

VILLAGE OF NORTH CHEVY CHASE
Council Meeting
Feb 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Chairman , Adrian Andreassi at 8:04 pm. Also present were Jim Grissom, Bruce Cohen, Ambrose Liao, Bob Weesner and Lawrence Hirsh; and other residents of the Village (list attached).

Secretary's Report for January – Discussed if there was anything we should be doing currently regarding the BRAC meeting report from January's meeting. It's very early in the process and it doesn't make sense to do anything right now. We will continue to be updated by Mr. Kaplan as new developments come up. Lawrence Hirsh will call Mr. Kaplan to get an update. Approved secretary's report for Jan., 2008 with no objections.

Treasurer's Reports for December and January – We did not have the December report at the meeting. Discussion focused on the January report. We clarified some of the entries including a <\$5740> error under capital outlays. Bob Weesner will check where the number came from and report back to the council. Also, discussed improving/ changing the Treasurer's report. Lawrence Hirsh will mark up a hard copy of the budget to see if changes can be incorporated by Quick Books. Approved Dec 2007 budget without objection and approved the Jan 2008 report subject to clarification of the <\$5740> error.

New Business:

1. Permit to replace a fence at 8903 Montgomery Ave. Replacing existing fence that's falling apart. Approved without objection.
2. Snow removal discussion. Tom Phillips present. Our contract specifies no service unless 2" or more of snow. We have not had any snowfalls of 2" or more this year. However, when we've had snow and ice this year, there were some problem areas with ice buildup on the roads even though we did not get much snowfall. Tom Phillips was open to working together. The Village should call if there is a problem. He cannot guarantee that someone will get out immediately, but will make sure something is done if he's notified even if it's beyond the contract. He'd like to work together and try to be practical. Discussed possibility of putting barrels on some of the street corners with salt and/or sand so locals can address bad areas in a more timely manner. Also, discussed possibility of renegotiating our contract. If we could pay on an hourly basis, we could change condition from 2" to any precipitation, ... After Tom Phillips left, the council agreed to give him another chance and that we should revisit contract after it expires.
3. FY 2009 Proposed Budget. Bob put together a 1st cut of the budget. The county and state seem to be moving towards giving less money to NCC. Bob tried to reflect that in his 1st cut. Bob will add last full year actual column to the proposed budget for next month's meeting. At some point, NCC will be able to buy our streetlights from PEPCO if we want (rather than lease/pay for service). We may want to consider it. Will do some cost analysis.

Unfinished Business

1. PODS report. All PODs are gone.
2. Village seal. Not much to update on. We are currently speaking with 3 different vendors.

Other Business:

- 1.

Meeting adjourned 9:48 pm

Transcription of handwritten notes from village member:

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1. lots in North Chevy Chase too small to support PODS – total ban is necessary to preserve the neighborhood charm and appearance
2. PODS
 - a. PODS carry company ads and 800#. This a huge commercial billboard in a front yard. Which ads are operating a business in front lawns of a zoned residential community.
 - b. No tax benefits to North Chevy Chase for these eye sores.
 - c. Not necessary because alternative ??? storage is available in Silver Spring, Kensington, Bethesda and Rockville.
3. PODS are equivalent and we have seen them used as house additions (w/ a billboard attached) without requiring a permit.

Safety Hazard

1. The house at 8906 placed the POD up against the sidewalk. Danger to the Spain's and others' kids.
2. The POD is the equivalent of a 6' or 7' high fence run up to street. North Chevy Chase regulations would never permit such a fence. But a POD seemingly gets around this rule.??? All permitting relating to additions, fences, structures and set back requirements apparently can be circumvented simply by renting a POD.

Storage of Vehicles

At 8911 there are year round several vehicles and a camper as well as the POD stored on the driveway abutting our property line. At least one is not theirs. They are visible from the street in violation of the regulations which require a 6' fence to hide them. ,

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Year round lights

We need some rules on this

Montgomery County had no permit for either POD.”

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