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Council Debates Golden Age Club, Police Board Expiration Date

by Jacqueline Lenchek and Dorothy Sucher

A police inquiry board, a Golden Agers Clubhouse and a number of pending lawsuits (see accompanying story) were discussed by the City Council at its regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 17.

Disagreement arose among the city council over an expiration date of a proposed police inquiry board. Up for its second reading was a resolution to establish a board of inquiry into the administration, operation and public relations of the police department. It would consist of the five councilmen plus four citizens. The resolution as presented provides that the board be dissolved after the council takes final action on its recommendation.

However, Councilman Champion proposed to set a fixed termination date for the board, such as June, 1967. He objected to the indefinite period because of the possibility that the inquiry might become an election issue, and because it might have an adverse effect on the morale of the police force.

Councilman Francis White pointed out that the city's standing rules for committees require that an expiration date be specified. Mayor Edgar Smith contended that the provision for dissolving the board after action had been taken eliminated the need for fixing a termination date. Champion then asked a legal opinion on this point.

Councilman Richard Pilski, who did not favor a termination date asked "what if something comes up then?"

All on the council agreed that they did not want to make the inquiry a political issue. However, a motion to fix a date before the next city election resulted in a tie (pro: Champion and White; con: Smith and Pilski). Councilman William Hoff was out of town.

Golden Age Facilities

Councilman Francis White brought up the need for recreational facilities for the elderly, and Ed Wuermsler, chairman of the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB), which has been looking into the matter, asked the council for further guidance. He stated that the board is in some perplexity regarding the priority the council wishes to award to this project.

Reaction was mixed, ranging from Pilski's impassioned statement that he considered the matter of vital urgency, to Champion's reply that more would first have to be known about the size of the facility needed. He added that if it were to be built from current funds, it would have to be "small and cheap"; if a large edifice were planned, a bond issue would be required.

The mayor stated: "I am sure I speak for the majority of the council when I say we want to provide facilities." He referred the matter to the APB and the Recreation Advisory Board for further study.

Wuermsler also cautioned that a precedent might be set if the city built a recreational center to be operated by the Golden Age club. All the city's present facilities, he said, with the sole exception of the firehouse, are under the city's direct control and can be used by all citizens.

The firehouse, which was built by the city and is leased to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad for \$1.00 a year, was, he said, provided in return for services rendered. The city might otherwise have had to establish its own fire department.

Katherine Keene, speaking from the audience, suggested that, in-

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Council Spotlight On Legal Business

by Dorothy Sucher

Lawsuits, lawyers, and legal costs were discussed by the City Council at its meeting on Monday, Oct. 17, in connection with several current land development cases.

The discussion follows the filing of appeals by the City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) and First National Realty, developers of Beltway Plaza, against the ruling of Judge Ralph Powers, upholding the commercial zoning of the "Golden Triangle". It is not yet clear whether the last-named party will be allowed to be a proper party.

Council voted Monday night to try to share legal costs with GHI by consolidating some of the preparatory work. The appeals will remain separate, however, and both the city and GHI will be represented by their own lawyers.

Charlestowne Covenants

Councilman David Champion has refused to participate in the city's appeal to the Maryland Court of Appeals against the Circuit Court's decisions on the Charlestowne Village covenants and agreements. When the city's attorney filed the appeal, he also filed a petition with the court on behalf of Champion requesting that he, as an individual, not be considered a party to the suit.

Champion criticized the hiring of the Baltimore firm of Ginsberg and Ginsberg as special counsel to handle the appeal, stating that the councilmen had not actually met the lawyers and were relying too heavily on hearsay as to their qualifications.

Said Champion: "I'd like them to tell us in writing why they think we have a fighting chance."

Mayor Edgar Smith objected to asking the lawyers to disclose any "secret information" on their trial strategy.

Bresler Offer

The offer by Charles Bresler on October 3 of a scenic easement on a 3.3 acre tract in Charlestowne Village was discussed briefly at Monday's meeting. At the urging of Councilman Francis White, the city's lawyer will be asked to approve a letter to be sent to Bresler, asking whether he has anything to add to the oral offer, which Mayor Edgar Smith termed "nebulous and vague."

