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Council Votes To Proceed With Condemnation, May Seek Citizen Approval In Fall Referendum

by Mary Lou Williamson

If anyone thought that a year's time dulled the edge of Phase I's opposition to an overpass in their midst, Monday night's unexpected turn-out at the city council must have dispelled those thoughts. Greenbriar residents from 7704 to 7732 Hanover Parkway packed the council room in what their lawyer, Leo Dunn, called "Greenbriar's last ditch effort" to persuade the council to reconsider its "preferred" location for the overpass.

Listed on Monday's agenda was the second reading and final passage of a resolution to authorize the city to file condemnation proceedings to acquire easements for an overpass which would span the Baltimore-Washington Parkway from east of the end of Gardenway in Old Greenbelt to the Greenbriar condominium apartments (Phase I). The resolution to acquire 0.09945 of an acre of land in Phase I for use as a right-of-way for pedestrian and bicycle access to the overpass was introduced for first reading at the January 22 council meeting.

Council listened for nearly three

Attorney's Statement

The following are excerpts from the statement of Leo W. Dunn, Greenbriar Phase I lawyer:

"Phase I owners are still dissatisfied and this is their last-ditch effort . . . to request that the resolution not be passed. You have taken their time, intruded on their property in a manner unexpected . . . Now you place on them a great expense which they did not anticipate . . . It will be 18 months to 2 years for a trial date . . . The value of the overpass will be questionable — maybe it will be an asset, but (residents) think it will hurt them (and) affect their privacy. The alternate site (Mandan on Greenbriar side) is owned by the county and there is surplus county property (in old Greenbriar) . . . which can be attained. All that Phase I residents are getting out of it is a couple of hundred dollars a piece . . . It is an intrusion into the way of life they've had . . . there is an alternative."

hours and occasionally responded to points addressed by 18 speakers before voting, as Greenbriar residents must have known they would 3 to 2 in favor of proceeding with condemnation.

While emotions ran high, especially for the Phase I residents, there were only a few emotionally charged exchanges — and those occurred between opposing factions on council, signalling, perhaps, the start of the political campaign season. In fact, the September election of the next city council was in the forefront of many minds in the room. Greenbriar Phase I residents, venting their frustration, all but promised to eliminate one of the three majority votes on council next September.

Issues Raised

"It makes no financial sense to pay for condemnation and court costs," Anne Perkins told council "when you have an alternative with free land on either side (at Mandan Road)" Richard Ley was also concerned with costs: "A separate overpass will cost the city for land easements, sidewalk construction, fencing, benches, traffic lights, snow and ice removal teams and routine maintenance and upkeep." See CONDEMNATION, p. 4, col. 1

City's Annexation of New Shopping Center Is Explored With Developers

by Elaine Skolnik

Western Development Corporation has been exploring with the City of Greenbelt the possible annexation of the 26-acre Greenway Shopping Center. The property under discussion is part of the 34-acre Greenbelt East tract which lies just outside the city limits. Members of the city council, the city manager, assistant city manager, and the city solicitor have met at two work sessions with representatives of Western Development: Herb Miller, president, Robert Manzi, attorney for Western Development, and Jim Hampel, construction.

The property is located south of Greenbelt Road, between Hanover Parkway extended on the east and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on the west.

City council is interested in annexing all of Greenbelt East including 8 acres slated for office buildings and also a restaurant in the shopping center that is separately owned. Reportedly Coakley-Williams, developer of the 200,000 sq. ft. office buildings, does not want its land annexed. At this time only the shopping center and probably the restaurant site are being considered. However, the city could legally annex all three properties when Western presents its petition since the corporation probably owns more than the necessary 25% of assessed valuation of the 34-acre tract.

From the time Western Development first brought its plans for a 220,000 sq. ft. shopping center to the city in 1977, council members have expressed interest in bringing the property into the city limits. Council is unhappy that Greenbelt would receive no taxes from any development on the Greenbelt East tract even though the city would be faced with maintaining access roads and overlapping police jurisdictions. Council also would have limited influence over the development.

Hanover Parkway, originally designated as the principal entrance to the shopping center by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the State Highway Administration, runs for 1400 feet through Greenbelt Land, but would serve primarily unincorporated areas south of the city. Additionally a street proposed at the southern end of the commercial

property would not line up with the Master Plan location for Ora Glen Dr. running west through Windsor Green.

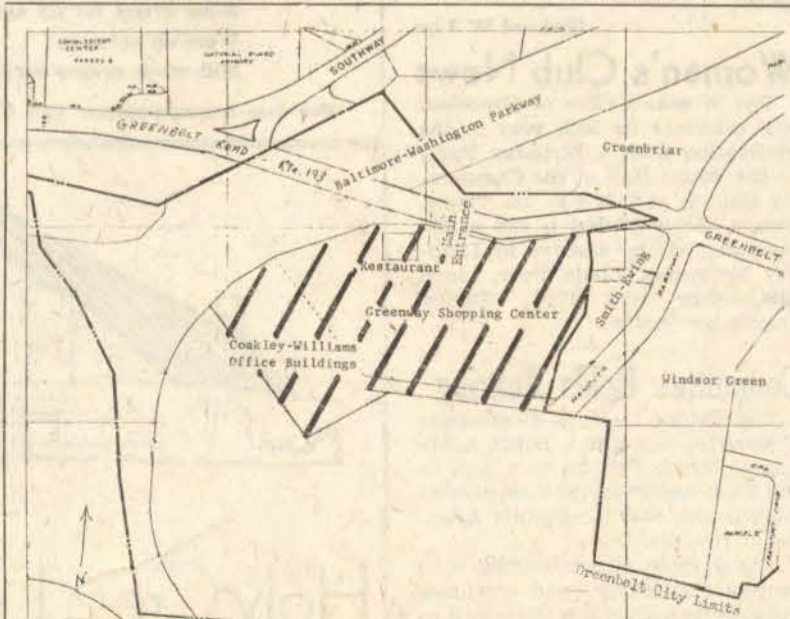
Another advantage to the city from annexation would be the smoothing out of the city's irregular border. (See map.)

At first, Western Development officials did not take the city's overtures of annexation seriously. They preferred, they said, "to be good neighbors." They could see no benefits that would outweigh their loss of revenue by having to pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt.

However, recent events and exploratory talks have made a merger more attractive. At the start of the work session last week, Dillon told an interested council, "We think it could be beneficial to be part of the city . . . as a large number of our customers will be Greenbelters. At this moment we are very open-minded" on annexation and "looking forward to this meeting with the city." Both sides, with attorneys present, then spent several hours exploring the specifics of annexation, including the contents of their respective dowries.

City Benefits

If annexation becomes a reality, the city will collect real and personal property, admissions, amusement and other taxes from the Greenway Shopping Center. Miller and Dillon estimate that, when completed, the land and buildings of their shopping center will be valued at \$7.5 to \$8 million. Dennis See ANNEXATION, p. 8, col. 4



The above map shows the southwestern corner of Greenbelt. The striped area shows the proposed Greenway Shopping Center and the Coakley-Williams office buildings. Both developments lie just outside the city limits. Western Development Corporation has been exploring with the City of Greenbelt the possible annexation of their 26-acre Greenway Shopping Center.

