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GVHC Board Opposes Re-zoning Site For Gas Station, Liquor License

By Al Skolnick

The Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors went on record in opposition to the rezoning of a tract of land between the Armory and 10 court Southway for a filling station and the granting of a liquor license to the local American Legion Post, at its meeting Friday night. The vote on the re-zoning measure was 4 to 3, with 2 abstentions, and on the liquor license question, there was one dissenting vote. In both cases, GVHC had been requested by the city council to express its view.

Strong opposition was expressed in the board, however, to having GVHC take an official position on matters which were not directly concerned with the operations or management of the corporation. Director John Phariss, supported by director Frank Kriby, stated the belief that where individual GVHC members have the right as citizens to petition and present their views directly to the appropriate civic bodies, GVHC board should not attempt to speak for the membership, especially on controversial matters over which the membership is divided.

Narrow Interpretation

Visiting membership delegations, protesting the re-zoning of the land near the armory, took issue with this "narrow" interpretation of the GVHC board's function. Mrs. Helen Dondy, 6 Court Ridge, stated that on most issues coming before the board, membership is divided, and the board as elected representatives are expected to take positions on controversial matters.

Mrs. Rose Amberg, 10 Court Southway, pointed out that the re-zoning proposal is of direct concern to GVHC since it may adversely affect GVHC property value in that area. Mrs. Dondy added that the board's denial of interest in this matter would be inconsistent with GVHC's often expressed concern that the vacant land be developed in accordance with a "master plan."

Voting for the motion to oppose the re-zoning were Long, Leasia, Jorgensen, and Andros. Against, were Phariss, Kriby and Bowman. Bowman felt that GVHC had obligated itself during the land negotiations with Warner-Kanter Company to support Kanter's attempt to re-zone this property from residential to commercial. Burgoon and Lastner disqualified themselves from the voting because of possible "conflict of interest."

New Meeting Date

Upon the recommendation of manager Paul Campbell, the board agreed to postpone the annual membership meeting from February 13 to the tentative date of Wednesday, March 14. Campbell stated that the necessary fiscal and auditing reports could not be readied in time for the February date. Since this situation will occur every year, the board moved to submit to the membership a by-law change which would provide for a March annual meeting hereafter. Mat Amberg, chairman of the elections committee, gave an in-

"Our Gal Phyllis" Wins Contest Prize

Phyllis Chasanow, News Review staffer and a first-year journalism student in her junior year at High Point High School, placed third in the national Producers' Showcase "Sleeping Beauty" contest sponsored by Scholastic Roto.

Phyllis, who is on the staff of The Beacon, High Point's newspaper, wrote a fifty-word review on the Sadler's Wells Ballet's production of "Sleeping Beauty." Her review was as follows:

"Producer's Showcase took an old tale, added the Sadler's Wells Ballet's perfectional grace, mixed in magnificent costumes, stirred with dramatic staging, sprinkled liberally with fantasy and a pinch of memories, sifted in a talented cast, garnished with mood-fitting music, and served to America an elegant version of Sleeping Beauty."

Phyllis won an RCA Victor All-Transistor portable radio as her prize. Mrs. Madalyn Angel, the paper's sponsor, won a duplicate prize.

Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnick - 7586

Newly formed Brownie Troop 418 under the leadership of Helen Dondy went on a trip to Washington during the holidays. They visited the White House, Pageant of Peace, Washington Monument and other points of interest.

Brownie Troop 416 made lovely decorations for a Christmas tree which they presented at the Glenn Dale Hospital. Brownie leaders Robinson and Arthur were very proud of their girls.

Visiting the Moyera family, 7-N Research, were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lynch and their three boys. The Lynch's, former Greenbelters, now live in Baltimore. Patricia Lynn Moyera celebrated her fifth birthday Thursday, January 12.

December 27 was a big day for Lynn Gilbert, 6-D Crescent. She was 9 years old.

The Earl Knickelbeins of 43-F Ridge were entertained at a dinner and an evening of cards January 7 in honor of their fifteenth anniversary at 19-H Ridge by the Ken Keeneys and Everett Whitebecks.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Frenner, 12-D Pleateau, on the birth of their first child, Marie Mitchell, who was born December 30 weighing 5 pounds 13 ounces.

Lawrence Henry Pratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pratt, 7-G Ridge, made his debut also on December 30. Lawrence weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces, and has a sister, Lisa Karen, 4½.

Born on the last day of '55, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Palmer, 1-B Northway, is named Robin Louise. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and has one brother and sister.

Dan B. Branch, Jr., returned January 4 to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis after spending the holidays with his parents at 13-H Ridge. While at home, Danny celebrated his 18th birthday in December, and his sister, Kay turned sweet sixteen on the first day of the New Year.

Notice: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Herman cordially invite all JCC members to the "Bar Mitzvah" of their son Melvin on January 21 at the JCC building, 9 a.m. Reception will follow services.

Dean Jensen Leaves Boy Scout Duties

By Geraldine Backstrom

After two years of faithful leadership as Troop Committee Chairman of Troop 202 Dean W. Jensen has relinquished his duties in view of an impending move away from Greenbelt.

Scout Troop 202 saw much progress under the expert direction of Jensen during this time. Many successful drives, the last of which was the light bulb sale conducted during the summer netting the Troop \$130 were under his guidance. His intense interest in scouting and the good of our boys was ever evident in every venture. The Troop more than tripled its enrollment during this period. The earnest desire of Jensen to encourage participation by both parents and scouts was most profound and many were the hours he spent conferring with parents to assess their interests, ideas and advice, as well as orienting those parents who were not familiar with the scouting program.

