Last year's donations enabled us to accomplish many projects around the station, as well as purchasing numerous equipment items for our fire apparatus and rescue squad.

Our goal is to provide the best and most efficient fire and rescue service to the citizens and businesses of Greenbelt. In order to enable us to better serve you, we are asking each and every citizen and business owner to please contribute any way you can.

I would like to remind you once again that we only conduct our fund-raiser through the mail. Please do not accept any solicitations over the phone from anyone representing themselves from the Greenbelt Vol. Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad, Inc.

As always, we are accepting applications for new membership. Please call the fire station on 301-345-7000 for more information.

I would like to thank you for

FOGM Forecasts Busy Season Ahead

by Sandra Lange, FOGM President

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum are sponsoring a tour of the Laurel Museum on Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m. The special tour has been arranged for FOGM docents and friends to learn more about the history of other nearby historic communities. Interested participants should gather at the Museum, 10-B Crescent Road, at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to Laurel.

FOGM is sponsoring a book signing on Sunday, April 19, from 2-4 p.m., for George Denny's history book on Prince George's County's towns and cities. Denny will be pleased to autograph copies of the book, *Proud Task, Promising Future* which is available for sale at the Museum gift shop. The book, with photographs of all of the towns and cities in the County, presents a brief history of each community.

In addition to an assortment of items dealing with Greenbelt memorabilia, the Museum's gift shop has available for sale the updated version of "Greenbelt: History of a New Town" and the 12-inch replica of the "Mother and Child" statue in Roosevelt Center Mall.

At the city's budget meeting on April 2, the FOGM board requested additional financial

your past and future donations and your constant continued support.

Jay A. Remenick, president
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire
Department & Rescue Squad,
Inc.

support from the City of Greenbelt to carry out its activities. In addition to being one of the major cultural attractions in Greenbelt over the past decade, the Greenbelt Museum provides positive images of Greenbelt and promotes the city as an ideal place for young families, singles, and those in their retirement years.

Visitors to the Greenbelt Museum often ask about the community as it exists today, and like to tour the museum prior to meeting with real estate agents to consider purchasing a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. house.

FOGM plans to work more closely with city staff on projects of mutual interest, such as reissuance of the Greenbelt trail guide. Additional staff time for the FOGM curator is needed in order to carry out the Museum's conservation activities, as well as the mounting of exhibits, working with interns and researchers, and cataloguing a growing collection of artifacts. Currently FOGM's curator, Katie Scott-Childress, works 16 hours each week. FOGM has applied to the State of Maryland for a grant to fund a major exhibit on the decorative arts to open in the fall.

FOGM's semi-annual Flea Market is coming up in May. Anyone wishing to donate jewelry, toys or household items to the flea market may do so by dropping them off at 2-G Gardenway. Or call Lee Shields at 301-474-5321 for items to be picked up. No books or clothing will be accepted.

**Join
The Greenbelt Rotary Club**

We Meet Every Thursday Morning at 7:30am-8:45am
For Breakfast—Greenbelt Marriott on Ivy Lane
Rotary is a community service organization of
professional men and women who live
or work in the Greenbelt Area.

For More Information
Call Martin McGehrln 301-982-5526 or Louis Pope 301-441-1100.
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**Greenbelt Municipal Access TV
Channel B-10 Schedule**

Tuesday and Thursday April 7th & 9th

6:00 p.m. "The Audrey Scott Show"
A look at Hargrove Inc.

6:30 p.m. "People and Places"
Featuring Senator Leo Green

7:00 p.m. "Greenbelt ACE Committee present a
Public Forum on Character Education"

**Artists Open House
at the
Greenbelt Community Center**

On Sunday, April 5, 1998 - 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm

On the first Sunday of every month there will be an
Artists Open House on the second floor of the
Greenbelt Community Center from 12 noon to 5:00 pm.
The next Open House will be Sunday, April 5, 1998. All of
the Artists will be in attendance to display their work
and answer your questions, so come by and find out
about the Arts in Greenbelt. For information please call
the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2-4 p.m., 8-10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

**Look Good
Feel Better**

"Look Good...Feel Better" is a cosmetic and hair care seminar for female patients sponsored by the American Cancer Society in cooperation with the CTFA Foundation and the National Cosmetology Association. A seminar will be held Thursday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Cancer Center. To register or to obtain more information, call 301-933-9350.

Spring Dog Walk

People are invited to enjoy the sights and sounds of spring with their dog.

