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New City Council In Action

by Miriam Cornelius

With fewer than a dozen citizens in the audience, the new city council conducted its first regular meeting, on October 1, with dispatch.

Two reports of the Advisory Planning Board were accepted. The first, on land acquisition, recommends that the city proceed with the acquisition of 30 acres in Parcel 1. (PRAB had recommended acquiring all 75 acres in parcel 1). The second relates to the location of the new post office, which is expected to employ 117 persons and serve a population of 50,000. Council noted that no satisfactory substitute for the site west of the Crescent-Parkway intersection (which is not for sale) has been found.

Consideration of two proposed ordinances on financial disclosure was postponed to the first council meeting in December. Councilman Gil Weidenfeld said that by then a model ordinance in preparation by the Maryland Municipal League should be available.

\$1,000 - The Limit

In connection with the audit report for 1972-73, the clerk read a letter from city auditor L. R. Hendricks noting that routine purchases of concrete from A. H. Smith sometimes exceed (although with prudence) \$1,000 a month — the statutory limit for authorization by the city manager without prior referral to council. Hendricks suggested that a reexamination of this limit might be in order.

Councilman Schwan opined that the \$1,000 limit may be too restrictive, and Councilman Weidenfeld agreed, saying it is outdated by inflationary costs in construction. City Solicitor Nanna characterized the present limit as "unrealistic and ridiculous." The mayor requested city manager Giese to prepare a proposal for council, and Giese remarked that the requirements for purchasing procedures also need revision. The mayor expressed the hope that the city manager and solicitor would go over everything together, not just the item dealing with the \$1,000 limit; and former mayor Edgar Smith, speaking from the audience, said the city charter has needed revision for years — and that he believes the \$1,000 limit may date from 1937.

Springhill Lake Affairs

Councilman Weidenfeld inquired when the architectural plans for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center will be ready (by early spring, Giese thought) and urged accelerated action. Councilman Thomas X. White asked whether the rec. center would mean phasing out the golf course, and was told that a 9-hole course would still be possible.

A petition from Springhill Lake residents was presented, requesting permission to continue displaying the sign directing visitors to the rental office, which Giese wanted to make less conspicuous. On learning that this sign is the only guide provided for visitors, council found nothing objectionable about it.

Other Actions of Council

At the suggestion of Councilman Charles Schwan, the council voted that the city contribute \$250 to the Roland fund, for medical expenses, and that it investigate other possible sources of funds.

Judge Edgar Smith rose to point out that under the present plan for renovating the center mall, no provision is made for concrete walks in front of the center stores, and moved that this matter be referred to the city solicitor. The motion was carried unanimously without debate. Earlier in the evening, Mayor Richard Pilski had welcomed Judge Smith as a visitor and had presented him with the

gavel he had used during his years as mayor of Greenbelt.

A petition from a group of parents in Charlestowne Village in regard to dangerous conditions at the intersection of Lakecrest Drive and Lakeside was placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Council spent considerable time working over a draft for a statement on the Greenbriar temporary sewage treatment plant, to be presented at a meeting of the Maryland Council on Environment in Annapolis on October 2.

Childrens Programs At Greenbelt Library

Variety programs for ages 6 to 10 on Friday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. starting October 5 in the Children's Program Room.

Children 6 to 12 years old — learn about police dogs — see the Maryland State Police Canine demonstration on October 8 at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Drop-in story program featuring stories, fingerplays, rhymes and filmstrips for 3 to 5 year olds on Tuesdays from 2 to 2:30 pm., starting October 9 in the Children's Program Room.

Register in the Children's Department for the following preschool story programs: 3-year-olds on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., October 10 through November 14; 3 and 4-year-olds on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m., October 11 through November 15; 4 and 5-year-olds on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 7:30 p.m., October 9 through November 13.

Slapstick comedy films for ages 6 to 12 will be shown Thursday, October 18 at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Snakes alive! — a live nature program for ages 6 to 12 presented by Ms. Debbie Ford from the Chesapeake Bay Center for Environmental Studies on Friday afternoon, October 19, at 2 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

The Cat and the Canary, the horror-classic film, is the feature of the Halloween film on Tuesday, October 30, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room for ages 6 to 12. For information, call 345-5800.

Festival Party Postponed

The Labor Day Festival party has been postponed, according to Bob Grigsby, Festival Chairman. The Festival "Thank You" party, scheduled for Friday, October 5, has been rescheduled for Friday, November 16. The party will be held at the Greenbelt American Legion, Greenbelt Road, from 8:30 p.m. to 12 midnight. Music will be by the Kodel's.