Emory Harmon is the new Troop Committee Chairman and has planned an interesting program for the coming year. Parents and Scouts were introduced to Harmon at the Annual Christmas Party held in December. One-hundred girl and boy scouts were present and enjoyed games, dancing, prizes and refreshments a-plenty. The party was planned by Mrs. Jack Fruchtman, Mrs. John Petersen, Mrs. Joseph Patterson, Earl Knickelbein and Eugene Wood. Highlight of the party was the presentation of a gift to Jensen by Harmon.

The Troop netted \$75 through the fruit cake sale held in December. Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Coleman were chairman of this fund-raising project.

ATTN: READERS

Due to our limited space we deeply regret that we are unable to publish the church announcements for the second straight week. We hope this is temporary.

Editor

Interim report on preparations for the annual election of GVHC board members to be held in conjunction with the March annual meeting. Amberg emphasized that while his committee is nominating candidates, any member of GVHC is eligible to run for the board upon presentation of a petition with ten signatures.

Council Delays Re-zoning Action; GCS Officials, Residents Differ

By Claude Wimberly

The city council deferred action Monday night on the proposed recommendation to the Park and Planning Commission for zoning as C-2 (commercial), the triangular site adjacent to the National Guard Armory, on Southway, next to the 10 and 11 Courts. The petitioners for re-zoning (Greenbelt Land Development Corporation), has optioned this location to Greenbelt Consumer Services who plan to erect a filling station on the site.

Proponents of the project were represented by several of the GCS board members, who urged the council to support such re-zoning.

Basset Ferguson led off for the advocates with the explanation that GCS was to lose its lease at the site of the present filling station, since that organization was unable to arrive at a satisfactory agreement with the present landlord, thus forcing GCS to look for another site for its service station. Ferguson indicated that GCS would endeavor to preserve the beauty of the existing landscape, and perhaps enhance its appearance with a "model" filling station, which would incorporate all the latest developments in gas station design and architecture, provide necessary safety features, and proper screening from the residential area.

Hardened Traffic Artery

Vigorous opposition was voiced immediately from the large crowd, numbering 40-45 persons. Wilbur Davis, representing the residents of 11 Court Southway read a petition, which pointed up the undesirability of locating such a business on that particular site. The petitioners indicated that they came to Greenbelt to live peacefully and quietly and bring up their children with some degree of safety. They contended that the existence of such an enterprise as close as 25 feet from their properties would create a hazard to the safety of their children, and themselves, disturb the tranquility and peace of the neighborhood, create added congestion on an already hardened traffic artery, and mar the landscape of a traditionally residential community.

Many other individuals spoke in opposition citing the above reasons in varying degree.

Mayor Tom Canning then inquired of city manager Charles MacDonald whether he had received replies to the 84 cards mailed to the residents near the proposed gas

site. MacDonald indicated that he had received a total of 27 replies as follows: opposed to the recommendation 21; favored 5; and one neutral. To another query by Mayor Canning, MacDonald replied that GVHC board members by majority vote had voiced opposition to the plan.

Worst Foot Forward?

Councilman Alan Kistler observed that council had not had sufficient time to study the proposal carefully, and indicated that he thought the proponents of the plan had—"not put their best foot forward", and should be given further opportunity to bolster their presentation of the facts. Councilman Robert Hurst then observed that he thought the action of the council on this matter would set a precedent for future zoning matters and deemed it was wise for the council to undertake further study of the problem. Councilman James Smith then introduced a motion to delay council action until the next meeting, which was passed.

X-RAY TIME CHANGED

The time for the mobile X-ray unit to be at the Center, January 27 has been changed. Examinations will be held from 2 to 8 p.m.

GVHC, Council, Oppose 'Natural Gas' Bill

The city council and the GVHC board of directors have voted to write to Maryland Senators Beall and Butler expressing opposition to the "Harris-Fulbright" gas bill, now pending before the U.S. Senate. This bill would remove from Federal regulation the rates charged by producers of natural gas.

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CORRECTION

Due to our printer's error, Charles Danish's name was omitted from his letter of thanks and gratitude (for help during his illness) in last week's paper. We're sorry, Charlie . . .

JCC Women Show Film On Cancer Detection

The Women's group of the JCC will meet Thursday, January 19, at the JCC building. An informative color film "Cancer Detection of the Breast" will be shown at 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary Herlihy, head of the nursing department of the Public Health Service, will answer questions from the audience after the film presentation. All women in Greenbelt are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday Sermons

Baptist - "The Divine Global Strategy" - Rev. Glenn Samuelson.

Methodist - "The Christian in a Revolutionary World" - Rev. Stanley Knock.

Community - "Enlightened Self-Interest and the Judgements of God" - Rev. Eric T. Braund.

Lutheran - "God's Family Reunion" - Rev. Edward H. Birner.

Catholic - Sunday Masses: 7:30, 8:40, 9:40 and High Mass at 11 a.m. - Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo.

Hebrew - Candlelighting time - 4:38 p.m.

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County 'Rec Dep' Start Classes

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for each class is charged for the twelve weeks course. Registration for classes will be held Saturday, each of the four schools or may be sent in advance to the Recreation Department, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, Maryland.

The following classes are scheduled: **Northwestern High:** Baton Twirling, Creative Dramatics, Hawaiian Dance, Ballet, Acrobatics; **Glenridge Jr. High:** Acrobatics, Social Dancing, Creative Dramatics, Baton Twirling; **Suitland High:** Creative Dancing, Acrobatics, Creative Dramatics, Art; **Fairmount Heights Elementary:** Baton Twirling, Tap Dancing.

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