Bresler Served in Park Suit

Charles Bresler was served on October 16 with the necessary papers in the condemnation suit of parcels 11 and 12, which are located near Greenbelt Lake. The city plans to buy these parcels for parkland, using funds authorized by a referendum passed in the last city's election. The suit was filed approximately two months ago.

Timber!

On Monday, October 17, bulldozers began leveling the trees on parcel 7, which is bounded by Crescent, Ridge, Ivy, and Lastner. Charles Bresler and associates, owners of the 10-acre parcel, have filed a petition for commercial rezoning for the tract, which is currently zoned R-55 (single-family-detached homes). Parcel 7 is classified R-55 in the Greenbelt Master Plan.

Democrats for Agnew

Democrats for Agnew in the 1st Legislative District are holding an organizational meeting on Thursday, Oct. 20, at Twin Pines Savings and Loan at 8:30 p.m.

GREENBELT SUCCESSFULLY FIGHTS COMMERCIAL ZONING ON PARCEL 8

by Elaine Skolnik

A well-organized, highly articulate, two-hour presentation by the Greenbelt contingent highlighted the October 12 hearing before the county commissioners on a petition for commercial zoning of parcel 8, presented by Crescent Leasing Corporation (Michnick, Solomon, and Associates, owner). As reported in last week's *News Review*, the zoning petition for the narrow strip 2.12 acres between Kenilworth Ave. and Ridge rd., and north of Crescent rd., was unanimously denied by the county commissioners, sitting as the District Council.

Crescent Leasing had originally asked for C-2 (general commercial) zoning. The technical staff of the Maryland National Park and Planning Commission had recommended substitution of C-1 (limited commercial), zoning and the Prince Georges County Planning Board accepted this recommendation. At last week's hearing, Crescent Leasing indicated it would find C-1 acceptable. The land is presently zoned RPC (rural-planned-community).

A parade of witnesses, headed by the city's new zoning attorney, Emmett Nanna, the city's new planner, Malcolm H. Dill, Mayor Edgar Smith, City Manager James Giese, as well as representatives from Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, and Boxwood Village, took issue with the MNCPPC recommendations, and argued for retaining the residential character of the area in accordance with the city's own Master Plan.

Representing Crescent Leasing were lawyer Russell Shipley, appraiser Michael Hagen, and owner Simon Michnick. Their major argument for the C-1 zoning was the change in the character of the neighborhood as indicated by the dual highway and Kenilworth interchange, the nearby R-30 and R-18 (apartment) zoning around the lake, the new State Road's office building across the high-

way, the plans for Springhill Lake apartments and the proposed city warehouse on adjacent parcel 10.

Hagen spoke of the convenience to homeowners in having a nearby neighborhood shopping center which, according to current plans, would probably consist of four stores (including a Safeway Supermarket). Such a center, he said would not affect the value of homes. Later interrogation revealed that a C-1 zoning would permit a gasoline station to go on the property, if a special exception were granted.

City Presents Its Case

Greenbelt's arguments against commercial zoning were many. City officials stressed the fact that the site is located at a principal entrance into the center section of the city from super highways. Mayor Edgar Smith observed that Crescent Road is unique in its scenic attractiveness. "For almost a mile, the street is thickly lined with trees to the extent that one feels he is in the woods rather than in the heart of a suburban city," he said. "Development along the greater part of this street on both sides has been such as to maintain a buffer strip of green. Over a half mile on the south side of the road will become City park land."

City planner Malcolm H. Dill added that "it is vital to the welfare of Greenbelt that use of the subject property will not be such as to induce unnecessary types and amounts of traffic in relation to the two rather sharp reverse curves, and also that it will contribute to, rather than detract from, the attractiveness and dignity of this major entrance to the city."

Visual Exhibits

City manager James Giese presented visual exhibits showing how commercial development could mar the appearance of the area. When questioned about the proposed city warehouse, Giese said that it would be located on lower ground, nestled out of sight.

