WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, April 4, 2011, for the purpose of reviewing the Social Services section of the Proposed FY 2012 Budget.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. It was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

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

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; Jeff Williams, City Treasurer; Liz Park Ph.D, Director of Greenbelt CARES; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Jonathan Taylor, Greenbelt News Review; and Molly Lester.

Dr. Park gave a PowerPoint presentation on the CARES services, programs and accomplishments over the past year as well as the objectives for the next fiscal year.

Dr. Park explained one of the new programs offered was a drug and alcohol counseling program for students. She explained that the program had been previously offered in the County schools but, due to budget issues, the funding for the program was cut. Dr. Park said CARES, along with four other Youth Service Bureaus in the County, identified the negative impacts the loss of the program would have on students and agreed to include this program as one of their services.

There was discussion regarding federal and state grants. Dr. Park commented on the success of receiving grants when the grant applications are submitted by the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus (MAYSB). She noted the 19 state youth service bureaus garner more power when working together through MAYSB, instead of as individual bureaus.

Mayor Davis commented on the CARES internship programs. Dr. Park noted there are an increasing number of graduate students applying for these programs. Mr. Jordan complimented Dr. Park on aggressively seeking grant funding opportunities and also on the success of using interns and volunteers as supplemental staffing for CARES programs and services.

Councilmembers noted the tremendous importance of all the programs and services provided by CARES and thanked Dr. Park and her staff.

Informational Items

Council mentioned that the Maryland Department of Transportation is considering construction of a CSX rail intermodal facility on four possible sites, one being the property west of MD Route 201 between Sunnyside Avenue and Powder Mill Road. It was requested this item be included on the April 11th meeting agenda.

Mr. Putens requested information on a public private partnership between Greenway Center and the City.

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Mayor Davis reported on an increase in membership fees for the Anacostia Trails Heritage Association. She requested this item be included on the budget wish list for consideration.

A number of other informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 9:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Murray City Clerk