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Indoor Swimming Pool Referendum Proposal

A city-wide referendum on an indoor swimming pool, to be held not later than November 1972, was one of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Indoor Swimming Pool Committee presented to city council at its December 6 meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee, chaired by Steve Polaschik, was appointed last summer by the city council to explore the feasibility of holding a referendum to finance the construction of an indoor swimming pool facility.

The Committee, however, urged that prior to the holding of a referendum, a series of hearings be held to give citizens an opportunity to learn more of the details of the proposals before they are asked to vote. Such hearings, the Committee said, would also be useful in getting citizen suggestions on the plans for the facility and in determining the extent to which various groups would be using the pool and providing financial support.

The Committee further urged preparation of brochures and articles explaining the proposal and also asked that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Advisory Planning Board be asked to make comments on the Committee's report.

The Committee recommended that an exploration be made of sources of supplemental State and Federal funds. The bathhouse to serve both the indoor and outdoor swimming pools, the Committee felt, may most appropriately qualify under Federal open space matching funds.

Council Action

The council immediately took action to refer the Committee's report to the city's advisory boards with a hope for comments from them in time for a proposed January 12 meeting that council wanted to hold with the Ad Hoc Committee.

The referendum date was suggested for November so it could be held in conjunction with the General Election for National and State offices. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld noted that there was also an earlier election day in connection with the presidential primary in May 1972.

Members of the Ad Hoc Committee, in addition to Polaschik, were Joseph Costa, Leonie Penney, and Muriel Weidenfeld. Councilman Charles Schwan served as chairman before his election to council in September.

Accompanying the Committee's recommendations was a 12-page report discussing the various options open with respect to the location of the pool, its design, equipment, facilities, and methods of financing.

North End Xmas Program

North End School's annual Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Music by the students will be featured following a short P.T.A. business meeting.

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday,
December 20, 1971
8:00 P.M.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 6, 1971
- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Petitions and Requests - Maryland State Festival
- 7 Administrative Reports
- 8 Committee Reports -

III OLD BUSINESS

- 9 An Ordinance to Authorize the City to Issue Tax Anticipation Note in Anticipation of the Receipt of Payment of Special Assessment - 2nd Reading
- 10 An Ordinance to Create a Special Taxing District to Finance Pedestrian Malls, Parking Facilities and Street and Area Lighting; and to Provide for the Levying of an Ad Valorem Tax on Real and Personal Property Within the Special Taxing District - Second Reading
- 11 An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-22 of the City Code to Provide for a Three Year Term of Office for Members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board - Second Reading
- 12 Removal by City Council of APB Members - Advisory Planning Board Report #112
- 13 State Highway Program
- 14 State Legislation
- 15 Employee Awards

IV NEW BUSINESS

- 16 Ordinance Providing for the Improvement of Westway Road Adjacent to the Jewish Community Center and the Levying of a Special Assessment to Pay the Cost Thereof. - First Reading
- 17 Authorization to Purchase Police Vehicle
- 18 Legal Services for District Court
- 19 Meetings

V. MISCELLANEOUS

SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the Youth Center on Wednesday, December 22. Pre-school youngsters are urged to come and see Santa between 2 and 5 p.m., while elementary school children are invited to come after school. Coffee will be provided for mothers and fathers. Arrangements may be made by school teachers to have their classes come to the Youth Center during the afternoon hours. Call 474-6878. Surprises for all, don't miss the fun.

City Manager Protests Proposed Bus Schedule

Reflecting the views of city council, city manager James K. Giese appeared before the Washington Area Transit Commission on December 8 to express the displeasure of the city with the modifications being proposed in the bus schedule for Greenbelt by the WMA Transit Company.

The city is opposing the bus company's proposal to eliminate all but one run between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In addition, the city is concerned over the high cost of fares, and the fact that the present routing of the bus does not permit North End residents to go back and forth from the Center by bus. WMA officials have indicated that they plan to rectify the latter by a rerouting of the bus.

Giese observed that since WMA began service to Greenbelt in 1963 the population of the city has more than doubled. In addition, the Beltway Plaza shopping center is presently doubling the size of its commercial floor space, and additional apartment construction is expected shortly.

"With such trends as these taking place," said Giese, "the city council considers the proposal of WMA Transit to be a retrogressive step at a time when progressive steps are called for."

Giese also noted that the fare from original Greenbelt to the Beltway Plaza is 55 cents. The fare from Beltway Plaza to the University of Maryland and Prince George's Plaza on D. C. Transit, a much greater distance, is only 40c.

"The combined cost for persons desiring bus service to the University," Giese concluded, "exceeds the fare to downtown Washington."

Giese said that the city council is re-evaluating the decision made in 1963 to discontinue city bus service in favor of WMA Transit Company.