Greenbelt Park, is conducting a two mile pet walk on Sunday, April 12, at 1 p.m. This walk is limited to seven people, one dog per person. Dogs must be leashed. Please bring a bag or scoop to pick up after the dog. Meet at the Rangers Station.

For more information or reservations, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Community Events

Hard of Hearing?

Having problems understanding people on the telephone, at family dinners, or at other large gatherings? If so, join members of Self Help for Hard-of-Hearing People at their next meeting, Thursday April 9, 2-4 p.m., at The Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Newcomers are welcome. For further information call 301-474-0345.

**City Sponsors
Aerobics Class**

The City of Greenbelt is sponsoring BIO AEROBICS dance fitness classes for adults and teens. The spring session begins Tuesday, April 14. Classes will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

For registration information and a free brochure call 301-262-5175.

**Senior Softball Team
Needs New Players**

by Burt Kerr

Greenbelt's senior softball team is in need of players ages 60 and over (55 for females) to play in an 11-team league. The games are Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and start at the end of April.

We are currently practicing on Braden Field Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. and welcome anyone to come out and look or practice.

The games are a great deal of fun and exercise and it is a proven fact that life expectancy is improved through activity. The Greenbelt team had 9 wins and 25 losses last year so we can seriously use all the help we can get. For more information call Burt Kerr, 301-474-9498.

Potomac Cleanup

Come to the 10th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup on Saturday April 4 at 9 a.m. Help clean the streams in Greenbelt Park that lead to the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. Wear sturdy shoes or boots and meet at the Ranger Station.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

**Lions Announce
White Cane Days**

Members of the Greenbelt Lions Club will be soliciting White Cane contributions at the Co-op, Safeway and Giant groceries in Greenbelt, and at NationsBank on April 2 - 5 and April 16 - 19.

The Lions solicit contributions twice a year, usually in the spring and fall. All contributions are used to assist those with impaired vision, to support youth programs, and to help community residents in need. Other uses are to support Lions International and District programs relating to hearing impairment, drug prevention, and diabetes research.

The Greenbelt Lions are grateful to Greenbelters for their past generosity and hope they will continue their warm spirit of giving during this spring's White Cane campaign.

Windsor Green Notes

The Architectural Control Committee of Windsor Green will hold its April meeting on Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m., in the Windsor Green Community Center.

The Windsor Green Recreation Committee will hold an Easter Egg hunt for Windsor Green children on Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m., at the Mandan Road ballfield. Windsor Green children are invited to meet the Easter Bunny and see what treats they can find. (In case of rain the event will be held at the Windsor Green Community Center.)

The April Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the Windsor Green Community Center. All residents are encouraged to attend.

In observance of Earth Day all Windsor Green residents are invited to join the Windsor Green Architectural Control Committee on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to noon to help with the annual "Earth Day Clean Up." Volunteers are asked to meet at the Windsor Green Community Center on Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m. For more information call Betty at the on-site office, 301-345-4837.

**Easter Egg Hunt
At Greenbriar**

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children are invited to the annual Greenbriar Easter Egg Hunt. This event is for toddlers to twelve year olds and will begin promptly at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 11 at the Greenbriar Community Building. This is a free event but it is important to sign up children in advance. Please RSVP to Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096 by Wednesday, April 8.

A Walk in the Park

A Park Ranger will be leading a two-mile walk through Greenbelt Park on Saturday, April 4, at 2 p.m. Participants are to meet at the Sweetgum picnic area.

For more information or reservations, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

Fred Baluch will speak on "Out of Body Experiences" at the Wednesday, April 8, Golden Age Club meeting. Meetings are held in the Multi-purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center each Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon.

Those members interested in going on the trip to Richmond, VA on Tuesday, April 21, should check with the travel committee. The trip will cover many interesting sites including the Beth Ahaba Museum, the Museum of the Confederacy, Valentine Museum and St. John's Episcopal Church. Lunch is "on your own" in the Shockoe Bottom area of Richmond and dinner will be at Morrison's Cafeteria.

Deposit checks should be in by now for all those going on the Myrtle Beach Extravaganza scheduled for May 25 - 29. To sign up or to request more information, see a member of the travel committee at the meeting. It's only eight weeks away, so drink that Slim-Fast!

See Cathy Holcomb, Shirley Dwyer or Joe Wilkerson to make a reservation for the annual Golden Age luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, at E.J.'s Landing Restaurant in the College Park Best Western Motel. Greenbelt dignitaries and other guests will be present.

Items are being received for the Golden Age Club's Flea Market to be held in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, June 6, in connection with Greenbelt Day weekend. Donations should be brought to the Senior Lounge in the Community Center. Please — no books, clothes or shoes. Volunteers are needed for this event.