Police HQ Remodeling Aims Include Security, Durability

by Linda Orenstein

Remodeling of the Municipal Building headquarters of the Greenbelt Police has been underway since last fall. In an effort to conserve funds the work is being done by city public works personnel, with only some portions of the renovation to be contracted to outside sources. According to one interviewee the work is progressing slowly but "the work being done is good quality work." It would be difficult to describe the frustrations of working under a layer of dust with the sound of a saw, but graffiti in the almost dismantled dispatcher's office might serve as an indication. GREENBELT POLICE RENOVATION PROJECT - COMPLETION DATE 1984 appears on the wall. Below the crossed out date is SPRING 1985 over which the unknown chronicler has printed 2003.

City Manager James K. Giese attributes the adagio pace to several factors. City employees involved in the project still have to fulfill their regular obligations. Complex equipment, specific needs, and the need to comply with requirements demand technical planning and the careful choice of special materials, all of which contribute to a gradual work schedule.

The upper floor of the older sec-

Superintendent Expected To Recommend Closing Kent Junior High School

by Mary Lou Williamson

School Board member Lesley Kreimer appeared before council February 5 to report on school closing issues affecting Greenbelt. Reports are now in for task forces studying junior high schools for possible closings, she said, including all schools that serve Greenbelt — Mary Bethune, Greenbelt and Kent.

Task Force I-B (including Greenbelt) recommended to the superintendent that no schools in its area be closed. Task Force II-B, on the other hand, did select Kent as the school they would recommend for closing.

"It's my understanding," Kreimer told council, "that the superintendent will concur with both of these recommendations" when he reports to the Board of Education, Thursday, February 8. Such a decision on the part of the superintendent would lay to rest Greenbelt fears that he might overrule Task Force I-B and select one or more schools for closing. While few, if any, thought Greenbelt junior high a likely candidate for closing, still Greenbelters will be gladdened to hear the school is safely out of danger.

Still at issue is where the Greenbriar students now attending Kent should be placed next year. The Task Force recommended Charles Carroll in Carrollton. According to Kreimer, the superintendent will recommend Goddard in Lanham. Two other possibilities, she said, are Bethune and Greenbelt. Sending Greenbriar students to Bethune together with other Greenbelt students who have attended Center school would provide peer continuity. Councilman Charles Schwan pointed out that these two groups attend the same elementary and the same senior high (Roosevelt), and questioned why the split for junior high? He also noted that the move to junior high is the more traumatic of the two. Kreimer agreed that continuity is important at this stage — ideally students who have made friends among their peers should stay together.

However, Kreimer believes that next year the board of education will begin efforts to "bring students back to neighborhood schools." She feels there is more public support for such a plan now than there was a year ago when a similar board effort failed. Thus she felt a move to Bethune, 8 miles south of Greenbelt, might not be the best answer. Greenbelt or Goddard or Carroll would be much closer and in each case would be a "positive opportunity for the Greenbriar students." She also told council she feels the superintendent is openminded about a small group such as Greenbriar and would readily listen to community requests as to where their students should go.

"It would be interesting to do a survey of Greenbriar parents," Kreimer suggested, "see what their preference would be."

tion of the Municipal Building has been changed somewhat. Wall-to-wall carpeting matching that in the newer section has already been installed in the hallway, while the council room remains tiled. The three offices housing Greenbelt CARES have been restructured into a four office suite. The stairway leading downstairs from the front entrance has been reversed so that the entrant is confronted with a double staircase and must use the entrance doors to the main lobby to reach police operations. This change was effected to unify the first floor as a police area and to provide adequate security.

Two elements are being considered in the remodeling — security and the durability of materials. The glass area in the dispatcher's office will be reduced for security reasons, and the detention area, which is used as a temporary facility, not a jail, will be redesigned. A design equal to the county police facility at the Bowie substation had been selected but recently issued state requirements demand the integration of other features into the plan.

Although Giese would like to see the work progress one room at a time, building requirements must be satisfied and an inspector cannot be called to check items individually. The detective has been relocated into a new office and the initial phase of work on the dispatcher's office will be completed as quickly as possible. This particular office will emerge larger than before and the soundproofing will be improved. Sound absorbing materials, which will hold up under wear will be selected, and the problem of cleaning such a concentrated 24-hour a day operation is being taken into consideration. The next phase of the dispatcher's office renovation involves the installation of new sophisticated and expensive equipment, and this work will go to bidding. The plan is to build everything with a console for the radio, alarm and communications equipment. A plumber will be contracted to install apparatus for the employees shower area and to provide for plumbing in the detention area.

Giese indicated that the downstairs area will not be fully carpeted, due to the heavy wear it receives and wherever carpeting is used it will be of a type that resists wear and shows less dirt. An effort will be made to duplicate the look of the finance entrance lobby in the police entrance hall by purchasing similar materials. Giese doubts that the "open feeling" of the addition can be reproduced since the walls in the older structure are solid and not the same as the newer removable partitions. In reference to the look of the building, Giese states that "the impression may not be the same, but the materials will be as good quality-wise". He declined to give any projected date for the completion of the remodeling project.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Feb. 8, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Mon., Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Council work session on Commercial Center

Tues., Feb. 13 7:30 p.m. Bethune Jr. High PTSA Meeting, Howard Owens Science Center

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Help With Income Tax Available at Library

Free Income Tax Help will be available Tues., Feb. 13 at the Greenbelt Library.

Staff from the VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) will help taxpayers complete forms 1040 or 1040A. VITA personnel are trained in basic income tax preparation by the IRS. Interpreters for the deaf and hearing impaired will be available.

In addition to step-by-step help with forms 1040 or 1040A, taxpayers can receive information on tax benefits such as the earned income credit, general tax credit and pension benefits. Because of location and hours many taxpayers find VITA assistance easier to use than IRS Taxpayer Service.

Anyone needing assistance should bring the tax package sent them by the IRS, and pertinent documents such as W-2 forms and interest statements.

Vocational Education Week

February 11 through 17 is American Vocational Education Week, and county residents are being invited to visit their area high schools to see career training programs in operation.

As always, visitors first should report to the high school's main office. Groups or organizations wishing to arrange tours should call the Office of Information Services, at 952-4350.

Cub Scout Pack 746

R. Matthew Radcliffe won his second Championship Trophy in two years at the recent Pinewood Derby held by Cub Scout Pack 746 at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. His car also brought him his third "Best Paint Job" ribbon in three years.

Second in the finals was Larry Lichvar (first in the Nine Year Old Class) and third was Tommy Holland who was first in Eight Year Old Competition.

Finishing second to Matthew in the Ten Year Old Class was Michael Murray and third was Thomas Haggard with his sporty "twin pencils."

Second place in the Nine Year Old Class was won by Jefferson Lowrey with Sammy Harper a close third.

Tommy Holland's win in the Eight Year Old Class was almost tipped by Christopher Lee, and Matthew Summerville finished third.

Appropriate plaques were presented to these winners.

Special Class ribbons went to Christopher Lee, for most futuristic design; best looking overall to Todd Hurley; and best crazy car to Thomas Haggard, for his car that resembled two sharpened pencils.