Beltway Plaza Site Plan

Last Thursday, on the second-time-around, the Prince Georges Planning Board approved the preliminary site plan for development of Parcel Q in the Beltway Plaza. The board first disapproved the plan on Nov. 4 because there was no overall comprehensive plan for the development of the western portion of the shopping center.

At the hearing on Dec. 9, the board considered an overall plan submitted by Sidney J. Brown, developer of Beltway Plaza. The plan showed a bank on the Parcel Q site, an office building, a tire establishment on the former Palmer miniature golf course, and one other building designated "tenant unknown." In approving the Parcel Q site plan, the board required a ten-foot building restriction line to be provided along Cherrywood Lane.

The city council last week recommended that the Planning Board disapprove the Parcel Q site plan until a more definitive overall plan for the westerly portion of the shopping center was available.

GHI Members Approve 12.9% Increase in Monthly Charges

by Al Skolnik

Greenbelt Homes Inc. members voted themselves a 12.9 percent increase in monthly charges at the special membership meeting of Thursday, December 9. This increase comes to 11.8 percent for the brick homes and 14.0 percent for the frame homes. Some homes will be a little more, some a little less, depending upon individual variations and rounding of the figures.

They also voted to defer the increase for low-income elderly and disabled persons, provided the member agrees to have the increase recouped by applying it against the selling price of his home when he leaves the corporation.

The 12.9 percent increase is equivalent to 16.2 percent of operating expenses which is defined to exclude mortgage payments. The GHI by-laws require that an increase in operating expenses of 10 percent or more must be approved by the membership.

Members Approve

This approval was forthcoming at last Thursday's meeting by a 141-88 vote. But the key vote came earlier when the members rejected a motion by William Feller that the budget be reduced \$42,085 by eliminating the trim paint program entirely and by eliminating moneys needed to maintain a full maintenance staff assuming no attrition losses. The vote turning down this motion was 128-88. Other suggestions for budget cuts were also rejected.

In effect, the membership gave its approval to the budget exactly as recommended by the GHI board. The board, after several trimmings, had come up with a budget increase of \$251,100. Of the \$251,100 increase, \$215,300 was due to fixed, uncontrollable items such as taxes, trash collection fees, water and sewage rates, and fuel oil. These uncontrollable items accounted for 13.9 of the 16.2 percent increase projected — much more than the 10 percent that the board could increase on its own.

Unexpected Support

The grimness of these facts which allowed hardly any latitude undoubtedly led to the confirmation of the budget by the members. Support came from two persons — Edward Devonshire and Mat Amberg — who on previous occasions had expressed opposition to some board policies.

Devonshire said that, if anything, the budget didn't go far enough because he was fearful of the consequences to GHI if it didn't have enough money to meet its expenses. He voiced strong approval of the structural survey which is included in the budget.

TWICE-MONTHLY PAPER PICK-UP

Starting in January, the City will be picking up papers on the first and third Fridays of each month. In January, these days will be the seventh and the twenty-first. Hopefully, the regular pick-up every two weeks will ease the storage problems for residents and also make it possible for apartment dwellers to save papers without resorting to storage in laundry and refuse rooms.

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WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.
North End School's Christmas Program.
Monday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.
Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2-5 p.m.
Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Youth Center.

"You, young fellows," he said, "who are opposing the budget, remember that the structural survey will be to your benefit in years to come. The survey will cost money now, but you will save money in the long run."

Amberg said that despite what he called "grievous mistakes" of the board on other matters, "we must face the hard decision of approving the budget prepared by the board. We cannot reject out of hand the budget, if we are to keep our homes."

He said he could understand people's distress over rising living costs, but this frustration cannot be taken out on GHI. "What is happening is the result of actions in the total economy," he said.

Burgoon Comments

Ed Burgoon, former GHI president from 1954 to 1962, made a strong pitch for supporting the budget prepared by GHI management. "We have to cover ourselves or go down the drain," he warned. He regretted that during the years of his term, the board didn't always follow the advice of professional management to allow additional increases in the budget, such as for reserves.

"If we had followed that advice," he said, "we would not have to raise charges as much as is being recommended here." Devonshire made the same point. "You have to be realistic. If you don't allow for the increases this year, you will be faced with even larger increases next year."

Burgoon also cited from his own experience as a housing manager the large increases in costs that are occurring in apartment projects all over the area.

Opposition

Opposition to the proposed budget increase was expressed in a minority report of the Audit Committee by Mabel Kandler. She said that unusually large amounts were going for GHI payroll costs and for capital improvements and she wanted to see the results of the management survey before approving the budget.