Thank heavens for a glorious five-day warm spell! Even the cherry blossoms are doing the right thing, so enjoy!

At the Library

Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m., P.J. Storytime, ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, April 9, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime, ages 3 - 5.

11:15 a.m. Tickly Toddler Storytime, age 2 and parent or caregiver.



-Photo by Prospero Zevallo

Greenbelt artist Nancy DePlatchette shows a customer how to frame a picture. DePlatchette and other Greenbelt artists will hold an open house in the Community Center on Sunday, April 5 from noon to 5 p.m.

**Caregiver Support
Group to Meet**

The Caregiver Support Group meets Tuesday, April 7 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Adult Care Center in the Greenbelt Community Center. Caregivers learn from each other coping strategies, how to handle difficult behavior, community resources others use, and that it is okay to accept help. The meetings are open to the community. Light refreshments will be served. Call Beverly Long for more information at 301-507-6590.

Anyone who is unable to come to the support group but wishes to discuss any caregiving issue, please call the center for information.

Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by American Legion Post 136 and Auxiliary Unit 136 will take place on April 11 promptly at 1 p.m. at the Post home. The Easter Bunny will be present. Entertainment and snacks will be provided in addition to the hunt. The event, which is free, is open to children up to 11 years old. In order for the sponsors to estimate how many children to expect, please sign up ahead of time on the sign-up sheet, which will be posted on the bulletin board.

For further information, call 301-345-0136.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
WEEK OF APRIL 3
L.A. Confidential R
Fri., 7:15, 9:50
Sat., 4:40 (All seats \$3.00)
7:15, 9:50
Sun. 4:40 (All seats \$3.00)
7:15
Mon.-7:30
(All seats \$3.00)
Tues.-Thurs.-7:30
<http://www.pgtheatres.com/>

New Deal Cafe
Open Fri & Sat 7-11 pm
Music 8:30 pm
No cover
Friday, April 3 - Jodie Johnson - folk-r/b
Saturday, April 4 - Big Black Nun - unplugged show
Friday, April 10 - TBA
Saturday, April 11 - TBA
Donations for Musicians Encouraged
Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

Greenbelt Arts Center presents

A BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING
The Wilson Chamber Players
The trio will perform selections from Brahms, Copland, Still as well as the Spanish Renaissance.
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1998, 8 PM
at the Greenbelt Community Center
\$10/\$7 seniors, students

Fences By August Wilson is coming to GAC!
Directed By Norman Grant
April 17, 18, 24, 25, 26; May 1, 2, 3, 8, & 9
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

The Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway, Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)
For more information or reservations call (301) 441-8770

OBITUARIES

Sidney R. Conger

Sidney Robert Conger, 68, pastor emeritus of Berwyn Presbyterian Church in College Park, and prominent community leader in Prince George's County, died of colon cancer at his home in College Park on March 27.

Mr. Conger was born in East Orange, New Jersey. He completed his undergraduate education at Muskingum College in Ohio, and received the master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He came to Prince George's County in 1957 as a campus pastor at the University of Maryland. From there, he was called to be minister at Berwyn Presbyterian Church in 1961, where he served as pastor until his retirement in June, 1996. He was installed as pastor emeritus of that church on March 1, 1998. He also served as interim pastor at Northwood Presbyterian Church during 1997. He served in many leadership capacities with the National Capital Area Presbytery. During his tenure at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, seven members followed his example and entered the Christian ministry.

During the 1960s, he helped found the United Campus Ministries (UCM). Out of the UCM movement came a coffeehouse to help troubled youth; counseling centers (now the Pastoral Care and Consultation Centers of Washington); and Help-by-Phone, a multi-centered food bank throughout the county. He was still active with campus ministries and the Black Ministries Program of the University of Maryland, retaining his lifelong interest in higher education up to the time of his death.

Human equality was a passion for Mr. Conger, as exemplified by his active participation on the Lakeland Committee in the '60s and '70s and his involvement and support with the "Freedom Train" and "Resurrection City" of the '60s. Throughout his life, he worked privately and with others to help the homeless in



Sidney R. Conger

the county. As such, he was one of the founders of Safe Haven, a program for the homeless that provides shelter, food and support at several local churches during the winter. He worked with the physically and mentally handicapped through his work with United Cerebral Palsy and the former Great Oaks Center.