The best workmanship (use of tools) ribbon went to John Murray, the best paint job to Matthew and the ribbon for the car with the most endurance to James Lee. The judges had a difficult time in picking winners out of so many good cars.

A new feature this year was the Family Derby for other members of the family. The car made by Ariane Radcliffe finished first, Donald Ehre's was second and a car made by the company of Allison and Dad Hurley finished third in the speed section. Marion Summerville and Cubmaster Ehre also made other cars for this class.

In the Special Class for Families, Mr. Ehre won the ribbon for best looking over-all with his second car.

The pack wishes to thank all the parents who served as officials in the derby.

Roosevelt Calendar

Boys' Basketball
 2/13 Central - Away at 5:30 p.m.
 Girls' Basketball
 2/13 Central at Roosevelt at 4:30 p.m.

Democratic Club

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held Friday, February 16 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building.

After a short business meeting, the meeting program will include, as a guest speaker, Joanne O'Brien, the current chairperson of the Prince Georges County Democratic State Central Committee. Refreshments will be served after the meeting program.

The Club will be cosponsoring the annual Legislative Dinner in Annapolis with the Bowie Democratic Club and the 14th District Democratic club. Plans for the Legislative Dinner have now been firmed up. It will be held on Tuesday, March 27 in the Appropriations Committee Hearing Room on the first floor of the new Delegates Building in Annapolis and include an open bar from 6-7 p.m. and a hot buffet dinner at 7:30 p.m. After dinner, there will be time to meet with the 24th District delegation and see the General Assembly in evening session.

Tickets will be limited. For ticket information contact Dorothy Rothgeb at 441-1096. Tickets may be purchased at the meeting.

County Library Holds Cover Design Contest

The Prince Georges County Memorial Library System's Young Adult Services will sponsor its annual cover design contest for Thought Waves (a bi-monthly publication of book, movie, and record reviews plus original poetry and illustrations) for the 1979-1980 editions. Entries may be submitted by young adults (ages 13-18) of Prince Georges County, to any branch or bookmobile from February 1 to March 1.

Cover design should be original, in black ink and on white paper, measure 5½ by 8½ inches and include the title Thought Waves. Entries not adhering to size will not be considered.

Name, age, school and home mailing address should be submitted on a separate sheet with each entry. Entries will be returned upon request.

Judging will be done by professional artists. Winner will be announced on Friday, March 16.

Auxiliary Valentine Dance

A post-Valentine "Sweetheart Tea Dance" will be held at the Greenbelt American Legion Hall on Sun., Feb. 18 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. There will be an orchestra, entertainment and refreshments. Tea dances are back in vogue with danceable music. Dress is optional but on the dressy side. Everyone is welcome. The event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. There is a fee.

The Auxiliary is also saving Campbell soup and bean labels for the educational program at North End School. Proceeds will be used to equip the school with teaching aids, especially on the new metrics. February is the deadline month for turning them in. Send labels to the Greenbelt Legion Auxiliary, Box 36, Greenbelt, 20770, or call Shirley Seadler, 794-6143, to pick them up.

A Lesson in Democracy

To the Editor:

It's unfortunate that the enrichment program students attending the February 5 Greenbelt City Council meeting couldn't stay for the debate on the B-W Parkway pedestrian overpass, for that is when they really could have learned about local government, democracy, and "taxation without representation."

The residents of Greenbriar turned out in unexpectedly large numbers to voice their opposition to the condemnation resolution. Only one Greenbelt citizen spoke in favor of the condemnation. The Eleanor Roosevelt Student Teacher Association member, a resident of Seabrook, who attended also favored the condemnation route. Regrettably no local Greenbelt students appeared. Perhaps they knew the city council would accede to their desires. The 3 to 2 vote, a replay of the original route selection vote, proved they were right. While city council praised the well-reasoned forceful Greenbriar arguments, it apparently listened with deaf ears. Even the mayor's impassioned speech could not change his colleague's closed minds.

Councilman Tom White agonized over whether the Federal Highway Administration would accept Mandan Road as an alternate overpass location. Councilman Richard Castaldi gave him another chance to find out by offering his brilliantly conceived motion to defer the overpass resolution until the council got an answer. White chose to reject this and approve the condemnation resolution.

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld said the issue was public safety. Apparently he means future public safety, as he is willing to delay construction at least one year while the condemnation is contested in the courts. This on top of this year's delay already. This when the Mandan Road site is just as close to the illegal route students currently use as Weidenfeld's "preferred" location.

Only Castaldi and Mayor Richard Pilski considered that safety can best and most quickly be served by adopting an alternate to the condemnation route. An alternate could also allow for the pedestrian/bicycle traffic anticipated for the future Greenway shopping center.

In voting for condemnation the council has generated ill will and alienation in the Greenbriar section of their city. They may bridge the B-W Parkway, but they can never span the separation they have created in a part of Greenbelt. Councilmen Schwan, White, and Weidenfeld have a fundamental lesson in civics to learn. Local government may annex lands such as Greenway to derive revenues therefrom, but in so doing the elected officials must demonstrate that they fairly represent the people paying those taxes. I will not deprive the city of Greenbelt of my tax dollars: I will mark Greenbelt on my state tax return. But I will not put an "X" beside the names of Schwan, White, and Weidenfeld on the September ballot. And that, dear students, is what democracy is all about.

Richard W. Ley

Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will celebrate its 39th year in the Federation with a Birthday Party in the Social Hall of the Community Church at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 8. Belta Weisel is tea chairman and will be assisted by Dorothy Merryman, Linda Dove, Linda McCaughey and Ruth Taylor. Guests are invited.

Committee Holds Hearing

The Prince Georges Democratic Committee will hold a public hearing on Tues., Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. in the Park and Planning Commission Auditorium, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and resumes from those individuals interested in being considered for the Central Committee vacancy created by the resignation of Lance W. Billingsley.

Interested persons must appear before the Committee to give a brief oral presentation and bring copies of their resumes.

Mark Felsher Earns Eagle Scout Honor

An Eagle Scout Court-of-Honor will be held for Mark Felsher at Mowatt United Methodist Church Friday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. A special invitation to attend is extended to all friends and Eagle Scouts in the area.

Prior to the Court-of-Honor, Troop 746 will hold its annual pot luck supper and S.M.E. (Sustaining Membership Enrollment) at 6:30 at the church. All scouts and friends of scouting are invited to attend and to bring along their favorite dish. The beverage will be provided by the troop.

BETHUNE PTSA

The next Mary Bethune Junior High School PTSA meeting will be held at the Howard Owens Science Center on Greenbelt Road at 7:30 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 13. A short business meeting will precede the tour of the facility and a presentation by the staff. Parents and students are invited.

Volunteer Award to Gainers

On Tues. evening, Feb. 6, Mayor Richard Pilski presented the 1978 Boys' and Girls' Club Volunteer Award to Patricia and Patrick Gainer.

The Gainers were recognized for their outstanding and dedicated service to Club programs and to the youth of Greenbelt. In presenting the award, Mayor Pilski noted the many hours of devotion residents, such as the Gainers, contribute to the community to make Greenbelt a special place in which to live and grow.

The award is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and is presented annually to outstanding program volunteers.

