

*WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Thursday, March 4, 2010, for the purpose of holding a stakeholder meeting with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC).*

*Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. It was held in the Greenbriar Community Building.*

*PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling and Rodney M. Roberts arrived at 7:37 p.m.*

*STAFF PRESENT WERE: David Moran, Assistant City Manager; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.*

*ALSO PRESENT were Barbara Smith and Terry Benedict of Greenbriar; Joyce Gladstone of Greenbrook Village; Eulalie Lucas of Greenspring; Charlene MacAdams of Greenwood Village; Tom Crandall of Lakes at Greenbelt Village; Jacqui Waters of Hunting Ridge; Sheldon Goldberg, Derek Thompson and Judith Thompson from Windsor Green; Jennifer Fullmer, Condominium Venture Inc.; and Maggie and Bob Cahalan.*

*Mayor Davis began the meeting noting it was the annual stakeholder meeting with GEAC. Items discussed are listed below.*

- 1. Status of Playground work in Windsor Green: Four of the six playgrounds in Windsor Green have been completed as well as the Greenwood Village playground. The playground on Mandan Road will be completed this summer/fall. The final playground on Jacobs Drive is still being determined.*
- 2. Newspaper Vending Boxes: The agreement has been signed by the publishers of newspapers. If there are problem locations, please contact the City Offices.*
- 3. Greenbelt West: Interest was expressed last year in townhouse construction on South Core. The City is awaiting a proposal on how covenant agreements will be addressed. There is no new information on the North Core and no recent activity related to Beltway Plaza.*
- 4. Greenbelt Theater Remodeling: Remodeling work is dependent on funding. Staff is looking at breaking the project into smaller pieces.*
- 5. Code Enforcement Issues*
  - a. Recycling/Trash Receptacles: Mr. Putens reported Greenspring residents will receive 64 gallon toter carts for the collection of recyclables during the next year . He also mentioned a letter that was sent to the City reporting problems with collectors throwing recycling bins in Greenbelt East and asked Mr. Moran to check on status.*
  - b. Rental Property Registration: Mayor Davis encouraged residents to notify the City if they suspect homes are being used as rental properties.*
  - c. Business in Home: Mr. Moran encouraged residents to notify the City if they suspect a business is operating out of a residential property. Mayor Davis and Mr. Roberts said that homeowners associations can regulate this activity.*
  - d. Registration of burglar alarms for residents: Registration of burglar alarms is currently required for commercial properties, and registration of the alarms for residential properties*

*is under consideration.*

*6. Schrom Hills Park*

*a. Schrom Hills Pond/Storm Water Management Agreement: Ms. Gladstone said she had met with Lesley Riddle regarding removal of trees around Schrom Hills Pond. Mayor Davis said the City is still working with Prince George's County regarding the Storm Water Management Agreement.*

*b. Soccer Field: Ms. Lucas reported unauthorized groups use the soccer field on Sunday evenings and also consume alcohol on the property. Mayor Davis said she will advise the Police Department and Park Rangers of the problem. She also encouraged residents to call the Police when they observe this activity.*

*c. Violations: Ms. Thompson said a list has been sent to Code Enforcement regarding property violations in Windsor Green.*

*d. Red Light Activities in Park: Mayor Davis encouraged residents to call the Police when they observe this activity.*

*7. Snow Removal: Mayor Davis commented on the historic winter storms this season. Mr. Putens noted vehicles parked on city streets hampered the snow removal operations and said parking restrictions during snow emergencies may be considered in the future. Mayor Davis reported that an after action report to the City's response during the historic winter storms is being prepared.*

*8. 2010 Budget/Comments and Impact on Services*

*a. Possibility of changes in city policy concerning HOA contracts for plant maintenance in circles and medians: Mayor Davis noted all city expenses are being reviewed and everything is on the table for reduction during the upcoming budget process. She invited everyone to attend the budget work sessions and public hearings.*

*b. Any change in policy toward trees: Mr. Goldberg said he is working with the Advisory Committee on Trees regarding some tree issues in Greenbelt East.*

*c. Street erosion on Hanover Parkway and Schrom Hills Park entrance: Mr. Crandall reported the uneven and rough pavement at the Hanover Parkway circle by Schrom Hills. Mr. Putens noted the same problem exists on Hanover Parkway by Hunting Ridge, on Ora Glen Drive, and other areas in Greenbelt East.*

*d. Crosswalks in Greenbelt East (maintenance) any additional crosswalks planned: Mr. Moran reported Planning staff is currently reviewing the crosswalk update study.*

*9. Verizon Installations: Verizon is still working to install FIOS city-wide.*

*10. Future tenants in Beltway Plaza and Greenway Center: In Beltway Plaza, Shoppers' World is coming into the Value City area. In Greenway Center, Dollar Tree is coming to the space vacated by Pier 1 and For Eyes is moving to a larger space.*

*11. GEAC and the Greenbelt 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: City preparations for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary have begun. Some members have been appointed, but applicants are still welcome.*

*12. Senate Bill 212 – Prohibited Restrictions on Exercise of Free Speech: Mayor Davis reported this bill will take away rights of homeowner associations to restrict or prohibit the display of a sign relating to a candidate or ballot question. She encouraged GEAC to send a*

*letter of opposition. She also requested the bill be included on the agenda for Council's March 8 meeting.*

*13. Legislative Report: Mr. Thompson thanked Council for their support of HB 28/SB 345 requiring condominiums and homeowner associations to conduct studies of their financial reserves at least every five years and HB 29 & HB 842 which establishes a lien priority for up to six months of condominium and homeowner associations fees.*

*14. Police Issues: There was discussion regarding incidents of unprofessional service by police dispatchers and unprofessional attitudes of some young police officers. Mr. Putens referenced a complaint that was sent to the City by a resident of Greenbelt East that had not yet been addressed. Mayor Davis asked Ms. Gladstone to forward the complaint.*

*The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cindy Murray  
City Clerk*