His community services also included serving as a board member for the Prince George's Hospice, the Prince George's Choral Society and Camp Glenkirch, a Presbyterian program facility. He lent his services to county volunteer fire departments and the Greenbelt Barracks of the Maryland State Police as their chaplain, performing counseling and consoling them and their families. He sang with the Chorale Society and was active with MAD (Music and Drama) productions at Goddard Space Flight Center.

Mr. Conger was a "late-in-life" runner, taking up the activity in his fifties. As such, he participated in several Marine Corps Marathons, and received several awards in the Senior Olympics. He continued running even during his illness.

In January, 1991, Mr. Conger was honored by the Washingtonian Magazine as one of their "Washingtonians of the Year," cited for his outstanding community service and leadership in a rapidly changing county.

Perhaps his legacy can best be exemplified by his entourage of "friends," a menagerie of puppets and his ever-present guitar, through which his healing and refreshing humor and songs inspired many. "Sid" and his puppets visited countless schools; nursing homes and hospitals; community programs; day camps, and even the Washingtonian award ceremony. His lifelong theme of loving one another, no matter what the circumstances, created strong memories for any who were privileged to share with him. He led a puppet workshop as recently as February, 1998.

Sidney Conger was a man for all faiths, for all seasons, for all people. He gave unselfishly of himself to the citizens of this community, and to those far beyond, for over forty years. But, most importantly, he lived a life of active faith and challenged and inspired others to do likewise.

Mr. Conger is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jeannette Dotson Conger, of College Park, and his children, Lynnette McGrath, Crofton; and Stephen, also from College Park; a brother, William Thatcher, AZ; a sister, Dee

Ann P. Roland

Longtime Greenbelt resident Ann ("Pat" or "Patsy") Roland of Plateau Place, age 71, died February 26 following heart surgery.

Mrs. Roland was born in Erie, PA, and moved to the Washington area as a young woman. She and her husband Richard ("Reds") Roland moved to Greenbelt in 1959 and raised their children here. Their youngest child, Joe, died of cancer in 1974 at the age of 11. Mr. Roland died in 1985.

Mrs. Roland is survived by sons Dickie of Oviedo, FL, and Charlie of Edgewater, daughters Kathy Roland of Greenbelt and Susie Roush, Westminster; stepmother, Margaret Conger, also of Westminster; and two grandsons, Ryan and Colin McGrath, Crofton.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 5, at 4 p.m. Memorial contributions in his name can be made to the Youth Endowment Fund at Berwyn Presbyterian Church.

Capretti of Lanham, and her beloved grandchildren Justin, Matt, Mandi, Sarah and Rachael. She is also survived by a brother, Jerry Conley of Altoona, PA, and a sister, Betty Money of Green Ridge House. Another sister who formerly lived at Green Ridge House, Alice Cave, died in January.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Church on March 2. Interment was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

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OBITUARIES

Evelyn Potter

Evelyn Potter, 91, formerly of Green Ridge House, died in February at Golden Oaks Nursing Home in Laurel.

Mrs. Potter, a native of Maryland, lived here most of her life. For a while she resided in Florida, and then returned to Maryland, where she became one of the original residents of Green Ridge House.

A member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, she also belonged to the Ladies Auxiliary of Greenbelt American Legion, Post 136.

She was talented in art, excelling in oil painting and ceramics, and had a special flair for interior decorating. She especially loved nature and animals.

Her husband, Owen O. Potter, died in 1957 and her son, Richard Potter, who served in the U.S. Marines, died in 1993.

She is survived by two sisters, Bess Ellett of Virginia and Dorothy Hyghe of Florida; a daughter-in-law, Ann Farwell of Walkersville, Maryland and five grandchildren. One grandson, Richard Potter, has sung in the Washington Opera, which made his grandmother very proud.

Thomas L. Skillman

Former Greenbelter Thomas Lee Skillman, 79, of Sequim, Washington, died on Friday, March 20 in Sequim.

Mr. Skillman was born in 1919 in St. Louis. He married Winifred Nelva (Cox) on August 5, 1944 in Melbourne, Australia.

Mr. Skillman was an engineer for the U.S. Army. Before and after World War II he worked for General Geophysical Co., Houston, as party chief of a seismic crew prospecting for oil in Ohio, Louisiana, Texas, Wyoming and Mississippi. From 1948 to November 1958 he worked for the Coast Guard and Geodetic Survey at magnetic and seismological observatories in Hawaii, Maryland, Alaska and Virginia, where he was in charge of the laboratory developing instruments to measure the earth's magnetic field.

In Greenbelt he lived on Northway. He worked at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center from 1958 to 1973. He then retired to Sequim.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sequim, where funeral services were held.