Cliff Simonson, representing GHI, also emphasized the effect of commercial development on the entrance. "We wish to preserve the one entrance," he said, "that still retains the physical and aesthetic beauty of Greenbelt's original development." He noted that the city's Master Plan called for R-55 (single-family) zoning in this area.

Boxwood homeowners stressed the effect of commercial zoning on their residential development. Mrs. Ed Ross, who said she represented homeowners in the area, told the county commissioners that they had purchased homes on the understanding that the surrounding area would remain parkland and residential. She also expressed concern about the effect on pending zoning requests for adjacent parcel 7. The latter 8-acre tract, owned by Charles Bresler, has been petitioned for commercial use.

James Locicero, on behalf of
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COURT AGAIN TURNS DOWN SCHOOL BOARD

At a hearing on Oct. 17, Prince Georges County Circuit Court Judge Ralph Powers turned down the County Board of Education's request for dismissal of the complaint filed against it by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. GHI is seeking to restrain the school board from constructing a senior high school on parcel 2 — the land between the GHI properties and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

In overruling the motion for summary judgment, Judge Powers told the school board's attorney Paul A. Nussbaum, that he had an opportunity to demur within the next 10 days.

This is the second request of the school board's to be denied by the court. On August 30, the school board attempted to have the case dismissed at the outset through a demurrer arguing that the injunctive relief sought by GHI was moot because the land had already been purchased. Judge Powers overruled on the grounds that the issue of mootness could not be raised by the demurrer.

Representing GHI is attorney David Reich.

ART GUILD NEWS

The Greenbelt Art Guild will have a chance to meet its new officers and the painting instructor when the first of the season's critiques will be held at the home of Frank Lewis, 119 Northway, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26. Woody Ritter, an experienced artist, in both commercial and fine arts, will handle the critiques. As soon as the problem of space at the Youth Center is solved, a 10-week course in oil painting under his tutelage will be announced.

Officers were elected at the recent meeting during which film was shown on Pablo Picasso. The new president is Ron Samuelson, with Dick Couperthwaite as Vice-president, Jean Ryan secretary, and Jim Cassels treasurer.

Those interested in the painting class should leave a note to the Guild with Twin Pines, or phone 474-4027 for further information.

WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Oct. 20, 8:30 p.m.
Democrats for Agnew, Twin Pines
Sunday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m. Gullett Campaign Opens, 71-E Ridge
7-9 p.m. "Wills Emphasis Workshop," Greenbelt Community Church
7:30 p.m. United Nations program, Municipal Building
Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Art Guild Meeting, 119 Northway
8 p.m. Greenbelt Republican Club Meeting, 128 Northway
Thurs., Oct. 27, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

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A New Vigor

Whatever vitamins city council is taking these days, we are ready to offer an endorsement. After months of battering from adverse legal and zoning decisions and unresponsive developers, the majority of council has finally got its back up and said "Enuff is enuff." This new determination and burst of activity are typified by several actions of the last few weeks.

First, the majority of council is to be congratulated for seeking additional legal and planning assistance as represented by the retention of the legal firm of Nanna and Grant and the employment of the planning consultant, Malcolm Dill. It has been obvious for many months that the council had been at a disadvantage at zoning and legal hearings by not having sufficient professional talents at its disposal.

This decision of council has already paid off handsomely, as witnessed by last week's hearing before the county commissioners which resulted in a denial for commercial zoning of parcel 8 at the intersection of Kenilworth and Crescent. The city's case was well presented and bolstered by the coordinated effort, in preparing testimony, of the city, Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, and Boxwood Village citizens. The old adage that "In numbers there is strength" still holds.

Second, the majority of council is to be congratulated for appealing the Charlestowne Village covenant and agreement decisions, and the "Golden Triangle" decision. Especially welcome is the attitude of council to leave no stone unturned in its efforts to preserve the integrity of the Greenbelt Master Plan and the attraction of Greenbelt as a well-planned community. Indicative of this is council's retention of the noted Baltimore firm of Ginsberg and Ginsberg, which specializes in appeal cases.

The council has not had an easy path to hew, since it has been beset by lack of unanimity among its members and by a "what's the use" attitude of some citizens who are easily discouraged as soon as the weather gets stormy. To Mayor Edgar Smith goes much of the credit for providing the leadership. We are convinced that the council's latest actions have the full support of the overwhelming majority of Greenbelt citizens.