The proposed budget calls for a \$10,000 management survey. Cathy Foster thought that this was not sufficient to get a good survey. She also asked people to vote against the budget until the survey was made. Eunice Coxon implied that the large increase in the budget could be blamed on the GHI board because of its "mismanagement."

Relief for Elderly

On the relief measure for the elderly, the voice vote in favor was overwhelming. This measure, as amended, provides a deferral of the 1972 increase in monthly charges for a member who is 65 years of age or disabled and whose annual income is \$3,000 or less (\$4,600 for a family). The member must agree that the corporation may apply the sum of such deferred increase in monthly charges against the selling price of the unit when the member leaves the corporation. An interest charge of 6 percent per annum would be tacked on to the deferred increase.

The corporation estimates that the effect of the deferral is to increase the monthly charge for each member to something above 50 cents.

Some opposition was expressed to the proposal. Mrs. Richards of 56 Ridge Court thought that the young people with large families should also be considered and felt it unfair that they should be forced to "carry the elderly over". Martha Hutzler wondered whether the proposal was the beginning of the welfare state. On the other hand, Devonshire thought the proposal should be further liberalized by making the deferred increase a gift.

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G'belt City Manager Attends Convention

After some thirty years, the International City Management Association was back in Hollywood, Florida for its annual convention. But there had been some changes over the years. Back then, the group was called the City Managers Association. There were some 132 people in attendance at the 1941 meeting. In 1971 the largest delegation ever — 1,952 — attended.

Over the 57 years that the convention has been held, a Greenbelter, the city's first city manager, Roy Braden, once held the post of president. This year the presidency came back to the metropolitan area when Graham Watt, Deputy Mayor of Washington, D. C., assumed the post for the coming year. Representing Greenbelt at the convention was city manager James K. Giese, who has attended regularly since he took this position with the city.

Giese's assessment of the conference was, "the best yet." This quality he attributed to the prominence and high caliber of the major speakers — Hubert Humphrey, Ralph Nader, George Romney, and Dr. Ray Mönninger — and to a useful training session on leadership and communication skills, led by Wallace G. Lonergan of the Industrial Relations Center of the University of Chicago.

According to Giese, Humphrey's speech stressed the need across the country for "minimum service levels." Because of the mobility of Americans, Humphrey argued that they should be able to expect certain minimum levels of quality in such facilities and services as schools, food inspection, and local services.

Nader, on the other hand, attacked the functioning of the bureaucracy on the federal level. He charged that Congress fails to function properly and that the President's economic policy "stretched the Constitution." Economic growth, he was reported to have said, does not now serve the needs of society. On the contrary, there are great wastes of both resources and talent.

Romney took a different tack. He particularly attacked unions for their "monopolistic" powers, charging that they set wages as they pleased, without regard to productivity or other factors. He criticized both earlier speakers — Humphrey for advocating more federal spending and Nader for failing to criticize labor unions. As a positive program, Romney advocated the formation of a new federal Department of Community Development, which would pull together in one department all programs relating to cities — some from Housing and Urban Development, some from Health, Education and Welfare, some from Commerce, and some from Transportation.

Mönninger's approach was more personal. He looked at the city managers themselves and at their problems — recommending that each of them look after his own personal needs and define his own personal priorities. Giese, who attended the conference the week after his return from a European vacation, thought perhaps that, for once, he had been doing just that.

Seay Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Seay, 6-S Plateau Place, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at a surprise dinner party last Sunday evening. Their daughter and son, Patricia and Joseph, organized the party which was attended by 40 of Ran and Josie's friends and neighbors.

Greetings and Thanks

To the Editor:

As the year draws to a close, we would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the very many local organizations and church groups, too numerous to mention, who so generously devote of themselves all year-round to bring a little entertainment and happiness to the residents of our Home.

Most especially, our deepest appreciation goes to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department for the dependability and excellent service provided whenever it is needed.

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We are proud to call ourselves "Greenbelters!"

From our entire staff and myself, we would like to extend Seasons' Greetings to all, and best wishes for a most healthy and happy New Year.

Christopher Johns, Administrator
Greenbelt Convalescent Center

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To the Editor:

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Thanks

The family of William S. McBride, 13-N Hillside, wishes to thank their neighbors and friends for their expressions of sympathy in the death of Mr. McBride.

Blood Donor Alert

P. G. County American Red Cross asked that all blood donors in the county make a special effort to donate blood during the holiday season.

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Ted and Pauline Pritzker beat out by 1 point the team of Tony and Ann Pisano to win last Friday's duplicate bridge match. Third place went to the Nat Shinderman-Sid Barnett combine. Because of the holidays, the next game will not be until Friday, January 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McCaughey, 122 Lastner, are grandparents for the first time. Kitty Colleen, the daughter of Kathy and Thomas Crawford of Texas, made her debut Dec. 9 weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. This news cheered Don who must remain in Prince Georges Hospital, Room K-304, for some four more weeks.