Survivors include his wife, Winifred Skillman, 170 Clara Crest Lane, Sequim, Washington 98382; sons David of Laurel, Joseph of Beltsville, and Thomas of Bellevue, Washington; daughters, Mary "Kris" Bridge and Ann Drum of Sequim, Karen Skillman of Port Angeles, Washington and Patricia Gayraud of Bellingham, Washington; sister, Mary Jo Skillman of Sequim; and 14 grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Hospice of Clallam County, P.O. Box 2014, Port Angeles, WA 98362 and the St. Vincent DePaul Society, P.O. Box 2114, Sequim, WA 98382.

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BUDGET

(Continued from page 1)

budget. The balance in this account is now equivalent to nearly 20% of estimated city expenditures. This is well above the 10% guideline that McLaughlin says is normally recommended. He proposes a gradual draw down of this balance. The transfer proposed for this year is projected to reduce the fund balance to 15.5% of city expenditures in FY99.

McLaughlin stressed that, normally, such transfers should only be used for one-time expenditures, such as capital projects, and indeed, more than half of this transfer (\$250,000) is proposed for capital projects (\$200,000) and the replacement fund (\$50,000), which is used to buy equipment. The reason for limiting transfers to one-time uses is to avoid creating a commitment for similar expenditures in the future. If transferred funds are used for ongoing expenses, such as salaries, maintenance, and the like, similar (and frequently increasing) revenues must be found in future years to continue these expenditures.

The one ongoing expense McLaughlin proposes to cover using the transfer is debt service. He proposes transferring \$200,000 to the debt service fund. However, he explained that this use seems reasonable to him in that the city has enough to make similar contributions from the fund balance in future years, if needed, and the city's debt service will be paid off in eight years.

Expenditures

Total city employment, as measured in "full-time equivalents I(FTE)," will remain constant under McLaughlin's proposed budget, although the distribution will change. A second part-time crisis intervention counselor will be hired for Greenbelt CARES. An additional part-time office assistant will be allocated to the Department of Planning and Community Development. And, part-time staff equivalent to .9 FTE will be added to the recreation department. These increases will be offset by a reduction in funds allocated for temporary help in the Department of Public Works.

McLaughlin also proposes a 2% cost of living increase for city employees and a 2% performance bonus for those meeting certain standards. He is also proposing to eliminate the city's within grade increase plan, however, he urged council to consider this carefully. The new approach would result in higher salaries for some longtime employees, but without a modification, would lead to smaller raises for employees who are relatively new, or relatively recently promoted. McLaughlin has hired a Human Resources consultant to recommend how best to modify the proposal.

Public Safety

The budget for public safety, accounting for over one third (36.8%) of the city's expenditures, would increase by 4.1% under McLaughlin's proposed budget. The number of officers and support staff would remain constant. One source of the budget increase is the end or winding down of grants that had partially paid the salary costs for several officers added in recent years. Eight new police cars are budgeted. The budget notes state that the vehicles are replaced

upon reaching seven years or 100,000 miles.

The department has requested, but McLaughlin has not funded, two additional officers, one K-9 and one juvenile detective. The first year cost for these officers is listed at \$130,800. This is equivalent to nearly 2.5 cents on the city's property tax.

Recreation and Parks

This budget covers the Recreation Department plus the parks portion of the Public Works Department, and accounts for nearly one-quarter (22.8%) of the city's expenditures. Total expenditures for this account are proposed to increase by 1.6% over the current fiscal year. A 2% increase is proposed for pool fees for residents and a 4% increase for nonresident passes. Public Works

The city's third largest department is slated for a 4.4% decrease in expenditures, bringing its budget to \$1.8 million. All major categories of public works spending are reduced from the approved budget for the current year, but the proposed expenditure levels exceed projected FY98 expenditures for all categories, except the city cemetery. Two vacant permanent positions will be eliminated and two temporary positions will be made permanent. Refuse/recycling fees will be reduced from \$172.80 per year to \$168.80. During the current fiscal year, when refuse fees were increased slightly and service reduced to once per week, refuse collection revenues exceeded expenditures by \$40,900, more than twice the \$17,300 surplus projected in the adopted budget.

Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to Kathy Roland on the recent death of her mother, Ann Roland.

Condolences to News Review staffer Sue Krofchik of Northway on the death of her brother, Kevin Krofchik of Riverdale.