Thanks

I wish to express my appreciation to the men of the Greenbelt Rescue Squad for the excellent care given me while transporting me to Cafritz Hospital - with an extra special thanks to Vic Fisher.
Gordon Talley

Request Festival Reports

It is requested that all participating organizations in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival submit their financial reports to the committee so that a general report can be prepared.

Leo Gerton, Chairman
Greenbelt Festival Committee

UN Day Celebration

There will be a program held at the Municipal Bldg. on Sunday evening, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m., to celebrate United Nations Day. Several Greenbelt families and the youth group of the Community Church will have foreign visitors as guests, as part of the U. N. program.

Shocked by Public Prayer

I have just learned that the leaders of Greenbelt insist on opening their public meetings with prayer. This is shocking in a community that was once said to "practice democracy with a vengeance."

The Constitution of the United States separates church and state completely, though it was written at a time when far more people than now believed in supernatural powers and the need of prayer.

I certainly would not permit my grandchildren to go to school in a community that had people who wanted to force on others their ideas of religion.

I should also like to point out that there is something odd about the religiosity of people who have to perform their prayers in public and make others pretend to share their beliefs.

A. KELLOCK
Wash., D. C.

Woman's Club News

The first meeting of the year was preceded by a Hawaiian Luau; colored slides of Hawaii were shown and narrated by Dr. James W. McCari, and a Hula contest was held.

It was decided to increase the annual scholarship given each year to a Greenbelt girl. Marianne Perch was last year's winner.

Delegates selected for the County District Meeting are Mrs. Robert A. Hill, Mrs. Edna Powers, and Mrs. Carnie Harper. Mrs. Marie Castaldi will replace Mrs. Arthur O'Leary, as vice-president.

The Fine Arts Department will show slides of Old Maryland Homes on October 20 at the Greenbelt Convalescent Home. Time: 8:15 p.m. A Bazaar will also be held Nov. 5 in the Social Hall of the Community Church from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. On sale will be hand made gifts for Christmas giving, bake goods, white elephants and plants.

City Notes

The city's public works department began work last week on the new walkway leading from the Baptist Church along Crescent Rd. to Lastner Lane. All but the final grading of the strip is now completed.

Many new sidewalks, curbs, and gutters have been constructed this summer. Last to be finished was a replacement of broken gutters along Westway to Crescent.

SPEAKER ON INDIA

Members and friends of Greenbelt Baptist Church are cordially invited to hear Mrs. Magdalene Padhi, native of Madras, India, speak on Monday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m., on her country, its customs, and the christian work done in India by Baptists.

Mrs. Padhi is a graduate student at Catholic University, studying in the field of child rehabilitation. She and her husband, Dr. Pitambar Padhi, are members of the Hillandale Baptist Church.

Catholic Club News

The Catholic Club of Greenbelt will attend the movie "John F. Kennedy: Years of Lightning, Day of Drums" at the Uptown Theater on Saturday, October 22. We will meet at St. Hugh's school at 6:45. All those interested in attending should contact Margaret McGowan (773-0092).

On Sunday, October 23, the Club will go bowling. Meet at the school at 2 p.m. For more information call John Brady (439-4194).

SMORGASBORD

Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, 40 Ridge will hold a Smorgasbord on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 4 till 7:30 p.m. All you can eat. Tickets will be sold at the entrance.

B'NAI B'RITH MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Prince Georges chapter of B'nai B'rith Women will be held Monday, October 24, at 8 pm, at the Prince Georges Memorial Library, Hyattsville. The guest speaker will be Dr. Elbert Byrd, professor of government at Maryland University. His topic will be "How A Political Party Chooses Its Candidates." The public is invited. Admission free.

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7 - 9 p.m. - "Wills Emphasis" Workshop. Child care in 2-B Hillside.