MOWATT MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11 a.m.
 (Cribbery and Nursery provided)
 Sermon:
 "The Power of the Presence"
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham
 Pastor - 474-3381

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Episcopal
 Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
 8 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

Sunday

Church School for all - 9:45

Worship Service - 11 a.m.

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside

Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors

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Give expression to your faith.

Let God's Word speak to your life.

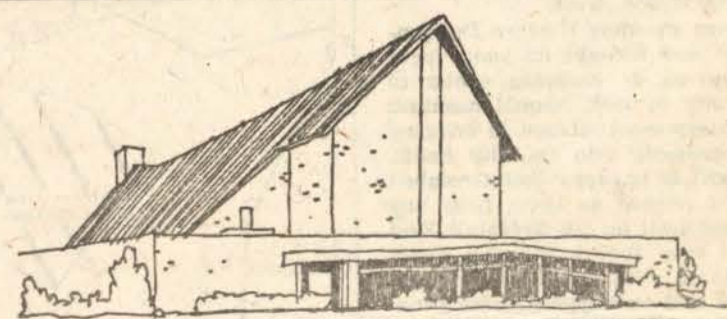
GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

Crescent & Greenhill Roads

Bible Study for all ages (Sun) 9:45 am
 Worship services 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
 Mid-week prayer service (Wed.) 8:00 pm

For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

Kreimer Meets With Parents To Discuss Their Concerns

by Barbara Likowski

Special programs, school closings, the school budget, and the condition of Eleanor Roosevelt High School were among the concerns that parents expressed to school board member Lesley Kreimer at an informal meeting Thursday, night, January 18 in Center School. Kreimer held the meeting to inform citizens about recent school board decisions and hearings and to listen to parental concerns.

Kreimer reported that at recent hearings on the school budget citizens in all parts of the county had requested that the Talented and Gifted (TAG) program be kept and enlarged upon and that there be more funds, also, for the special education program, especially for the handicapped.

T.A.G. Program

The TAG program has been instituted to give added opportunities to those children with I.Q.'s of 135 and above. The Board of Education has mandated that there be a TAG program in every school by 1980. At present they are mostly found in the secondary schools. (Locally Roosevelt has added such a program to its curriculum as has Greenbelt Junior High School.) Children identified as being eligible for a TAG program must have parental permission in order to enroll.

There was parental concern that not enough funds had been appropriated for the TAG program and that therefore it might be just a "paper program."

Kreimer related that a full time staff of 8 (up from 5) was working on instituting the program. While very little new money has been earmarked for the TAG program, the program itself does not bear any relationship to funding since it will take different forms in different schools.

Another program which has aroused parental concern in the county is the program for mainstreaming the handicapped into the regular school program. This has been mandated by the state government but there was fear expressed that not enough funds were allocated to help carry it out.

School Closings

School closings were discussed in light of the fact that all three junior high schools attended by Greenbelt children have been considered by Task Forces for possible closings. Kent Jr. High (which Greenbriar-Glen Oaks children attend) has been recommended for closing by Task Force II-B.

Those present expressed the feeling that there seemed to be no overall view for the task forces but that each task force worked in its own area without considering the effects closing a school in their area would have on other areas.

One parent said that he felt that the capacity recommendations for each school were too large, therefore giving a false picture of present usage of the school. He pointed out that each special program would take at least one room from those rooms which were available. He thought this would be especially noticeable when programs for the handicapped were increased.

Detention Centers

At present each school in II-B now has a detention center — a program that has been recently tried in the county. This takes a room from each school and reduces capacity accordingly. However, the detention program has the backing of teachers in all of those schools. Mrs. Anderson, Principal of North End, who was present, said the detention center has been tried off-and-on at that school also.

E. Roosevelt

Related problems of the condition of schools and buses were brought up by parents. Kreimer was asked about the condition of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and also the condition of the school buses.

Kreimer reassured parents that there was no need to take students out of Roosevelt. The board is presently having the school monitored to make sure it is as "functional and safe" as possible. Kreimer was also asked about recent publicity about the shape the county school buses were in. She informed parents that the buses were inspected

yearly and more maintenance people had been added to service them.

When asked why Center School had not been marked for renovation as previously indicated, Kreimer informed parents that funds were so limited that renovation has been limited to secondary schools for the next 4 years. Exceptions would be made in the case of needed diagnostic centers, special education centers, and the like.

Budget

Speaking about the proposed budget Kreimer told those present that because of the TRIM program the school budget was apt to be a stringent one. There were some differences between the Board of Education and County authorities about who should be handling some things such as data processing, construction, etc.

One program that will have no funding after 1980 is the school's Driver Education program. It is presently funded by the state. Other programs also may feel the pinch of strict budgeting.

Of interest to parents of children enrolled in the county instrumental program is a task force set up by the board. This group will look into problems that are related to the program such as whether private school children may play in the County Youth Orchestra or whether a child not enrolled in his school's program may be enrolled in the county music program.

Kreimer noted that she hoped to work next year on moving children back to neighborhood schools — perhaps using the magnet school or middle school concepts.

Greenbelt Condominium To Annex Parcel 2A

by Richard Ley

The Greenbriar Recreational Association, Inc. held a special meeting of its members on January 24 in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Commons Room. The purpose of this meeting was to consider land annexation of that property presently subject to the rules and regulations of the Greenbriar Recreational Association (GRA). As frequently happens at condominium meetings, a business quorum was not present. Therefore, according to the bylaws, no annexation vote could be held.

George Brugger, counsel for both Greenbriar Associates and the GRA, called the meeting to order. He announced that only 230 units were represented either in person or by proxy. Since 353 units were required for a quorum, Brugger said no vote could be taken, but he offered to answer questions concerning the proposed annexation. Following this session the members present voted to hold another special meeting on the annexation question around February 16.

The Greenbriar condominium project is divided into three land parcels: Parcels 1, 2-A, and 2-B. The recreational facilities (swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, and clubhouse), utility systems, and common areas within Greenbriar were designed to serve all these parcels. Currently Parcels 1 and 2-B are subject to the GRA "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions" which form the framework for the operation and management of the recreation utility, and common facilities. Parcel 2-A was not subjected to the

Declaration because the property developers (Greenbriar Associates) were engaged in long negotiations with the Prince Georges County Board of Education at the time the Declaration was adopted.

Parcel 2-A is the part of Greenbriar at the south end of Mandan Road across from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. It is bounded by NASA property, Greenbelt Road, Mandan Road, and a vacant elementary school site owned by the Board of Education. Prior to building on Parcel 2-A the Greenbriar developers attempted to negotiate a trade of Parcel 2-A for the elementary school site. This would have put Greenbriar on a single adjoining tract of land. When the School Board rejected the proposal, the developers proceeded to build on Parcel 2-A. Eventually this parcel will become Phase V of Greenbriar Condominiums. Currently it is the temporary rental property known as Glen Oaks, with its residents using the GRA facilities. The developer pays Phase V's proportionate share of the GRA assessment.

The proposed annexation of Parcel 2-A would ensure that all Greenbriar units are subject to the various rules set out in the GRA Declaration, including the obligation to pay the assessments. Also, once the proposed annexation is completed, Greenbriar Associates has agreed to transfer title on the recreational facilities, boiler room, and cooling tower to the Greenbriar Recreational Association, Inc.