All those who worked on the Festival are invited to attend. A cash bar will be in operation.

Special Trash Reminder

Residents are reminded of the procedures of collecting tree limbs and special trash. These items are collected separately and should not be intermingled when placed out for collection. Tree limbs and brush are chipped in the city's chipper for use on playgrounds, while special trash is disposed of at the landfill. Unlike special trash, which is collected daily, tree limbs and brush are collected periodically by a different crew as accumulations develop. Separating these items, therefore, facilitates their collection according to adopted procedures.

WHAT GOES ON

Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:45 p.m. - Woman's Club Meeting, Greenbelt Library

8 p.m. - Bethune "Back to School" PTA meeting

Saturday, Oct. 13, Bike-a-thon, Greenbelt Youth Center 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Seek to Collect From Kay For Unbuilt Sewage Plant

by Elaine Skolnik

Prince Georges County is seeking to collect \$500,000 from the Greenbriar developers for not having fulfilled their agreement to complete construction of the sewage treatment plant by October 1, according to Jay Morris, aide to county executive William Gullett.

"The bond was posted voluntarily and the risk was theirs," said Morris. "We realize that part of the delays that have occurred was not their fault, but feel that in the present climate, it would be best to have the courts weigh the matter, rather than having Gullett accused of making an arbitrary decision."

Kay's reaction was not unexpected. "We certainly are not liable when we cannot even get the necessary governmental agencies to issue the permits required in order to build the plant," he indignantly said. The bonding company has been informed not to pay the bond, he said.

"We have been stopped from construction by the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and NASA has refused to grant us at this time an easement for the piping of the effluent to a free-flowing stream — a condition imposed by the county that is now asking us to forfeit the bond," Kay continued.

"Furthermore," he said, "the manufacturer of the plant advises us that the production of various components of the plant have been delayed because the county requested that the component parts for the Largo sports arena be made available first. The manufacturer acquiesced to the county executive," Kay said it was his intent to ask for equity from the court.

Holiday Week's Refuse Collection Schedule

Because of the upcoming Columbus Day (October 8) and Veteran's Day (October 22) holidays, the following changes in the refuse collection and paper pick-up will take place. For the week of the Columbus Day holiday the Monday and Friday route will be picked up on Tuesday and Friday, with the paper pick-up on Thursday. The Tuesday and Saturday route will be picked up on Wednesday and Saturday with no paper pick-up for this week.

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Influenza Shots

Dr. Neil Solomon, Maryland's Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, has recommended two different vaccinations for high risk groups, mostly the elderly and those chronically ill with heart, lung and kidney diseases, because of new types of influenza virus.

It is not advisable for pregnant women or for children, unless they fall in the high risk group of chronically ill. Persons sensitive to eggs or egg products should avoid the vaccine.

Greenbriar Issue Reaches State Highest Level

by Elaine Skolnik

The narrow issue was whether the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (SDHMH) could legally issue a construction permit for the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant at this stage. But to the many participants at last Tuesday's 3-hour "public airing" before the State's Environmental Council at Annapolis, there were many other issues.

According to environmentalists, the major issue was the risk to human health, welfare and safety and the natural environment. According to the developer Alan Kay the issue was the attention accorded the "no-growth" advocates. According to Governor Marvin Mandel, the issue was that many citizens see the government as a bureaucracy unwilling to act whereas he felt it was the duty of government to give answers and make decisions.

The meeting had been called as the result of reports in the press that Governor Mandel and Lt. Gov. Blair Lee III had interceded with Dr. Neil Solomon, State Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in an unsuccessful attempt to have Solomon issue a construction permit for the treatment plant. Opponents of the plant had accused Mandel and Lee of giving preferential treatment to the Greenbriar developer because of the latter's campaign contributions.

Governor Mandel

The Governor opened the meeting by denying that his action in calling Solomon on the telephone was improper. He said he wanted to find out "what the pertinent facts were," and "that it is the right of any citizen to get answers from government."

Dr. Solomon then explained the basis for his action in holding up the construction permit. He said that it would be against the intent of State law for SDHMH to act before necessary permits to discharge the effluent from the plant into a receiving stream are issued by the Maryland State Department of Water Resources in coordination with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

What Is The State's Environmental Council?