(United Church of Christ)

Baptists Celebrate Two Anniversaries

On Sunday, Oct. 23, Greenbelt Baptist Church will observe the thirteenth anniversary of their church and the fifth anniversary with their church of Pastor and Mrs. S. Jasper Morris at the Morning Worship Service. On that day, Dr. M. Chandler Stith, Executive Secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Mrs. John Oleksak, will render the anthem, "Now To The Lord a Noble Song." Former members and friends are cordially invited.

After the service members and their invited guests will share in the Anniversary Dinner, prepared under the direction of Mrs. Lawrence Beck, hospitality chairman.

Pastor Morris will preach at the Evangelistic Hour on "The Marks of a Prophet." The Youth Choir will sing.

Adult Education Series

The Jewish Community Center's Adult Education Program for 1966-67 will begin on Monday, Oct. 24, at 8:30 p.m. The theme this year will be "Jewish Culture in the Sixties." The first lecture in the series of six, sponsored by the JCC Women's Group, will be "Jewish Attitudes Toward Marriage and Sex" by Rabbi Nathan Drazin, PhD, President of the Talmudical Academy of Baltimore. Admission is free to everyone in the community and refreshments will be served.

The author of the best-selling internationally acclaimed book, "Marriage Made in Heaven," will present a frank, laugh-provoking yet scholarly lecture that has excited audiences all over the United States.

Jay Karpman

Jay Karpman, 6152 Springhill Terrace, Springhill Lake, died October 12. He is survived by his wife, Esther, and a daughter, Ethelyn, of the same address; a son, Donnielle, of Laurel, Md.; and two grandsons, Laurence Jeffrey and Gregory Scott.

City Council

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stead of a "Golden Age Clubhouse," it might be better to provide a Senior Citizens' Center open to everyone over 65.

Other Business

A report of the Advisory Planning Board recommended approval of a request for a special exception to build a dry-cleaning establishment between Springhill Lake Drive and Springhill Lane.

An expenditure of \$300 was approved for modifying the chlorinating system in the municipal swimming pool.

Bids were opened for a rubber-tired front-end loader for use by the Department of Public Works. They will be studied by the city manager before a decision is made.

A resolution to amend section 40-17 of the City Charter was passed. It clarifies procedures for publishing the voter registration lists, which will be posted 60, rather than 30, days before elections.

An investigation into a recent incident on Lakeside Drive involving an automobile out of control is still going on. City Manager James Geise was reluctant to divulge details of the case at this time.

Gullett Campaign To Open At Democrats' Fish Fry

The Greenbelt campaign of State Senate candidate William Gullett, mayor of College Park, will be inaugurated Sunday Oct. 23 at a fish fry sponsored by the 1st District Independent Democrats. The event will begin at 2 p.m. and continue through the afternoon, and will be held at 71-E Ridge Rd.

As announced by Chairman Leo Gerton, "All our Democratic friends and neighbors are invited to the festivities which will feature such specialties as albacore, dolphin, and bluefish caught in my recent fishing expeditions. For those unused to such delicacies there will, of course, be a variety of other goodies as well as appropriate condiments and beverages for young and old." Ably assisting Gerton and Seymour Kaplan, chef, will be hostesses Evelyn Simonson, Virginia Moryadas, Edith Darrow, and Hattie Anderson.

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik 474-6080

Racking up tremendous scores, the winners in last Friday's duplicate bridge session had a field day. Fran Sanders and Nat Shinderman ended up East-West winners by 19 points, with a .705 game. North-South winners Tony and Ann Pisano had a .683 game, 11½ points ahead of the field. Next game: Friday, October 28.

County Commissioner Frank Lastner, 19-P Ridge, was presented with an inscribed silver tray at the silver tea of the 21st District Democratic Club. The presentation was made to Lastner in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the club and the county.

Welcome to new Greenbelt residents, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Fournier, parents of Mrs. Beverly Kiddy, who moved here from Massachusetts.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. John Huffman, 25-G Ridge. Sandra Dawn made her debut Oct. 3, weighing 7 lbs. ½oz. She joins a brother, John, Jr., age 5.

Fishing and lolling on the beach at Kitty Hawk last weekend were the Roy Breashears, George Neumanns, Dr. and Mrs. James W. McCarl, Jim Giese, the Bill Hands, the Ken Kennedys, and the J. W. Brubakers.