Jim and Virginia Archambo, 20-J Hillside, recently vacationed at Florida's Silver Springs.

Congratulations to Josephine and Randolph Seay, 6-S Plateau, on the occasion of their Twenty-Fifth wedding anniversary.

Happy-birthday to Jonathon Lange, 6-W Plateau, who will be five years old on Dec. 18.

Birthday greetings to Douglas McNamara, 8-D Plateau, who celebrates his sixth birthday on Dec. 18.

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Publicity for Parkdale Band

Parkdale Band Director Bruce Nale, together with three students from the band, will appear on the Harden and Weaver radio program on WMAL on Saturday, Dec. 18, to discuss the band's trip to Vienna, Austria, in July 1972. Joining Mr. Nale will be Greenbelter Leslie Moore of 1-Lakeview Circle, together with Sandra Moore of Riverdale and Jon Jenkins of College Park. The three students, who will be making the trip with the band, plan to enlist the assistance of the Harden and Weaver audience in the school's "On to Vienna" drive.

Junior Highlights

By Jared Freeman

December 4 and 5 comprised one of the most filled, and tiring, week-ends in this school year for many of the students here at Greenbelt Junior High. The event was the annual overnight Williamsburg trip in which the students visited colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Virginia, its museums, ships, a glass factory and a number of other interesting and educational sites.

The Home Economics and Industrial Arts Department are conducting an unusual experiment at GJHS this quarter. Mr. Liberatore, who teaches graphic arts, and Mrs. Herman of the Home Economics department are trading their third period eighth grade classes. The boys are now learning something of the art of cooking. The girls have set type, printed and will soon be learning silkscreen.

Cub Scouts Carol For Help-By-Phone

Cub Scouts, Pack 202, will entertain you with Christmas Carols and will be asking for canned goods to give to the poor through the Help-By-Phone Association, Prince George's County Chapter. The cubs will cover the Greenbelt area from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18.

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Recreation Review

Coaches Basketball Clinic

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is sponsoring a basketball clinic designed for Boys' Club Coaches this Saturday, December 18, at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The clinic begins at 9 a.m. and will be followed by a buffet luncheon at 1:30 p.m. A minimum fee will be charged for the clinic with luncheon and will be due December 18 at the 9 a.m. registration. Reservations, however, must be made no later than 4 p.m., Friday, December 17. For further information call 474-6878.

Kava

Kava Teen Club has made some fabulous arrangements for celebrating the upcoming holidays. On Saturday, December 18, from 8 - 11 p.m. Kava will present the sensational 8 piece brass band "Medulla" featuring the sounds of "Chicago." On Thursday, December 30, Kava will wrap up the holiday season by presenting one of the Washington areas' finest rock bands: "Bob Brady & As You Like It!" A minimum fee will be charged and dress is casual. All senior high teens are invited.

Folk Singing

The Greenbelt Recreation Department, recognizing the need for a congenial atmosphere where friends can gather, is sponsoring a Folk Singing Program Thursday night, December 16, from 8 - 10 p.m. at the Greenbelt Recreation Center where refreshments will be on sale. Bring your guitars and join this festive gathering of friends. The female genre is especially encouraged to attend this gala gathering.

Mishkan Torah Sisterhood

The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood will hold their regular meeting on Dec. 28 at 12:30 p.m. in the building at Westway and Ridge Rds.

Bring a dairy lunch; dessert and coffee will be served. Baby sitting service will be available. The program will feature members and their talents in "Getting to Know You."

Greenbriar School Site

As a follow-up to their decision to no longer seek relocation of the elementary school slated for the Greenbriar tract, Greenbriar Associates (Alan I., Jerome D., and Stanley G. Kay) have requested that their zoning application for the school site be withdrawn without prejudice. The Prince Georges County Planning Board will consider the developer's request of November 23 at its meeting today (December 16).

Last July, the developer requested that the original 10-acre school site separating the northern and southern sections of the 1,193 unit Greenbriar apartment project immediately adjacent to the NASA boundary line be exchanged for the corner portion of the Greenbriar tract fronting on Greenbelt Road. At the same time, a zoning application was filed asking that the new 10-acre school site be zoned R-R (rural residential), instead of the present R-30 (for apartments).

This exchange would have permitted the development of the luxury-type Greenbriar complex as a contiguous and unbroken project. The Prince Georges County Board of Education, at a hearing on July 29, however, tabled the request, stating that it first wanted to get the views of the City of Greenbelt and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

In September, it was announced that the developer was revising his architectural plans to show the elementary school in its original location. The school board staff had expressed objections to the land swap on the grounds that it opposed location of elementary schools on busy thoroughfares.

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