Sorry to hear of the deaths of former Greenbelters Evelyn Potter and Thomas Lee Skillman.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Sidney Conger, pastor emeritus of Berwyn Presbyterian Church. Mr. Conger was an active participant in many Greenbelt activities and had been a guest minister in Greenbelt Community Church.

Miguel Jose Pereira of Rosewood Drive was awarded class honors at the University of Michigan's annual Honors Convocation. This recognizes an undergraduate academic record equal to at least half As and half Bs for two terms (one term for new students) during 1996. Pereira is a student in the College of Literature, Science and the Arts.

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The Arts Beat



by Konrad Herling

April will be a month to remember for those who love good music and moving theater. The concert is a fund-raiser to be held Saturday, April 11, 8 p.m. at the Community Center and the play is "Fences" by August Wilson, directed by Norman Grant.

The concert features Greenbelters Muriel Balzer, pianist and Elizabeth Barber, vocalist, along with Albert Hunt, clarinetist, in a benefit concert. The program includes songs of the Spanish Renaissance, a Brahms sonata for piano and clarinet and several pieces of American folk music by Copland, Coleridge-Taylor and Still. The Arts Center hopes to raise funds from this concert to repair damage resulting from a flood caused by a WSSC backup in early December, 1997. Among other items destroyed was the facility's carpeting.

Many Greenbelters know Balzer as the pianist for the Greenbelt Combined Choir. Those who have heard her play will recognize the passion and power with which she plays. Her technique and interpretation of respective composers remind me of my father, Albert Herling. Balzer has a masters degree from the Peabody Institute and taught at the Peabody Preparatory Institute of Music. She has performed at the Barns of Wolftrap and as a soloist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Barber, who holds a doctorate from the University of Maryland where she studied voice with George Shirley and Linda Mabb,

moved to Greenbelt a year and a half ago and currently is soloist at the Christian Science Church in Mount Vernon, Virginia. Hunt, who received a doctorate in clarinet from the Julliard School of Music and taught at the University of West Florida, Oberlin and Mercyhurst College, currently teaches music in the Prince George's County schools.

Besides serving as a fund-raiser, the Arts Center intends this concert to serve as a clear signal to Greenbelters and all of its patrons of its commitment to excellence. "Most people know the Arts Center for its plays," said GAC Music Committee member Rick Ransom. "This concert will put Greenbelt on the map for its music programs as well."

The GAC 1997-98 play series resumes with "Fences" on Friday, April 11 and runs four weekends through May 9. Curtain times are at 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays, April 26 and May 3. Norman Grant directs this powerful drama about a former star of the Negro Leagues who becomes an embittered garbageman.

Grant became interested in theater in Ann Arbor, Michigan, first performing as "Snug the Joiner" in "A Midsummer's Night Dream" and Zeke in "The Mighty Gents." He performed with GAC as "Touchstone" in "As You Like It," and Jack Chalee in "The Caine Mutiny." A graduate from UDC with a BA in theater, he hopes to finish his pursuit of a masters degree in theater in the near future.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Strong-Armed Robbery

6000 block of Greenbelt Road, March 21, 5:06 p.m., a strong-armed robbery was reported.

Gardenway at Ridge Road, March 26, 9:33 p.m., a strong-armed robbery was reported. One suspect is a black male 20 to 30 years old, 6'2," with a thin build. He was wearing a light T-shirt and a red bandanna on his head. The other suspect is a black male 14 to 17 years old, 5'7", with a medium build. He was wearing a plaid flannel shirt and a yellow or white bandanna on his head.

Assault

Intersection of Southway and the ramp from the B/W Parkway, March 22, 3:10 a.m., an assault was reported. The victim reported that a person yelled and pointed a gun at him following a traffic altercation.

500 block of Crescent Road, March 24, 9:49 p.m., a 40-year-old male resident was arrested for assault. He had been arrested nearly one hour earlier for disorderly intoxication in Roosevelt Center.

7500 block of Ora Glen Drive, March 25, 4:50 p.m., a 37-year-old male nonresident was arrested for assault.

Drugs

6100 block of Breezewood Court, March 19, 6:21 p.m., a 40-year-old male resident was arrested for possession of marijuana and a 27-year-old male resident was arrested for possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession of marijuana. A 24-year-old female resident, a 20-year-old male nonresident, and a 37-year-old resident were arrested for possession of paraphernalia, as were three female juvenile residents.

8900 block of Edmonston Road, March 25, 3:44 a.m., an 18-year-old male resident and three male nonresidents 18 to 19 years old were arrested for possession of marijuana.

Burglary

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, March 21, 12:40 a.m., a residential burglary was reported. Entry was gained through a bedroom window. A television and stereo components were taken.