Belated thanks to Kenney Eastep and Rich Skolnik for doing a terrific job of cleaning up the 45 Ridge-2 Northway playground.

A3C Gus Polzman of Greenbelt, a weapons specialist with the 113th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron of the D. C. Air National Guard, recently participated in an operation readiness inspection of the unit at Andrews Air Force Base.

Glad to learn that Gordon Talley, 7914 Lakecrest, is doing so well after recent hospitalization.

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Congratulations to Johnnie Goldstein, 56-C Crescent, on the occasion of his bar-mitzvah, which took place last Saturday at Temple Sinai.

PFC William A. Orleans, 3 Woodland, is home after serving 13 months with the Marine Corps in Okinawa. After a leave, he will be stationed in Yuma, Arizona.

At the Monday city council meeting, Mayor Smith gave a special welcome to the 9th grade students of civics and sciences at junior high school, and their teacher, Charles R. Collins.

Visiting the C. G. Aulizio family, of 36-R Ridge, are former Greenbelt residents, Mildred Tart, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carney of Oceana, California.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Esther Karpman, 6152 Springhill, who lost her husband.

Quiet Hour Invitation

In observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church will have a Quiet Hour at the church on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. An invitation is extended to

MEETING ON WILLS

A "Wills Emphasis Workshop" will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church on Sunday, Oct. 23, 7 to 9 p.m., concerning the interpretations of Maryland law concerning wills. Those attending may find out how to seek legal advice and other facts about "Your Will."

New Youth Group at J.C.C.

On October 9 the J. C. C. held the first meeting of its two new Youth Groups. One group is open to Junior High School students, and the second group is open to Senior High School students. This first meeting was held for all to get acquainted, and was followed by a "Make Your Own Sundae" refreshment bar.

The next meeting for both groups will be held on October 23, at 3 p.m., at the J. C. C. There will be entertainment and refreshments. All interested are welcome to attend.

For further information, contact Dave Frager at 336-0736 or Dave Ungar at 345-7595.

everyone by the Woman's Society. The church is located at 40 Ridge Rd.

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Zoning

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Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt, reiterated the concern that commercial development will detract from nearby residences. "The accompanying noise, lights, and litter from such a commercial area," he said, "are not in harmony with the present surrounding land. Further commercial zoning of this parcel may set off a much to be deplored chain reaction of spot zoning and strip commercial adversely affecting nearby parcels of land."

Shipley argued in reply that a commercial center would not detract from the area since Michnick has a reputation as a responsible builder of attractive wooded low-density apartments and would "not put up a piece of junk." As for charges of spot zoning and further spread of commercial zoning, this would depend on the District Council.

Need for C-1 Questioned
The argument then shifted to the need for commercial development. Lociero and Simonson declared there was no demonstrated need for commercial development for parcel 8 in light of other nearby existing shopping centers (all located within 1 1/2 miles)—a 7-11 store on Edmonson Rd., Beltway Plaza, and the Greenbelt Center, shopping center. In addition, the city's master plan provides for two neighborhood shopping areas in the Springhill Lake apartment area—across the highway from parcel 8.

Simonson pointed out that commercial zoning on parcel 8 would serve probably only 500 families in Lakeside North apartments and Boxwood. The Greenbelt Shopping Center, he said, serves 2,000 families, yet has problems in keeping its commercial space occupied. "Half-starved shopping areas," Lociero said, "are no asset to any community, tax-wise or aesthetically."

Shipley replied that the residents of Boxwood Village and Lakeside North need such a shopping center so as to avoid the congested Beltway Plaza. Even if the Golden Triangle is developed commercially, he said, it would be an imposition for residents to go there.

Dill noted that the size and shape of the 2.1 acre tract is such as to provide little in the way of commercial services to its surroundings. In his statement, he declared:

"A filling station—which might likely be sought — would hardly add to the attractiveness of this major entrance to the city . . . Basically any one or two commercial uses that could fit onto this site would tend to be motorist-oriented, and would get most patronage from Kenilworth Ave. traffic. This kind of commercial traffic, really extraneous as far as the community is concerned, would inherently involve numerous turning movements on a major street, with unusual curvature of alignment, thus becoming unwarrantedly accident-prone."