She informed those present that the board was changing the structure of its meetings on a trial basis, one meeting would be a regular business meeting and the next would be one to examine programs now in the school system . . . the board voted to discontinue its meetings around the county (though public hearings would still be held countywide) . . . the board plans to make public its voting record four times a year.

GHI NOTES

During the coming week, the person performing the interior surveys for GHI will be in the following courts: 1, 2, 3 Research and 19, 20, 22 Hillside. Members will be notified on what day the house will be surveyed for possible structural repairs.

Members are reminded that if they are planning any major repairs or replacements, particularly in their kitchen or bathroom, to check with GHI first to determine how the rehabilitation program might affect the special work they plan.

For the past three weeks, Soetopo Sastradiharjo, from Indonesia, has been studying various aspects of GHI — from maintenance to member relations. Soetopo is in charge of a company town of 800 houses in Sumatra owned and operated by Caltex Petroleum Company. He oversees the maintenance of the interior and exterior of the houses including furniture, a recreation area including a golf course, and water supply and sewage facilities. Arrangements for Soetopo's visit were made through the Federation of Cooperative Housing.

In addition to GHI, Soetopo has studied some aspects of the city's public works department, and will study Bowie's water and sewage facilities. From this area, Soetopo goes on to another cooperative housing project in Newport News and a golf area in South Carolina.

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Condemnation Splits Council con't

Bill Ayers, Phase I board president, questioned whether Greenbriar could still meet the 70% green space requirement if the city acquired easements it seeks.

Joe Margolis objected to the "intrusion, invasion of privacy of the people who live in that court (7716 and 7718 Hanover Parkway)." "We did not invest our hard-earned savings in our homes to have this happen", added Reynold Schnyder.

Anne Perkins addressed a more emotional issue, too: "Students at Eleanor Roosevelt have said that if the bridge is not built where they want it, they'll (continue) to break the law and cross the Parkway. I am surprised that adults think this a good reason for putting the bridge there."

"I bitterly resent children illegally trespassing, then being patted on the head and given a reward," added Margaret Johnson.

"The problem is," responded Councilman Gil Weidenfeld, "it is happening, it cannot be prevented. The question then is how best to protect them, what is the safest location."

Tod Chernikoff, Eleanor Roosevelt PTSA vice president, pointed out "the purpose of the funds allocated by the federal government was to help the students."

But Bill Ayers viewed it differently: "If it is being built only for students to trespass through Greenbriar property, then I will agree (it is) the preferred route."

Alternatives

"Council should think of the future, not just the present." Roger Ledoux and others felt imminent development of the Greenway shopping center is an important new variable. "Traffic on Route 193 (Greenbelt Road) will increase dramatically. Think of the implication," Ledoux urged council "and reconsider your opinion."

Councilman Richard Castaldi felt the Greenway Shopping Center changes the patterns significantly. He called for pedestrian crossing at Greenbelt Road.

Donald Shell told council "When the school bell rings, the kids won't start home to do their homework, they are going to cross Greenbelt Road to the best shopping center in the area, get a soda, read a book or play the pin ball machines... Once the students are there, how are you going to get them to use this beautiful bridge you've built in front of my house?"

Others struck a similar chord, suggesting that an improved Route 193 with bicycle and pedestrian paths be substituted for the overpass. Councilman Charles Schwan felt that for pedestrians crossing Greenbelt Road twice and crossing Parkway ramps would be dangerous. (Over a year ago the State Highway Administration advised they would not permit a mix of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.)

Concern was expressed that the overpass at the preferred location would provide a quick exit from Greenbriar, which Ayers said had "become a major crime area." He thought trespassing would continue where ever it is built but "The Mandan Road site is far more open which would enable us to better determine who the trespassers are."

Ayers asked, "With the building of Greenway Shopping Center shouldn't the city council be concerned with the original city plans for a perimeter highway as provided in the so-called Master Plan. Building the perimeter road would provide access to the eastern part of the community (old Greenbelt) for both foot traffic as well as vehicular traffic."

White cautioned about pushing the perimeter road. "I would be horrified," he said "to see another secondary or primary road bisecting Greenbelt - there are too many roads now bisecting our community."

Weidenfeld said the perimeter road would "exacerbate traffic" going through Greenbriar and was not to their benefit since it would "make Greenbriar more accessible" with a resultant increase in crime.

White explained that the perimeter road would attract traffic traveling from the south (Lanham,

Glenn Dale, etc.) to the north (Lanham) through Greenbriar, over the Parkway, and through Old Greenbelt to Kenilworth Avenue. "I urge you to take a stand against opening up Mandan Road," he said.

referendum

Several speakers questioned whether a 3 to 2 vote of council should determine such an issue. "Is it the right of three people," asked Ayers, to proceed with this "condemnation which will directly affect several hundred tax-paying citizens of this community? I ask this council to put the question to referendum."

"While it sounds rather arbitrary that a bare majority of a five-member would decide an issue like this," reminded Councilman Charles Schwan, "that's the nature of representative government. The city council speaks with one voice."

"Referendum is always an easy way out for council," Weidenfeld said. "I am normally opposed to using referendum to get council members off the hook on hot issues. But this is a unique situation. I would be more amenable to its use here."

Pilski, however told the News Review he did not see a need for a referendum. "It isn't going to solve the problem," he said.

Both White and Schwan said they "would not oppose referendum."

"I would assume, for the most part, that a majority of voters in a referendum would support what the majority of council supports," Schwan said.

Weidenfeld suggested that while he did not expect citizens to turn it down, if they clearly did, he thought council would go along with that decision.

Castaldi took a somewhat different tact. He could not see the point of a formal referendum. "The decision (on this issue) will be made on election day and if the council gets one new member, ... no need for a referendum."

"A referendum is appealing," Ayers told council, and in that case an adverse decision "becomes more palatable for us. It is no longer a decision of five wise men, but of the community."

Many speakers questioned whether there were five wise men on council and some called for the replacement of one. Jeannette Gordy's ringing appeal to "replace the five wise men with five wise women" brought more cheering and applause than laughter.

While Greenbriar Phase I residents generally remained calm, threaded through their speeches was the threat of retaliation at election time. Reynold Schnyder said "There will be a lot of resentment and lingering bitterness if we in Greenbriar have to expend time and money fighting this matter in court. I guarantee you, we won't forget it. Vote your con-

science and fairness."

Economic Reprisals?

Jeanette Gordy and Kay Kramer both challenged council: why shouldn't Greenbriar residents consider economic reprisals against the city and refuse to report that they are residents of Greenbelt on their federal and state income tax returns?

"Please don't cut off your nose to spite your face," Councilman Thomas X. White countered. "The policeman that you need and many other things are paid for with those funds. Just keep checking those boxes," he pleaded.

Timeable

White was concerned about the timetable for the overpass "If there had been no opposition, there would be an overpass right now," he said, adding "I would like to think there would be an overpass in 12 to 18 months." He looked on Mandan as a "back-up" location, if construction is delayed three or four years.

