

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, March 16, 2011, for the purpose of meeting with the chairpersons of City Council Advisory Groups.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. It was held in the MultiPurpose Room of the Community Center.

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

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Jon Gardner, Advisory Committee on Education; Charles Jackman, Advisory Committee on Trees; Brian Gibbons, Advisory Planning Board; Donald Martin, Board of Appeals; Pamela Gregory, Board of Elections; Kevin Hammett, Community Relations Advisory Board; Ginny Mudrock, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Laura Kressler, Public Safety Advisory Committee; John Lippert, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability; Betty Timer, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee; Elizabeth Hammett, Youth Advisory Committee; David Lange, Greenbelt Middle School Task Force; and Carol Malveaux, 75th Anniversary Committee.

*Mayor Davis expressed Council's appreciation to the advisory groups for the valuable work they provide to Council. She asked each group to provide a brief summary on their current activities. **CRAB:** Mr. Hammett said CRAB continues to work with PSAC on a Council referral to determine the needs and concerns of residents in Greenbelt West. **YAC:** Ms. Hammett said the YAC was considering a number of various ideas. Ms. Mach and Mayor Davis suggested the YAC consider First Lady Obama's "Let's Move" initiative. **SCAC:** Ms. Timer reported the SCAC was working on this year's forum entitled "What to Do When the Lights Go Out" and will be sending out further information when available. **BoA:** Mr. Martin said the BoA only meets as necessary when appeals are filed or variance applications and/or departures from design standards are submitted. He said it had been a quiet year. **75th Anniversary:** Ms. Malveaux said the 75th Anniversary Committee has established all their sub-committees and are on target with plans for the event in 2012. **BoE:** Ms. Gregory said the BoE has been preparing for the election this year. **ACE:** Mr. Gardner said ACE continues to monitor the new Greenbelt Middle School construction project and recent school budget cuts. He also reported on several ACE programs including the ACE educators and Students Awards, the Reading and Science Clubs and the 6th grade Math Contest. **FPAB:** Ms. Mudrock said the FPAB was working on the verbage and design for the Forest Preserve signage. **Green ACES:** Mr. Lippert said Green ACES continues to work on the sustainability master plan. **APB:** Mr. Gibbons said the APB has been reviewing the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission Proposed Sector Plan, as well as the proposed Beltway Plaza plan, and is continuing work on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. **ACT:** Mr. Jackman said ACT had been working on preparing a list of preferred trees to replace the trees lost during storms the past few years. **GMSTF:** Mr. Lange said the GMSTF will be holding public hearings in May and will submit their interim report to Council in June. **PSAC:** Ms. Kressler said PSAC continues work with CRAB regarding the concerns of residents of Greenbelt West and was also working on sponsoring a Public Safety Fair in September.*

Recruitment/Appointment Process: Mayor Davis said advisory group vacancies are advertised in the New Review, as well on the City website. She reviewed the interview and appointment process for all applicants.

Role of Council/Staff Liaison: Mayor Davis explained the Council liaisons try to attend as many committee meetings as possible, depending on their schedule. She encouraged the committee representatives to contact their Council liaisons if they had any questions.

Communications: Mayor Davis said minutes of advisory groups meetings are posted on the City's website when submitted to the City Clerk. Committee chairs and/or the staff liaison should contact Ms. Murray if there were any problems with the posting of the minutes. There was discussion regarding a proposed reporting tracking system for advisory board reports.

Attendance at Meetings: Mayor Davis advised the committee chairs and/or the staff liaisons to notify Ms. Murray if they have a non-participating member.

Other Issues: Mr. Gardner, Ms. Malveaux and Mr. Herling requested a YAC representative participate with ACE, the 75th Anniversary Committee and Green ACES. Ms. Hammett said she would discuss with the YAC but noted the difficulty of covering all the groups with the limited availability of some of the YAC members. .

The meeting ended at 10:14 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cindy Murray
City Clerk*