The Maryland Council on Environment is composed of Governor Marvin Mandel, Lieutenant Governor Blair Lee, Secretary of State Fred Winland, Dr. Neil Solomon, Secretary of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, James Coulter, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Vladimir Wahbe, Secretary of the Department of State Planning. All were present at the Tuesday meeting which took place in the Governor's reception room. In the field of sewage treatment, the council, under certain conditions, approves of temporary sewage treatment plants to relieve health hazards pending the construction of permanent facilities.

tection Agency (EPA).

He was backed up by an opinion from Warren K. Rich, Water Resources special assistant attorney general. Rich said that new State regulations that went into effect on July 1, 1973 require such a discharge permit, even though the developer maintained that the SDHMH had given first-stage construction approval prior to July 1.

Developer Protests

Richard Schifter, representing the developer, had maintained that SDHMH notification on March 2, 1973 that Greenbriar Associates may "proceed with the preparation of final plans and specifications" constituted approval in principle of the plant. He further noted that on July 16, 1973, SDHMH had confirmed to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission that the Greenbriar plans were satisfactory. "Suddenly" Schifter said, "the signals seemed to shift. The engineering staff (SDHMH) now indicated that even though everything was in proper order, they could no longer issue a construction permit." Schifter attributed this change to "small but extraordinarily vocal community opposition." He charged that the Department's refusal to act was based neither on reason of health nor on reasons of law.

"What we wanted the health department to do," said Schifter, "was to perform its legal responsibility by issuing our construction permit. When the Department refused to act, we appealed its non-action to the Lt. Gov. Our purpose was not to inject politics but to cause the elected leadership of the State to tell the Health Department to stop playing politics, not to let itself be pressured by that tiny but vocal minority..."

Solomon Replies

Solomon admitted that the developer has cooperated with the SDHMH in adopting many improvements for the plant. But he insisted that it was illegal for SDHMH to issue a construction permit and "in no way, shape, or form has politics influenced me." If the ruling was considered to be wrong, Solomon said, then the developer should have exhausted his administrative remedies and sought an appeal.

Schifter also maintained that Water Resources could have issued a discharge permit without coordinating with EPA. James Coulter, Secretary, Department of Natural Resources, disputed this, though he said that if EPA procedures were inordinately delayed, then the agency would feel justified in acting on its own after a public hearing. (After the meeting it was disclosed that such a public hearing will probably be held in Greenbelt.) Coulter added that the developer would still have the responsibility to meet EPA's requirements.

EPA in turn has said that it does not want to issue a permit until

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CITY NOTES

Now in the midst of renovation, the Center Mall sidewalks are currently being broken up, one third of the area at a time. Concrete will be poured to be followed by a bomanite surface. Three State Construction Company is doing the excavating and the concrete work, and another construction firm will come in to install the bomanite.

The paper recycling program received a boost when the city was notified it will be receiving \$10 a ton for the paper collected. This is an increase of \$4 a ton. The increase is due to a shortage in the pulp paper industry making recyclical paper more marketable. Nearly sixteen tons of paper were collected last week.

The general crew did street patching on Springhill Drive in preparation for resurfacing.

Public Works spread silt stockpiled at the bay end of the lake when the lake was last cleaned. They also repaired a wooden railing over a stream connecting Lake-wood to Northway. Underpasses along Crescent Road were also cleaned.

The Parks Crew cut grass, cleaned parks and playgrounds, and maintained the football field. The chipper was also out picking up debris from the roadside.

WINTER SWIM PROGRAM

The Greenbelt Aquatic Booster Club is planning its 1973-1974 winter swim program. Persons interested in the program should contact Lawrence White, 345-7488 or Mary Moretti, 474-8105, for details. At its recent fall meeting, the club adopted a new charter and bylaws and also elected officers for one year terms. Officers are: Leroy Beall, President; Al Douglas, Vice President; Connie Shaughnessy, Treasurer; Mary Moretti, Secretary; Charles Thompkins, League Representative; Larry White, Winter Swim Chairman, Gail Gardes, AAU; Olive Blue, Ways and Means; Toni Bram, Meet Manager; Members-at-large; Lou Ann McCann and Toni Bram.

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Another Election To the Editor:

Now that the city council election is behind us, it is time to focus on the School Board General Election scheduled for November 6. Those of us who supported St. Clair Reeves in the primary are now faced with a decision to support either Dolores Burcham or Leslie Kreimer, or simply drop out and let others decide who will represent District II on the Board of Education.

1. Dolores has gained valuable experience from raising four children in addition to having the experience of teaching some seven years in our local schools.