White asked Giese to get some answers on (1) the time-table for condemnation and (2) a definitive response from FHA regarding the feasibility of the Mandan location as a "back-up." Giese explained that, when he questioned FHA some months ago, FHA was not clear as to whether they would concur to an overpass at another location.

Summation

Two councilmen - Castaldi and Pilski - found themselves in the enviable role of fighting for the underdogs, a relatively small group of citizens and voters. They strongly supported the pleas of Phase I residents as they listened to the litany of fears: more vandalism, more crime, more trespassing, more loitering, more littering and lack of privacy.

"That location would bring too much intrusion on the people living there," Pilski told the News Review - "that's just a small parking lot for 25 or 30 cars."

The other three councilmen - White, Weidenfeld and Schwan - found themselves in the uncomfortable position of saying "no" to the group. While very sympathetic to the legitimate concerns of Phase I residents, these three councilmen said they based their decision on what they felt was best for the entire community; not just Phase I.

All three found the decision difficult for them to make. "Not an ideal solution," said Schwan. "We did judge this issue - we did what we thought was correct." (Also contributing to this story was Elaine Skolnik)

City Notes

The general crew performed a variety of jobs last week. Some snow and ice control was required, catch basins were cleaned and streets were patched with cold mix.

Alternative Eating Option At Eleanor Roosevelt High

by Alan Amberg

How many restaurants do you know of that serve delicious, homemade foods? Let's narrow that number down. How many serve inexpensive, delicious, homemade food in a relaxed atmosphere? Not many, you say. Okay, now how many restaurants, like those we have described above, do you know of at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School? "I don't know of any," is the answer that you will get from most people, including many students at ERHS. There is, however, such a restaurant and it is, at least to this reporter, one of the nicest restaurants around.

The answer to this last question is "Ye Old Eleanor's Inn," an alternative to the school cafeteria. Under the direction of Laura Grace, the sewing and cooking teacher a group of students have wrought a miracle.

"Ye Old Eleanor's Inn" is open to the students, teachers, administrators and staff once per week, but only during the first lunch shift. To get in, one must have an (inexpensive) ticket. Even more restricting than that is the fact that the restaurant can handle a maximum of about 24 people, and once a person goes to the inn, that person will try to make going to eat there a habit. (It is for this reporter.)

The Eleanor's Inn is an educational experience for the students who run it. Each week, the menu consists of what the cooking class has been learning to cook. Various entrees have included French Onion Soup, Split Pea Soup, Quiche, Chili and last week's dish, Manicotti. All of these have been accompanied by various homemade breads and all-you-can-eat salad bar with a potpourri of vegetables and "fix-

ins" (croutons, shredded cheese, several types of dressings, etc.) The students get the experience of cooking and serving a large group of people. Each week a different student is the hostess who both sells tickets and seats the guests when they arrive.

The home of Eleanor's Inn is the sewing classroom. On his first visit, this reporter walked down the hall in the Home Economics department expecting the rushed, mass-produced eating typical of the school cafeteria. He entered the inn and into another world. The sewing area was tastefully screened from view, the harsh fluorescent lights had been turned off and candles were used for illumination. There were about six tables, each with a tablecloth, and a hurricane lamp.

This reporter will continue to patronize the Eleanor's Inn and offers heartfelt thanks to those who pioneered this concept in our school.

Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be Wed., Feb. 14, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Greenbelt Baptist Church. The topic will be "Self-Esteem." For more information, call Betty Hughes at 277-5816. Newcomers are always welcome.

Fun Runs

There will be 1/2, 1, and 2 1/2 mile runs Sat., Feb. 10, at 9 a.m. at Greenbelt Lake. Certificates will be awarded to all finishers in all events. Meet at the Gunner's Mate Concession Stand. In case of inclement weather, meet in the parking lot. There are no sign-ups or entry fees for the runs. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.

CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

Notice of Charter Amendment

On January 8, 1979, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution No. 1979-1 (Resolution No. 410), and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER 1979-1

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 SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY RE-NUMBERING SECTION 73, TITLE "SEPARABILITY" TO SECTION 74, "SEPARABILITY" AND BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 73, TITLE "ELDERLY HOUSING ENTERPRISE," TO PROVIDE THAT THE CITY OF GREENBELT'S ELDERLY HOUSING FACILITY SHALL BE OPERATED AS A SEPARATE ENTERPRISE OF THE CITY WITH THE COUNCIL AS ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CITY MANAGER AS ITS GENERAL MANAGER, THE CITY TREASURER AS ITS COMPTROLLER; TO EXEMPT THE ENTERPRISE FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS CHARTER BUT SUBJECT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, MARYLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONTRACT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OPERATION OF THE FACILITY.

The above Charter amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 27th day of February, 1979, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 17th day of February, 1979 there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

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 474-3870 or 474-8000.

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The city's guide to ice conditions is: **YOUNG OR BLACK ICE** - 2 1/2 inches uniform; safe if cautious and no congregating, 4 inches will support the weight of skaters, **SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK. LAYERED OR WHITE ICE** - one foot of this kind will support the weight of skaters, **SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK. OLD OR ROTTEN ICE** - under the above conditions - **NO SKATING.**

The Recreation Department will attempt to provide assistance at the lake during week days from 4 p.m. until dark and on holidays, Sat. and Sun. from 9 a.m. to dark. No skating will be allowed on the lake after dark. No fires will be allowed at the lake except those provided by the city because of the scarcity of firewood and danger from brush fires.

All skaters and parents should keep in mind the dangers involved in ice sports. A person who falls through the ice is in danger of drowning and freezing if he is not cared for immediately. Alertness to emergency and readiness to help other participants is stressed in such situations. A public telephone is located at the entrance to the Lake Park. For assistance, call 474-5454 for police; 911 for ambulance.

Greenbelt CARES

Greenbelt CARES, a Youth Services Bureau, offers the following services: Individual, family, and group counseling; Informal counseling; Tutoring; Job Bank for youth; Vocational testing/counseling; Big Sib program; Community outreach; Crisis intervention and Referral information. All people who live, work, or attend school in Greenbelt have first priority. Persons from surrounding communities are welcome, as space permits.

Services are free of charge. CARES is funded by the Juvenile Services Administration, the City of Greenbelt, and Prince Georges County.

In addition to regular services, the following special programs are being scheduled:

Babysitting workshop: (for ages 12-15) on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3 to 4 p.m. from February 6 thru March 1 at the CARES office; Movies discussion (for any interested youth) on alternate Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the CARES office; Occupational Interest Testing (Kuder Occupational Interest Survey), for ages 15 - adult Saturday, February 10 and Saturday, April 14 at 9 a.m. in the City Council Chambers (pre-registration required); Training Orientation Meetings for Volunteer Tutors, 1st Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon, in the CARES office; GED (High School Equivalency) Classes: Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., in the GHI Board Room, Hamilton Place (pre-registration required); Single Parents: Meeting on Tuesday evening, March 13, 7:30 p.m., for single parents interested in establishing cooperative exchange of services such as babysitting.