Vehicle Theft

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, March 23, a 1990 Toyota Camry, Delaware tags 918238, was stolen. It was recovered in the 4800 block of 48th Avenue on March 25.

March 23, a 1995 Hyundai reported stolen on March 19 from the 9200 block of Edmonston Road was recovered in the 4000 block of Anacostia Road.

8100 block of Lakeside Drive, March 25, a 1985 Oldsmobile, Maryland tags AVD 795, was stolen.

March 25, a 1997 Jeep Cherokee reported stolen on September 13, 1997, from Beltway Plaza was recovered at the Fort Totten Metro Station.

7900 block of Mandan Road, March 26, a 1991 Acura, Maryland tags 673 BAX, was stolen.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5900 and 6100 blocks of Cherrywood Lane, 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, 24 Court of Ridge Road, 100 block of Westway, 7900 and 8000 blocks of Mandan Road, and 6600 block of Lake Park Drive.

Small Business Expo At Marriott Hotel

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce 1998 Small Business Expo will be on Thursday, April 9, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott. Admission is free and the event is open to the business community and the general public.

Participants can meet new and current clients and colleagues and exhibit their products, services and capabilities. In addition, a pre-Expo workshop, "Procurement 2000 - Challenges for Small Business," will have discussions about procurement vocabulary, bid documents and contract opportunities. Presenters will include representatives from local governments and major corporations.

A networking business mixer will be held at the Small Business expo from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information call Gloria Grant at 301-731-5000.

COUNCIL

(Continued from page 1)

that a comprehensive traffic management plan for Goddard be developed.

Sexual Harassment Policy

Council approved, without discussion as part of the consent agenda, a sexual harassment policy for city employees and supervisors. The policy statement includes a specification of the types of activities prohibited under the law and notification that violation of the policy will result in disciplinary action, including firing. Harassment involving nonemployees, such as vendors and outside contractors, is also prohibited under the policy. The steps employees should take if they believe they are being harassed, and the steps supervisors should take upon receiving a complaint are also detailed. Copies of the policy will be distributed to all employees, who will be required to acknowledge, in writing, receipt of the document.

Other Actions

Mayor Judith Davis administered the oath of office to new Greenbelt Police Officer Christine Godzich. Her hiring frees another officer to serve as the second School Resource Officer approved last spring.

Council viewed a video put together by Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau on the historical significance of the city's community center and the need for funds to replace the windows. Most of the windows do not close properly, leading to some structural damage due to water leakage. The video was prepared as part of Greenbelt's presentation in requesting state bond funds for window replacement.

Sheldon Goldberg, secretary of the Windsor Green Homeowners Association asked for a wider no parking zone on Ora Glen Drive at Ora Court and South Ora Court. He said that more workers are parking on Ora Glen Drive, leading to poor visibility for drivers trying to turn onto

Clothes Sought For Annual Drive

The Greenbriar Community Association will be collecting clothes for the Annual Clothing Drive during the month of April. Clothing will be donated to the Prince George's County Chapter of the American Rescue Workers. Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents are encouraged to do some spring cleaning and give unwanted clothing to someone less

fortunate. Boxed or bagged clean clothing may be brought to the Game Room in the Community Building at 7600 Hanover Parkway during the entire month. For more information, please call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096.

Tour Dorsey Chapel

Dorsey Chapel, an historic African American site, is open for walk-in tours Sunday, April 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. The Chapel, located in Glenn Dale, is open the first and third Sundays of the month and group tours are available at other times by appointment. There is a fee.

For more information, call 301-352-5544 or TTY 301-699-2544.

Ora Glen Drive from the two courts. Councilmember Edward Putens asked that McLaughlin also look into eliminating parking from in front of the Metrobus stop on the south side of Ora Glen Drive so that buses can pull over, rather than block traffic.

Doug Love showed council two paint colors that can cover up paint blazes improperly placed upon trees and rocks in the woodlands between Ridge Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. He also relayed complaints he had received about the orange and yellow paint blotches placed upon trees in Buddy Attick Park, apparently to prevent beaver damage. Councilmember Thomas White questioned whether city crews had painted, rather than flagged, trees. McLaughlin said he would look into the situation and get back to council.