2. Dolores will not only abide by the law of the land in regard to busing to achieve racial balance but will insist that the entire board do likewise. However, she realizes that frequent adjustments (boundary changes) are disruptive to educational processes.

3. Dolores is not currently teaching and will have ample time to devote to school board activities. And unlike her opponent, she will not be subjected to pleasing her supervisor on the job.

About two thirds of our local taxes go to our public schools, an institution that has tremendous impact on our youngsters who are being prepared for adulthood and associated responsibilities.

New Record Store Run By Greenbelters

Rex Muller and Mike Cantwell have become Greenbelt's newest and youngest entrepreneurs. They have opened a record shop featuring top artists, with emphasis on modern records and new sounds in music.

During their Grand Opening, all records are offered at special discount prices. Rex says it will be their policy to offer their records at attractive prices - a plan reflected in the store's name, "For What It's Worth."

The store is open daytime and evenings, seven days a week.

Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will hold its first meeting of the season Tuesday, October 9, at 7:45 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Mrs. Hugh A. Turnbull, President of Prince Georges County Federation of Women's Clubs will install Mrs. Joseph Loftus as President, and Mrs. Charles T. McDonald as First Vice President.

A Prettier Greenbelt To the Editor:

There are a few thoughts that I would like to share with readers regarding our surroundings in Greenbelt.

First, that the Southway entrance project is a continuing source of viewing pleasure as city employees make changes in the fowers during their growing seasons. Visitors can't help but be impressed.

Second, that on making the turn onto Ridge Road, in either direction, the brief visit with beauty is marred by unsightly trash which is set out on roadways by unthinking residents who would not throw trash into their neighbors' yards, but don't give a thought to throwing it out into our collective yard (City rights-of-way or common area). That the city has an excellent pick-up of trash service seems to be unknown to many people.

The third thought is that parents and teachers should impress on our youngsters the need to preserve trees and shrubs, especially in those wooded areas that still remain. The unwitting destruction of trees and underbrush not only interferes with the renewing efforts of nature to cleanse our air through plant and tree leaves, but also destroys the habitat of birds and animals.

These may be wasted words, but if just ten percent more of GreenbeltNews Review readers take this message to heart, we will see immediate improvements in our surroundings.

Stephen Polaschik

Inquiry Class

St. Hugh's Church will hold an Inquiry Class, conducted by Msgr. O'Donnell, to begin Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. in the rectory meeting room. The class is designed for non-catholics and those Catholics who wish to become better informed.

Recreation Review

Second National Bike-A-Thon

Saturday, October 13, the Partridge Family, one of the American Broadcasting Company's top family TV series, will be leading the Second National Bikeathon on behalf of the National Cancer Society. In conjunction with this, there will be a local bikeathon in Greenbelt sponsored by the Prince Georges County Unit of the Cancer Society, MNCPPC and the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Columbus Day Hours

On Monday, October 8, the Youth Center will be open the normal hours for drop in and open gym, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Roller Skating and Arts & Crafts will be held as regularly scheduled.

Youth Center Gym Ceiling

Materials are being received for the refinishing of the Youth Center gym ceiling. Work should begin shortly. For your convenience, days and times that the gym will be closed will be posted in advance.

People's Zoning Council

In one of its first legislative responses to a recent court decision scrapping Charter's zoning provisions, Prince Georges Council unanimously voted for re-creation of a people's zoning council to appear at zoning hearings on the public's behalf.

The county ordinance, enacted August 13, was proposed by Council Chairman John J. Garrity and Councilman Francis B. Francois and comes under the provisions of the Regional District Act. A people's zoning council was created under Specific Charter mandate.

The Regional District Act in a recent Maryland Court Appeals decision, was upheld as the guiding light on zoning matters in the metropolitan area. The court, in the same decision, ruled Charter's zoning provisions weren't sufficient in accordance with the regional act.

The attorneys must appear at all zoning hearings to protect the public interest and insure all evidence and points of law are included in the official record.

The act allows the counsel to summon, examine and cross-examine witnesses, introduce documentary evidence, file exceptions and make arguments before the zoning hearing examiner or District Council.

Yom Kippur Services

Yom Kippur services will begin with the chanting of Kol Nidre on Friday, Oct. 5 at 6:45 p.m. at the Mishkan Torah. On Saturday, services start at 9 a.m. Services will be conducted by Rabbi David Mogilner and Cantor Donald Weisman.