Low-Density Apartments Endorsed

Dill saw R-30 (garden-type apartment) zoning as the most satisfactory use for the two-acre tract. R-55 zoning, in his opinion, was undesirable since the tract is too shallow to permit any design with single family lots other than having them front on the proposed rerouted Crescent road, which would be unthinkable for safety reasons. This would not be true, he added, of the 8-acre parcel 7 tract where R-55 lots could back onto Crescent road, just as they do further east.

R-30 zoning, which would permit 30 units of garden apartments on the tract, Dill said, would be a logical extension of the 174-unit Lakeside North Apartments (recently purchased by Michnick and associates from Rozansky and Kay). The requirements of "green space" in the R-30 zoning category, he added, would be in keeping with the city parkland to the south.

Crescent Leasing representatives indicated that development of the tract as R-30 would not be feasible. Shipley stated that weight should be given to the MNCPPC Area 13 North plan which recommends C-1 which, he said "would provide a logical land use in accordance with good planning." City officials noted that the Area 13 plan has already been rejected by the District Council for providing too great a density of development.

Summation

Attorney Emmett Nanna summed up the city's case by emphasizing the background of Greenbelt as a well-planned community. Students come from all over to study Greenbelt, he said, and "Greenbelt has the distinction of being one of the world's foremost planned communities and is regarded by planners as an example of successful city planning."

Today, he noted development plans are being proposed for almost every parcel of open land located within the city and nearby. "The city is making every effort," he said, "to assure the orderly growth of these lands and to provide for the future needs of a growing city."

After a 15-minute recess, the county commissioners convened to approve a motion made by commissioner Frank Lastner and seconded by commissioner Gladys Spellman to deny the petition. The conclusions of the commission were the changes in the area are not sufficient to make the zoning of the subject property mandatory on the District Council.

The District Council concluded that the granting of the zoning is not in the public interest because of (1) the lack of need for commercial zoning, (2) the tendency of encouraging strip zoning by the granting of a small two-acre tract, and (3) the intrusion of commercial property in the well-planned town of Greenbelt.

Recreation Review

By DARALD G. LOFGREN
Director of Recreation

Teen Club News

The Midnight Marauders, a popular Greenbelt Band will play for a dance at the Youth Center on Oct. 22 from 8 to 11 p.m. Dress code for the evening will be school dress. Teen Club members will be admitted at one half the regular admission price.

On Oct. 29, the Teen Club will feature "The Pagans", brought back to Greenbelt for the third time after two successful engagements at our summer splash parties.

The Knightmen, an upcoming band in the Prince Georges County area, will be here Nov. 5. They now number nine players.

What next? Lawrence and the Arabians — we hope, at a later date.

Hallowe'en Events

Monday evening, Oct. 31, 6 to 8 p.m., all "Trick or Treaters" will be out. Those who wish to participate should turn on outside lights, or tie a piece of white cloth on the door knob. We hope this will eliminate needless knocking on the doors of those who are sick or not home.

A Hallowe'en Costume Parade will be held on Oct. 31, at 5:30 p.m., at the Mall in the Center. In the event of rain, the parade will be held in the Youth Center. The Hallowe'en costumes will be judged in the following brackets: pre-school, 1st and 2nd graders, 3rd and 4th graders, 5th and 6th and teens.

Auto Mechanic Classes

The Recreation Department will sponsor a course on auto mechanics, if there is sufficient interest. The sessions will include instruction on ignition systems, power trains and other phases of auto maintenance. If you are interested, sign up at the Youth Center.

Men's Touch Football

Our Mens Touch Football League plays every Wednesday night. There's lots of action and spectators are welcome. Next Wednesday, Oct. 26, it is Lakeside against Midway Florists, at 7 p.m., at 8 p.m. Kelly's Krushers take on Springhill Lake. At 9 p.m., it's Maxie's vs. Town Hall.

Men's Handball

A Men's Handball Tournament is planned for the near future. If interested, register at the Recreation Department or call 474-6878.

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