Council approved a request from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad to change the priorities of city-funded firehouse renovation projects. The department has completed its renovation of the control room and is reviewing its options regarding bunk room renovations, which was to have been the next project. Instead, council approved spending \$10,982 to paint the apparatus room and \$1,950 to replace carpeting in the office and hallway areas.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA
GHI Board of Directors
Thursday, April 9, 1998
7:30 P.M. - GHI Board Room

GHI

Key Agenda Items:

- ◆ Presentation of 1997 Audit
- ◆ Frame Roof Contract - 2nd Reading
- ◆ Gutter Cleaning Contract - 1st Reading
- ◆ Landscape Plan for GHI Signage
- ◆ Shed Policy
- ◆ Air Conditioner Installation Policy

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City Council, WMATA Officials Clash Over Development Proposal

by Virginia Beauchamp

When members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) met on March 11 in a worksession with the Greenbelt City Council, K-P, ("Dutch") Heinemeyer, Director of the Office of Property Development and Management, represented WMATA concerning issues involving development at the Greenbelt Metro site. Almost at once he and council were in dispute about the issue of whether or not public input had been allowed in the planning process.

"We got everyone we knew about involved in making decisions," Heinemeyer said, referring to a period during 1995 when WMATA was trying to expedite development at several Metro sites. Local jurisdictions were invited, he said, "but at the county (executive) level." At this time, the Greenbelt site "made it through the cut," he said. That is, advertisements were put out inviting development proposals.

Only one proposal was submitted, however, which was considered not viable. Both the county and the state, as well as WMATA, are "anxious to move forward with development of the site," he said. The desire is to add ridership for the Metro system.

"So far," he commented, "there has been no feedback from the city."

Council Response

"We're worried about the process itself," said Mayor Judith Davis. "We thought we were only there as observers."

Mayor pro tem Thomas White agreed: "We didn't know we had the opportunity to make comments." He was referring to news that a proposal has been offered by the owners of the A. H. Smith property, which apparently involves part of their land, as well as some of the adjacent land belonging to Metro, which lies within the city limits.

"A preliminary evaluation of the proposal" is ongoing, Heinemeyer responded. "It's not yet a done deal." Financial arrangements in particular must be studied. Another major aspect is

how much additional ridership for Metro would be generated. He predicted that another two to three weeks (from the time of the March 11 worksession) would occur before the proposal could be made public.

Economic Disaster

Currently, Heinemeyer said, "the Greenbelt site is "an economic disaster." He referred to the 3500 parking spaces available, of which only a portion are presently in use. The current interest of the developer could "probably not be sustained," he warned, "if we make it difficult" for him. "We need to make this work," he urged. He was concerned that the planning process itself will take an estimated two or more years.

Process Important

"If you short-circuit the process," White warned, "you risk failure. If the stake-holders are not included you're buying trouble."

"The developer must go through the regular process," Heinemeyer said. If they choose to try the zoning text amendment route, "they will have to deal with the effects of their decision." (The text amendment process would involve the effort to revise the county code to allow general uses for property currently zoned either I-1 or I-2, or industrial, as is the Smith property.)

"The text amendment process will kill the proposal," said Councilmember Edward Putens. "Property owners on all sides will be up in arms."

Nevertheless, it is a planning tool, Heinemeyer said. "It's an available process within the laws of the county."

"But it's not a planning tool," White countered. "It's a circumvention of planning." He went on to cite the history of Greenbelt's involvement with earlier developers — for Capital Office Park, the Golden Triangle, and the Maryland Trade Center — by means of which they greatly enhanced the possibilities of the tracts they had purchased. "You have to save developers from themselves," White added. "The challenges of this site need to be developed in a comprehen-

sive way," he concluded.

"Nevertheless, we don't want to lose this opportunity," Heinemeyer said.

"I'm sure we can work together," Mayor Davis concluded.

Addendum to Meeting

Nettled by Heinemeyer's insistence that the city had had opportunities to participate in public meetings concerning the Metro site, council asked the city staff to prepare a timeline concerning the development process. A more than one full page response was thus appended to the agenda comments for the next regular council meeting on March 23.

Some of the difference in opinion between the city and the agency can perhaps be described as semantic. In 1996 WMATA was a member of a two-day international symposium on transit oriented development. This symposium had been "characterized," the staff report says, as part of

their "public planning process."

On the other hand, the Smith proposal has been drafted by the developer and received by WMATA "in secrecy," the memo states.

"At no point in the past 12 years has WMATA advised the public or government of their planning, or their development plans for the Greenbelt site. WMATA's planning process is in-

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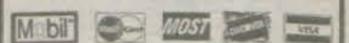
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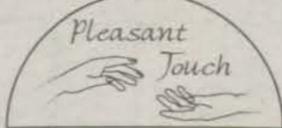
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