JCC Men's Club Meets

The Men's Club of Mishkan Torah (The Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County) will hold its monthly brunch at 10 a.m. Sunday, October 7. The featured speaker will be Ronald Charles, the young Greenbelt resident who spent several years traveling around the world. His talk on "Israel and the Middle East" will be accompanied by slides and an account of his experiences in that part of the world.

Methodist Church News

Worldwide Communion will be observed on Sunday, October 7 at 11 a.m.

Installation of Church School-teachers was held on Sept. 30. The teachers will be making visits to the parents within the next couple of weeks.

Choirs will be as follows: Primary (5 yr., Kindergarten & 1st graders); Childrens (2nd - 4th grades); Youth (5th - Sr. High) - all practice on Thursdays at 7 p.m.; Adult at 7:45 p.m. All are welcome.

New Telephone Directory

The next edition of the Greenbelt Telephone Directory, to be published and distributed free to all residents as a public service by the Greenbelt Lions Club, is now in process. Any individual or organization not listed in the current directory, or whose listing is incorrect or incomplete, should telephone Lions Tom Hieber, 474-5657, or Don Kern, 474-7356, or mail information to Lion Hieber at 120 Northway.

Also, businesses not yet solicited but wanting to advertise in the next Directory should likewise contact either of the above-named Lions. DON'T WAIT - ACT TODAY!

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6905 Greenbelt Rd.
Worship Services
8:30 and 11:15 A.M.
Sunday School 9:50 A.M.
Weekday Nursery School
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.
Edward H. Birner, Pastor
Phone 345-5111

9:45 A.M. Sunday School 6:00 P.M. Training Union
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wed. Midweek Service

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Crescent & Greenhill Rds. S. Jasper Morris Jr., Pastor - 474-4040

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CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

On September 10, 1973 the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-5, and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1973-5

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE, "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SECTION 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 23A, CAMPAIGN FINANCIAL REPORTS, TO PROVIDE BY ORDINANCE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE FOR THE REPORTING OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, PROVIDED SUCH ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE WITHIN SIXTY DAYS PRECEDING AN ELECTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE DEEMED ELECTED AS COUNCILMAN UNLESS ALL REQUIRED REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000.

James K. Giese, City Manager

St. Hugh's Annual Fall Dance
MUSIC BY "The Swingsters"
BUFFET 8-9 p.m.
DANCE 9-1 a.m.
October 27, 1973
PRICE \$10 PER COUPLE
Grenoble Hall, 135 Crescent Road
For Information Call 474-2397 or 474-8821

YARD SALE AND FISH DINNER
sponsored by Greenbelt Community Church
(United Church of Christ)
Crescent Rd. at Hillside
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1973, from 10 to 7
Fish dinner served from 4:00 p.m., \$1.75
Co-chairmen: Bob Leo and Jay Brubaker
For information: 474-6171 (mornings)

GHI Board Considers Home Resale Problems

by Sid Kastner

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board's regular Thursday night meeting went an hour past its nominal 10:30 closing time, mainly because of extensive discussions of member problems and a report on home resale policy, which has finally emerged from a finance subcommittee. The board also considered what steps might be taken by the corporation in connection with the recent flurry of events surrounding the Greenbriar development.

Director Thomas X. White noted the pressures recently applied by high state officials on behalf of the Greenbriar developer and drew attention also to the fact that the developer is now suing for a construction permit. He suggested that GHI send a representative to the recently set-up meeting on Greenbriar slated for October 2 in Annapolis, because "we must continually remind (the public officials) that the public interest must be uppermost." On a motion by director Donald Volk, White was authorized to represent the corporation at the Annapolis meeting.

White further urged that the corporation should go to court to obtain an injunction against the county for its "abrogation of responsibility" in not having revoked the developer's permits on the basis of non-compliance already shown. Directors Norman Weyel and Joseph Comproni felt that the city should undertake such an action, with the corporation's support. Chairman James Smith agreed with the latter approach, but was also in favor of exploring the feasibility of a corporation suit with attorney Albert Ginsberg.

Home Resale Report

A report by a four-man finance subcommittee on home resale policy was submitted to the board by director White, covering the following five points:

1. How much should GHI participate in profits derived from the resale of homes beyond the current two-year limit on profit-taking?