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GHI Board Hears of Membership Worries About Home Improvements

by Katherine Keene

Various questions concerning maintenance of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. were aired at the Board of Directors meeting on January 25. Member Janet James reported that she had received telephone calls from members upset at a statement in the News Review that GHI would be looking at members' dining rooms, living rooms, and bedrooms in connection with the rehabilitation program. She stated that one person had even interpreted this statement to mean that she would be forced to hire painters to redecorate to please GHI! Director Wayne Williams assured her that this means that GHI wished to see if there are any unreported maintenance and structural problems, not a desire to monitor interior decoration or housekeeping.

Gutters

The board approved for first reading the purchase of a gutter fabricating machine at a cost of up to \$4500 after Engineer Ove Kongsted stated that it would be possible to purchase coils of aluminum guttering and recover the investment in 18 months. In addition to its lasting quality over galvanized material, the aluminum guttering will not need to be painted after it is installed.

Hot Water

A proposed regulation regarding heating and hot water minimum and maximum temperatures proposed by director Virginia Moryadas generated much heat. While there was general board agreement that water ought not to be scalding, there was disagreement as to how cool it could be. Director Margaret Hogensen provided one of the few light moments of the evening when she said that she considered a 120° minimum entirely too low. "I have long regarded hot water as the essence of civilization," she said. The proposed hot water temperature range of 120° to 150° passed by a 4 to 3 vote.

The proposed temperature range for interior heat is 68° to 72° F. Discussion, however, centered on whether the maintenance man, upon receipt of a call that a house was cold, should first examine the member's house to see whether radiators were properly bled, windows broken, and so forth, or whether he should first check the furnace. Some felt that many members, particularly those living alone, might not want to have a maintenance man in the house late at night, early in the morning, or on weekends. There was agreement that upon completion of any repair or adjustment, the concerned member should be notified that corrective action had been taken. Action on this recommendation was tabled.

Additions

Another long discussion concerned heating costs for additions. At present an addition is charged by the square foot for heat, as are the houses themselves. A member with an insulated addition protested that the resultant heating bill, \$50 a month, was entirely too high. Board members seemed to be in agreement that there is a flaw in the present system but at the same time were reluctant to make a quick decision as to what to do about it. Moryadas pointed out that if those with additions paid less,

then the cost of heating the rest of the houses (including that of the person with the addition) would necessarily go up. Others, including Kongsted, pointed out that it is difficult to tell whether some additions are properly insulated unless walls are torn out. Weyel noted that any addition involved three more outside walls, windows, and floor space, whether the addition was insulated or not, and that the problem had many ramifications. It would be moot, he said, in a few months when the insulation called for in the rehabilitation program is completed. All agreed that no retroactive payments to owners of additions could be made. Meanwhile, the Engineering and Maintenance Committee was asked to consider the heat charge formula again.

Savings Account

The board voted to open a savings share fiduciary account in Midtown Savings and Loan Association in Baltimore for the deposit of the

1979 rehabilitation program payments by members. The motion also provided for a method of withdrawing from the escrow fund (a certified resolution passed by the Board and signed by any two of the four Corporation officers). The interest rate will be 7%. The total funds will be insured, and the Corporation's legal counsel has also studied the agreement.

Director Bobbi McCarthy asked whether management had considered putting the money in a regular trust fund. Comptroller Don McInn said simply, "They're not insured."

Miscellaneous

The Member Relations committee has reported that it believes a change in GHI's logo away from the large smokestack now used would be wise, and hopes to get suggestions from members for a new logo.

GHI will purchase four additional trucks to be used in heating, maintenance, and grounds departments. These will cost \$20,045.80, including sales tax. Director Norman Weyel pointed out that an in-depth study, taking perhaps three months, is to be made of GHI's vehicle use, including such items as the cost of contract repair, turn-in value, and equipping for more efficient use.

The board received a lengthy report from an engineering firm, the Mueller Report, on reducing fuel consumption to study for consideration at a future meeting.

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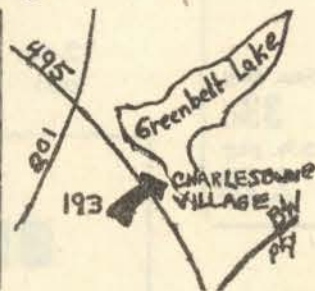


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This workshop is sponsored by the National Center for Law and the Deaf, Prince Georges County Police Department, Crime Prevention and the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System.

Boys and Girls Club

On Monday, January 29 at the County Boys' and Girls' Club annual Awards Banquet, awards for outstanding members of the Greenbelt club were presented. Congratulations are in order for Pat Gainor, Outstanding Man of the Year; Mary Wasson, Outstanding Woman of the Year; Patty Osborne, Outstanding Girl of the Year and Bobby Kent, Outstanding Boy of the Year.

The game schedule for basketball is as follows: Thurs., Feb. 8, Youth Center, 6 p.m. - 12 Boys; 7 p.m. - 18 Girls; 8 p.m. - 18 Boys; Sat., Feb. 10, SHL Rec. Cntr. - 9 a.m. - 10 Boys; 10 a.m. - 13 Girls; Tues., Feb. 13, 6 p.m. - 14 Boys; 7 p.m. - 17 Boys; 8 p.m. - 18 Girls.

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Lesley Kreimer, Greenbelt resident and member of the Prince Georges County Board of Education from District II, was among 600 school board members from throughout the nation who met in Washington, D.C., Jan. 28-30, to discuss federal legislation affecting public education and to confer with their Congressmen and Administration leaders. Kreimer was appointed by the Maryland Association of Boards of Education to represent the 5th Congressional district of Maryland.

The event was the sixth annual conference of the Federal Relations Network, sponsored by the National School Boards Association (NSBA). A grassroots organization, the NSBA Network serves as a year-round channel of communication, providing direct input from the school districts to their representatives in Congress and making available to the school districts up-to-date information on education issues at the federal level.

Winners in duplicate bridge Friday night, February 2 were Alice and Bob Longood. In second place were Doris Johnson and Ruth Schultze.

Police Blotter

A resident of Springhill Lake reported that he was robbed of \$80 in cash and pushed down by two persons who approached him as he got out of his car in front of his residence. Lookouts have been issued.

The resident manager of an apartment building on Crescent Road reported that a fire had been set in a trash can in the basement. There was minor smoke damage. The case has been turned over to the Fire Marshal's Office for investigation.

Two 11 year old residents were apprehended after they allegedly vandalized the elevator in the Charlestowne North Highrise. Both were released to the custody of their parents to await Juvenile Court action.

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Council Explores Possible Funding For Shopping Area

by Leta Mach

In a work session Wednesday, January 31, the Greenbelt city council explored funding and programs which might be available to renovate the center mall shopping area. Paul Gilbert from the Prince Georges County Department of Program Planning and Economic Development was present to explain the programs which might be applicable from his office, the Neighborhood Business Revitalization Office.

Gilbert offered to pursue the Local Development Corporation (LDC) possibilities by structuring charts and other materials. While council was intrigued with the options Gilbert presented, they agreed with Councilman Thomas X. White that all the possibilities had not yet been explored.

Since in Gilbert's proposals the owner of the Center would have to operate at least 51% of the businesses, the current landlord, George Christacos, could not take advantage of those funds for redevelopment. In order to give Christacos a chance to participate, White felt it should be determined whether HUD or Economic Development Administration (EDA) had applicable programs. Gilbert felt EDA would not be able to do anything. However, he felt HUD might have a short term loan program which could be used.

