

NOTES OF THE FOUR CITIES MEETING held Wednesday, October 26, 2016.

Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

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

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, and David Moran, Assistant City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Mayor Cheryl Jewitt, Councilmembers Jodie Kulpa-Eddy, Patricia Dennison, Christopher Rasmussen and Gerald Shields from Berwyn Heights; Mayor Patrick Wojahn and Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager of College Park; Mayor Andrew C. Hanko, Councilmembers Richard Bechtold, Lincoln Lashley, Duane Rosenberg and Interim City Administrative Officer Joe Nagro of New Carrollton; Bridget Warren, Gary Cunningham and Robbi Das of Prince George's County; County Councilmembers Dannielle Glaros and Todd Turner; Bill Orleans; Kathleen Gallagher, Greenbelt News Review; and Dr. Stephen Thomas, University of Maryland.

Municipal Notification on County Permits

Mr. Cunningham and Ms. Das indicated they understood the concern about not being notified of permits. The county expects to have a system for providing notification in about two years. In the meantime, limited information about issued permits can be obtained on the county website in the Open Data section.

Free Dental Clinic

Dr. Stephen Thomas of the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland described the free dental clinic held at the University in 2014. It served over 1,000 people. The next one is planned for September 2017. Dr. Thomas explained they are looking to partner with other medical professions and support agencies. Interest was expressed by everyone to support and promote the event.

Zoning Rewrite

Concern was expressed by Berwyn Heights about the complexity of the zoning rewrite currently underway by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Greenbelt noted it had been briefed and shared its letter on Module 3 of the process. College Park was scheduled to be briefed and would share its letter.

Branchville Volunteer Fire Department

Mayor Wojahn noted that Branchville was having difficulty recruiting volunteers and the County Fire Department is not staffing it because other nearby stations can provide sufficient coverage. Mayor Hanko advised that the West Lanham Hills Station #48 was experiencing the same thing.

Metrorail Proposal to Reduce Operating Hours

There was discussion and general concern to the proposal to reduce Metrorail operating hours. It was noted that establishing dedicated funding for Metrorail was discussed at a recent Council of Governments meeting.

State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)

Greenbelt shared its letter on the State CTP. Mr. Turner noted the county would be finalizing its CTP priority letter soon.

Next Meetings

it was agreed the 2017 meetings would be January 25 in College Park, April 26 in New Carrollton, July 26 in Berwyn Heights and October 25 in Greenbelt.

Mayor Jordan thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting ended at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael P. McLaughlin
City Manager*