2. What emphasis should be placed on GHI's own role in home selling?

3. What steps might be taken with respect to improving the effectiveness of the GHI sales organization?

4. Should GHI expand its activity in buying homes for rehabilitation and sale?

5. Should GHI consider an assessment against real estate brokers for the costs of processing GHI home sales?

Point 5 had been previously settled by a board action setting an administrative fee of \$100 per sale. The subcommittee felt that point 3 lay within the province of the manager, and therefore abstained from making a judgment on the sales organization; with respect to point 2 also, it saw "no special need to increase or decrease GHI involvement in sales effort." However, it urged an expansion of the corporation's activity in buying back homes, (point 4) and recommended against attempting to share in profits obtained on homes beyond the two-year limit (point 1).

In the following discussion, director Hugh O'Donnell and manager Roy Breashears agreed with the recommendation on point 1, saying that they favored a policy that would actually reduce resale prices and therefore property taxes. Director Comproni, on the other hand, did not see anything wrong in building up GHI's "vested interest" in the homes, since he felt GHI had contributed to the resale value of the homes. Director Smith disagreed with both sides on the particular reasons they brought up, arguing that "we're kidding ourselves if we think we can lower our taxes by lowering the resale prices" and that "basically the member pays for improving the value of his home"; in any case he favored all the recommendations of the report. White and Smith agreed with Comproni that the discussion of these items should be carried over to the next agenda, with White remarking that the discussion itself was proving useful.

Members' Problems

Three problems of members were dealt with by the board at the be-

ginning of the meeting. The first concerned a proposed addition to an end home, of which the location was objected to by a neighbor. On a motion by director Volk, the addition was authorized to be located so that the neighbor would have the least interference; the motion still allowed for other compromises on the part of the two members concerned.

A second problem was brought up by a member who wished to have a radiator removed to provide clearance for French doors. The board and manager in this case were reluctant to allow complete removal of the radiator, because of the loss of heating capacity, and instead authorized only relocation of the radiator.

The third member problem was more of a major concern to the board, consisting of a request to allow subletting of the home because of difficulty in selling it (the member in question has also committed himself to purchasing a house outside Greenbelt). Director Ted Byerly first moved to grant an exception from the present ban on sublets, for a period of one year; director O'Donnell and manager Breashears favored a shorter period of six months to allow periodic reconsideration. But directors Comproni and White spoke against allowing an exception on the grounds that this "would open the floodgates" to other such requests. Director Byerly then withdrew his first motion in view of this reluctance and the matter was tabled for discussion by the executive committee.

Heating Changes

Recently the board has acted to approve the installation of "turbulators" in the flues of GHI's four large heating plants, to improve their efficiency. Director O'Donnell now urged the additional installation of four pressure-atomizing burners, to ensure that the turbulators achieve maximum performance and to avoid unnecessary cleaning of the flues. The additional estimated cost of about \$20,000 was a bit of a shock to the board, however, even though the majority felt that the engineering support for the recommendation was convincing. An interim motion by White was passed to authorize drawing up specifications for installing the burners, and advertising the whole package of turbulators plus burners for bids - the question of financing the increased cost was deferred till later.

Near the end of the meeting, a question of how much board-staff interaction should be allowed, outside of board meetings, was raised by director Stephen Polaschik in the form of a motion that all requests to the staff by board members be routed through the president. Director Comproni took some exception to this, and defended contacts that he and O'Donnell have made with the staff in connection with obtaining heating information. The ensuing discussion showed that a difference existed between Comproni and other board members on this point.

Boys and Girls Club

Football: All four teams will play at the home field this Saturday starting at 9:30 until 1 p.m. Adding to the enjoyment, Braden Field has added new bleachers and a refreshment stand.

Soccer: After two close losses the 13 and under girls recently tied 1st place Ft. Washington 1-1. Goal was scored by Diane Pristooop with assists by Beth Osborn and Kathy Novick.

Anyone interested in working with the team should contact Fred Ford, 474-8343.

ART AUCTION

The Fourth Annual Art Auction of the Mishkan Torah Synagogue will take place on Saturday evening, October 13 and Sunday afternoon, October 14 at the Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County, Ridge and Westway Roads.

The affair will begin on Saturday evening, 7 p.m. with "A Night With the Artists." Guests will have an opportunity to view the works of art and discuss them with the artists. Champagne cocktails will be served and a cash bar will be available. The auction will begin at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, at 1 p.m., the auction will resume. Babysitting service will be available for those guests with children.

The auction will feature the work of many area artists and will include oils, acrylics, watercolors, sculptures, photography, silkscreen, woodcuts and others. Admission on both days is free.

Marriage Encounter

People who are interested in learning more about Marriage Encounter are invited to attend a presentation on Wednesday, October 10 at 8 p.m., in Grenoble Hall, St. Hugh's Church. The presentation is sponsored by the women of St. Hugh's. A short business meeting will precede the speakers and refreshments will be served.