Councilman Charles Schwan suggested some rehabilitation assistance might become available with the designation of parts of Greenbelt, including the shopping center, as a National Historic Area. Mayor Richard Pilski mentioned possible tax incentives in the '76 tax reform act.

In November, Councilman Richard Castaldi had contacted Gilbert about the Center mall. The two men took a tour of the area, and later council discussed possibilities at a work session. At that meeting, Castaldi expressed appreciation of the present exterior, but felt the inside of the buildings, the heating, and the roof needed to be redone.

At Wednesday's meeting, Castaldi expressed his concerns about absentee ownership in that he felt the owner used the property for investment or a tax write-off. In his view, everytime the Center changed hands, the tenants and then the customers had to pick up the costs. Gilbert agreed that "the more times property is sold it appreciates and inflates." He felt "the sale of this property would only make it more difficult for the existing marginal businesses."

Castaldi was extremely interested in a condominium or cooperative ownership of the mall. He mentioned that many times in the past the individual store owners had

seemed interested in purchasing the shopping center but had gotten bogged down at some point. "I think they'd jump at the chance if it was feasible," he concluded.

Gilbert explained that his office was created "to coordinate, develop and implement programs for redevelopment" by bringing together existing staff, funding and other programs at the state and federal levels. Bladensburg, Mt. Rainier and Suitland are the three target areas for his office.

SBA Program

One program he termed a "cornerstone of business revitalization and expansion" was the 502 program from the Small Business Administration (SBA). It deals with expanding county businesses which can show some employment expansion or maintenance. Mortgage loans are available for rehabilitation, demolition, new construction, machinery or equipment. However, the borrower has to be the "prime operator and space user." Under this program a representative community group of at least 25 members is submitted to the SBA for approval to form the LDC, a private, non-profit corporation. A loan (20-25 years) and the small amount which will provide a loan of 2 1/2% of the project from some source, usually the county. The applicant must provide 7 1/2% himself. Through the LDC a bank loans the remaining 90%. The arrangement works well for the bank, which gets a 90% guarantee and can make an 18-20% profit. The advantages for the applicant are the length of the loan (20-25 years) and the small amount of "up-front" money needed. Sometimes there can be problems getting the 2 1/2%, and other arrangements are being considered such as transferring it to the buyer.

Gilbert also mentioned other SBA loans and the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program (MHRP). To qualify for an MHRP loan the applicant must be turned down by two private lenders. Gilbert suggested a combination of loans might be used—such as 502 for acquisition and MHRP for rehabilitation.

Theater

The vacant theater space concerned Gilbert. He felt it would

Revenue Sharing Nearing

In keeping with federal regulations, City Manager James K. Giese held a public hearing at the February 5 city council meeting on proposed uses for revenue sharing funds. Federal regulations also require that the public hearing be held prior to the submittal of the budget for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. The hearing was held as part of the regular city council meeting so citizens proposals could also be heard by the members of council.

An estimated \$92,900 in revenue sharing funds will be available for spending during the coming fiscal year. Approximately one half of last year's funds were used to pay principal and interest of outstanding city debts, which relieved the amount of property tax monies needed for this purpose. The remainder of the funds were used to buy new equipment and make major repairs on old equipment. The funds also provided for the establishment of the current CPR training program. Some funds were also set aside for the initiation of a limited transportation service for the elderly.

Although Greenbelt citizens were offered the opportunity to present their proposals for the use of these revenue sharing funds, no one appeared to take advantage of it.

It would be useful to have a demographic market study done to determine what kind of business could do best in the Center, at which point advertisements could be placed to find that kind of owner to fill the vacant space.

Castaldi asked about the existing tenants establishing a private corporation to buy the center and using the LDC package to purchase and rehabilitate it. Schwan suggested the individual businesses could rent from the corporation and participate as tenants of themselves. Gilbert believed something like a holding company would be possible with SBA. To do this would probably require a private bridge loan to buy the property from the present owner and LDC loans for the individuals to buy from the company. The corporation would be a management activity and would require expertise, he felt.

White felt it was necessary to ask the owner his plans. Did he intend to sell the center or was he willing to entertain these suggestions? The hearing date for application to rezone the mall to C-S-C (commercial shopping center) has been set for mid-April. City council wants questions about sidewalk upkeep and city owned parking resolved first. A work session on the commercial center is scheduled for Monday, February 12 at 8 p.m.

ANNEXATION from p. 1

Piendak, city treasurer, estimates real property taxes alone might bring the city as much as \$40,000, based on this year's tax rate of 97c per \$100 assessed valuation (\$9700 per million).

Annexation would also permit the city to have considerably more influence in the development of the commercial tract. Additionally Western Development has indicated it would like to participate with others in the private sector in providing a city-wide mini-bus service.

Western Development Benefits

For Western Development, a major benefit of annexation would be the substantial savings it would realize by having the city finance an estimated million dollars worth of road construction and improvement. Council has the authority to undertake public improvements and to assess the cost of these improvements against adjacent benefiting property owners. The city used this procedure 8 years ago when it financed construction of the 4-cell box culvert leading to the Springhill Lake industrial tract and more recently for sidewalk improvements on Westway next to Mishkan Torah.

According to city officials, development financing such as this to expand and improve the tax base is a common practice with both states and local governments throughout the country. Without such assistance, it is estimated Western Development would have to pay up to double the interest rate.

Other benefits contingent upon annexation would be: (1) the city's support for rezoning of the 5.1-acre Smith-Ewing tract, which Western Development (contract purchasers) hopes to acquire to provide access from Hanover Parkway to the shopping center to alleviate traffic congestion at the Greenbelt Road entrance; (2) direct alarm tie-ins to the Greenbelt police and fire departments; (3) participation by the city and state in providing a traffic signal at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road, which would also benefit Greenbriar, Glen Oaks,

Hearing Date Requested

The City Council on February 5 voted unanimously to request the County Zoning Hearing Examiner to schedule a hearing on the rezoning of the 5.1-acre Smith-Ewing land at the earliest possible date. Council did not take a position on the change in zoning from R-R (rural residential) to C-S-C (commercial shopping center).

Windsor Green and Eleanor Roosevelt High School if it were determined such a signal were warranted.

Other Issues

Exploratory talks are also covering the possibility of (1) city support for a full-service gas station; (2) two additional cuts on Greenbelt Road, subject to State Highway Administration approval; (3) reduction of the city's requirement for Hanover Parkway from six to four lanes, with the remaining two lanes to be constructed in the future; (4) phasing in of real property taxes, probably over a five-year period.

Some of the above mentioned proposals will be part of an annexation agreement. Others would follow annexation. Decisions will have to be made with respect to their order on a timetable.

Western Development also asked the city for support in obtaining permits and liquor licenses. Council indicated it would be willing to work in good faith toward assisting developers, but on an individual basis. The use, council emphasized, would have to be of benefit to the community.

Western Development is expected to present to council a petition for annexation. After required publication notices and a public hearing, council will then draw up and adopt a Resolution of Annexation. This would be followed by a 45-day waiting period, during which residents may petition for a referendum. (20% of the voters need to sign.)

(Also contributing to this article was Mary Lou Williamson.)

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