Marriage Encounter is a program designed to afford couples the context for reflecting on their lives together, their attitudes towards each other and their children as well as their desires, ambitions, disappointments and joys. Emphasis is on dialogue between husband and wife. It's a weekend together away from the children and the distractions of everyday life, a time to really communicate. The program is designed "to make good marriages better". For more information call Joe and Alice Murray, 474-6495. All interested persons are welcome.

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In order to put the problem in proper perspective an analysis has been made of the unlawful entries and attempted entries for the seven and one-half month period between January 1 and August 15, 1973. During this period fifty-six cases were reported. These cases included entries, entries which occurred without force, breaking and enterings, entries resulting in thefts, and entries resulting in no thefts.

27% of the cases within the year have been closed. (Those arrested may have been responsible for some of the other cases as well.) The 15 cases closed resulted in 18 persons being arrested. Fourteen of those arrested, or 78%, were juveniles. Eleven of those arrested or 61%, were Greenbelt residents.

One set of statistics that reveals an unusual trend is that of the time of entry. Of the 33 residential cases in which an approximate time could be determined 64% or 21 cases, took place in the daytime. Generally, the evening and night hours have been the more favored time for house breakers. In 8 of the residential cases, entry was made in the evening, and in 3 cases a late night-early morning entry was made. In 12 cases the time of entry could not be determined because the residents were away for a long period.

The Police Department urges all residents to take precautions to prevent breaking and entering. Report any suspicious activities. Advise the police and your neighbors when you are out of town. Make sure all doors and windows are left closed and locked. Residents of homes and apartments having sliding glass doors should place an iron or wood bar in the door track to prevent the door from being opened if the door is forced or the lock picked. When away at night leave one or more lights on in rooms that cannot be observed from the outside. Timers are suggested for persons who will be away any length of time. Also, when away, arrange for deliveries to be stopped or for a neighbor to pick up mail and newspapers.

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Single Family	16	6	2	13
G.H.I.	16	3	4	25
Apartments	13	2	8	62
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Total	56	11	15	27

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NASA grants an easement for an outfall line.

Lt. Gov. Lee insisted that there has been an inexhaustible supply of roadblocks to the plant. He said that none of the technical people in the State agencies are suggesting that the treatment plant is bad.

Health Risk?

But the environmentalists wouldn't agree with Blair's conclusion. Rhea Cohen, speaking on behalf of several environmental agencies, envisioned the plant as producing raw sewage spills, poor quality effluent, major and minor machinery breakdowns which would overburden existing sewage lines.

Moreover, even if the plant were to operate efficiently, Ms. Cohen said, the effluent would still pollute, not improve, the stream in Greenbelt, referring to phosphorus and nitrogen compounds remaining. She termed the plant "an experiment", and asked that the developer be required to wait for service to the permanent Western Branch sewage treatment plant.

Dr. John Cookson, Maryland University professor and consultant to Kay, took strong exception to these conclusions, saying that the effluent from the proposed plant will exceed the drinking water standards of 1962 and is far superior to what is now in the receiving stream. The plant's processes including virus and phosphorus removal are so far advanced, he said, that it should be classified as a water reclamation plant, not a wastewater treatment plant.

Schifter characterized those opposing the plant as members of the no-growth movement — "those people who expect you to act as if zero population growth had been in effect for the last twenty years." But this hasn't been the case, he said, and developers are building because there has been a demand for housing. Failure to meet this demand would run counter to the very purpose of the ecology movement by causing overcrowding.

Pilski Speaks

Greenbelt Mayor Richard Pilski delivered a statement adopted unanimously at Monday's city council meeting which emphasized the city's requirements for nitrogen removal, the piping of the effluent, and the fact that the "overwhelming majority of citizens of Greenbelt who have spoken at council meetings on this issue have generally expressed themselves as opposed to this project for reasons such as health and ecological risks." Pilski said that he, personally, was not afraid of the plant.

Greenbelters speaking in opposition to the plant were GHI Board Director Thomas X. White, for GHI, and Dorothy Baluch for the Save Our Community Committee. Environmentalists from the District of Columbia and Virginia also offered testimony.

COURT PARENT PROGRAM

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Anyone moving out of the area is requested to return the sign and have his name taken off the list. New signs are available if needed. For information call Mrs. Shirley Maxwell 474-7278.

Random Sample Results From City Questionnaire

Utilizing 60 questionnaires randomly selected, 20 from each precinct, the city has obtained preliminary results from the Information Questionnaire which voters completed at the polls. The city-wide tabulation was weighted, based upon the number of votes cast in each precinct. However, the differences in results between the various precincts appeared to be relatively minor. Of the random samples selected, 47 percent were from single-family homes, 25 percent from apartments, 22 percent from G.H.I., and 4 percent from Charlestowne Village condominiums. The number from single family homes in the random sample appears to be high, and the number from G.H.I. low.

City Rated Good

Voters rated the city government as "good" and better than the county, state and federal governments, which were rated "fair" with the county being rated slightly higher and the federal government slightly lower than the state. Individually all city services rated "good," with police protection and recycling activities rated highest and playground maintenance and youth counseling lowest. Youth counseling is a relatively new city service, and its full impact is yet to be felt.

In 1969, the voters rated many of the same services. Comparing these ratings with the preliminary results for the current election, it would appear that the city services are rated very slightly better than in 1969. The rating for the county government was the same. State and federal governments were not rated in 1969.

Rated superior to any city service or to any government this year as well as in 1969 was fire and rescue service. Voters gave this service an "excellent minus" and rated it slightly better in 1973. This is significant in view of the extensive amount of criticism given to the volunteer fire and rescue squads by various county officials and the metropolitan press in recent years.

No Cut in Expenditures

Of the ten facilities and services that voters were asked to rate as to level of expenditures, there was strong sentiment expressed for increasing expenditures and very little interest in cutting expenditures. A majority of the respondents supported increasing expenditures for the purchase of park lands, park improvements, park maintenance, sidewalk repairs and youth counseling. While the majority supported keeping the same level of expenditures for new recreation facilities, recreation programs, police protection, street improvements and street maintenance, large minorities favored increasing expenditures. The questionnaire did not ask if these voters were willing to pay more taxes in order to increase the expenditures. This is a question for which the new council will need an answer before voting for budget increases.

New Facilities and Services

Of the list of 29 facilities and services provided, only three were favored by a majority of the respondents in the sample—bicycle paths (65%) pedestrian — bicycle overpasses across major highways (63%), and comfort station at lake park (56%). Seven other facilities were favored by more than 40% of the respondents — mini-bus service within city, (49%) housing for the elderly (48%), day care center (46%), indoor swimming pool (46%) floodlighted area for ice skating at lake (43%) artificial ice rink (40%) and nature trail (40%).

Nine of the new facilities were also rated in 1969. None of those nine received majority support in either rating. Outdoor tennis courts, artificial ice rink, new football field, a mini-bike track, and a small zoo or animal farm did in-

crease somewhat in the percentage of supporters in the 1973 random sample. Support for the indoor swimming pool, new baseball field, and new softball field was about the same. One facility, the perimeter road, decreased in support substantially (from 37% to 16%). In 1969 it was felt this road would be needed to serve the new high school, the site for which was subsequently relocated.

Day Care

Although there is strong interest in a day care facility in Greenbelt, it is not clear whether the Ridge Road Center should be converted to that use. In the sample tabulation 42% favored its use primarily as a day care center, 37% favored its use as a recreation center, and 21% expressed no opinion. If the Ridge Road Center is used as a day care center, 33% favored the city leasing it at cost to a non-profit organization, and 29% favored renting the facility to provide the city with a reasonable income. Only 13% favored the city operating a day care center, and 25% had no opinion.

As to providing financial assistance to low income families whose children use a day care center, 44% felt this should be done, 28% were opposed, and 28% did not respond.

Difference Between Precincts

On the whole, there was little difference between the tabulations for the three precincts. Springhill Lakers, however, were more inclined to spend money, and residents of the North End precinct were less inclined. For example, Springhill Lakers favored increasing expenditures for 8 of the 10 items listed, while in the North End expenditure increases were favored for only 4 items. A majority of the Springhill Lake respondents supported 8 of the 29 new facilities and services listed. North End respondents supported only 3. The Center precinct was in between but closer in thinking to the North End than Springhill Lake. As to the rating of city services and the questions concerning day care, the three precincts varied in opinion only slightly. Also, while Springhill Lake's support was stronger, the same new facilities and services received strong support in each area of the city.

Center precinct did the best job of answering all the questions, according to the analysis of the random sample. Springhill Lake residents failed to answer many of the questions.

The final tabulation of the questionnaires will probably not be completed for a month or so. These results will be made known as soon as available.

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