



TOWN OF KENSINGTON

AROUND TOWN

June 2008

A Letter From The Mayor:

Thank you for electing me to a second term. I appreciate your support and look forward to serving once again. I would also like to thank Council Member David Beudet for his service on the Council and hope to continue consulting him for advice. And congratulations to our new Council Members Sean McMullen and John Thompson.

During this next year, I will continue with the revitalization efforts. This includes chaperoning the completion of our Sector Plan which thanks to your letters of support and our County Council, is funded in the County's 2009 Budget. The first Sector Plan Workshop will be on June 25th (see inside for details) and I encourage all of you to participate in this important meeting.

I am happy to announce Kensington has been accepted for the prestigious Urban Land Institute's TAP (Technical Assistance Panel) study. This community based study will examine the Town and the best ways for us to tackle our traffic issues, lack of pedestrian connections, and future land uses. ULI will tentatively conduct the study in early October, which will directly compliment the Town's Sector Plan.

Another key component to revitalization will be a Branding Plan. This plan is in a draft form and will be reviewed by Revitalization Committee Members and approved by the Council. Maier & Warner, our public relations firm is overseeing this campaign, which will require commitments from the Town and the business community.

We are in the midst of updating the Town's antiquated Code & Charter. A committee of residents and business persons, along with Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson and Town Manager Sanford Daily, will be making recommendations to the Council. McMansionization, the Historic District, Building Codes, and how the Council governs have been identified as priorities. Code Enforcement Officer Louise Hamilton and I continue to enforce the sign ordinance. Several pole signs have come down and more will follow. The gas stations have until the end of 2009 and reminder letters have been delivered. The more discreet monument signs are now being erected.

Addressing a few ongoing endeavors:

The Town's new parking lot on the former Konterra Cement Plant is undergoing final County review and permits should be ready soon. Unfortunately, the parties (Konterra, the County, & Kensington) are still in negotiations for the property acquisition. We are hoping to have the deal finalized by July.

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A Letter From The Mayor (cont'):

There are some outstanding site issues with the new Safeway such as lighting, sidewalks, and equipment screening to be resolved. I met with Safeway officials and they will be addressing the concerns. Bonds on the property will not be released until then.

The final phase of the Armory renovations (level 1) are also in for County permits and we are hoping to start the improvements ASAP. Kensington has received a State grant for \$119K to assist with this project.

Council Member Donatelli, the Town Attorney, and the Town Manager continue to work on the establishment of a Parking District for our commercial areas. This will also be approved by the Council.

A new and smaller directional sign for Antique Row, designed by the same firm who is manufacturing our historic-like street signs, will be placed at the corner of Connecticut and Knowles with business categories.

Council has approved new historic-like street signs to be installed on both the northern and southern portions of Town. They will be phased in over a period of years.

Park & Planning's Request for Proposal (RFP) process for Warner Circle will be ending this month. A evaluation review committee will be formed with the Town now receiving two seats on the committee. The Warner Circle Committee will make recommendations as to who should serve on review group. Applications are confidential, but there are some promising candidates for the estate.

I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe summer!



Peter Fosselman





Upcoming Events & Meetings:



Thursday, June 19
 Wednesday, June 25
 Friday, July 4th
 Monday, July 7th
 Friday, Saturday & Sunday July 18,19 & 20

Coffee with the Mayor 8 am
 Sector Plan Workshop 7pm
 Annual Children's Bike Parade 10 am
 Council Meeting 7 pm
 StarryTelling Festival

THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON

PRESENTS

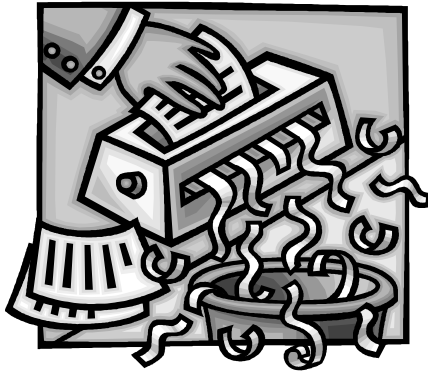
SHRED IT DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

8 a.m.—12 noon

M&T Bank Teller Lot, adjacent to Farmer's Market

Next to Howard Avenue MARC Train Station



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Stop worrying about identity theft — Bring your papers for shredding

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13th Annual 4th of July Children's Bike Parade

It wouldn't be the 4th without this wonderful event! Every Kensington child and their families are invited to line up at St. Paul Park at 9:45 a.m. astride their decorated and spit-shined bike, stroller, scooter or wagon. Come follow the fire truck and pedal through the streets of Kensington, returning to St. Paul Park where more fun awaits. Prizes, ice cream and soda for all participants. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact the Town at 301-949-2424 or email Shirley.Watson@tok.md.gov

Can Labor Day Be Far Behind?

The Town of Kensington is already preparing for its 40th annual Labor Day Parade and Festival to be held Monday, Sept 1st from 10am to 2pm. Marching units, including traditional marching bands, eclectic dance groups and drill teams, equestrian units, and of course, clowns and antique cars will all be in the morning's parade. The afternoon festival, along Howard and Armory Avenues, includes craft & artisan displays, great food, and entertainment. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you can help prepare for this fun day or help on Sept. 1st, contact Linda O'Reilly at lporeilly1@verizon.net or at 301-946-1961.



Thank you Dave Beaudet for 2 years as a dedicated and involved Council Member. While serving on the Council, Dave immersed himself in the fine details of the annual budget, tackled and resolved many zoning and permitting issues, pursued many funding opportunities, headed the Tree Committee and was particularly involved with making our Town a “greener” place to live. Dave’s family will benefit from having him around a little more now, but all Kensington residents benefitted from his leadership.



June 2nd Town Council Election

Mayor Peter Fosselman

Council Member Sean P. McMullen Council Member John Thompson

Total Ballots: 93 including 9 Absentee Ballots plus 3 Write-Ins

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MARLENE COHN FOR MODERATING THE
CANDIDATES FORUM ON MAY 27TH.



Town Council:	Mary Donatelli	Elected May 2007
	Sean P. McMullen	Elected January 2008*, Reelected June 2008
	Sharon Scott	Elected May 2007
	John Thompson	Elected June 2008

* Council Member McMullen was first elected in a special election held in January, 2008. The Mayor and Council Members are elected for 2 year terms. Contact: Mayor.Council@TOK.MD.GOV

Meet Your New Council Member — John Thompson

John is not really a “new” Council Member — he previously served in this position under Mayor Charles Stuart about 20 years ago. He says he looks forward to helping the Town meet its new challenges, focusing on land use, including the Warner Circle future and the Kensington Sector Plan update.

John has lived in Kensington since 1955. He and his wife Jean, and his dog Bucky, live on Manekee Street. John is a life-long member of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and holds a deputy chief position with the Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department.

County Volunteers Needed

The Montgomery County Board of Elections needs about 4,000 volunteer election judges to staff nearly 250 precincts during the November general election. The job entails about three hours of training, and requires setting up a local polling place the night before the election and serving as a judge on Election Day. Most judges work at their precincts from early in the morning to the closing of the polls, but some serve from 6 to 11 p.m. only. Most receive a stipend of \$180 and work in bipartisan teams. Contact Elections@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-8500.



TO ALL KENSINGTON NEIGHBORS:
NEWS ABOUT OUR SECTOR PLAN

LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD!
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th
AT 7 PM
AT TOWN HALL

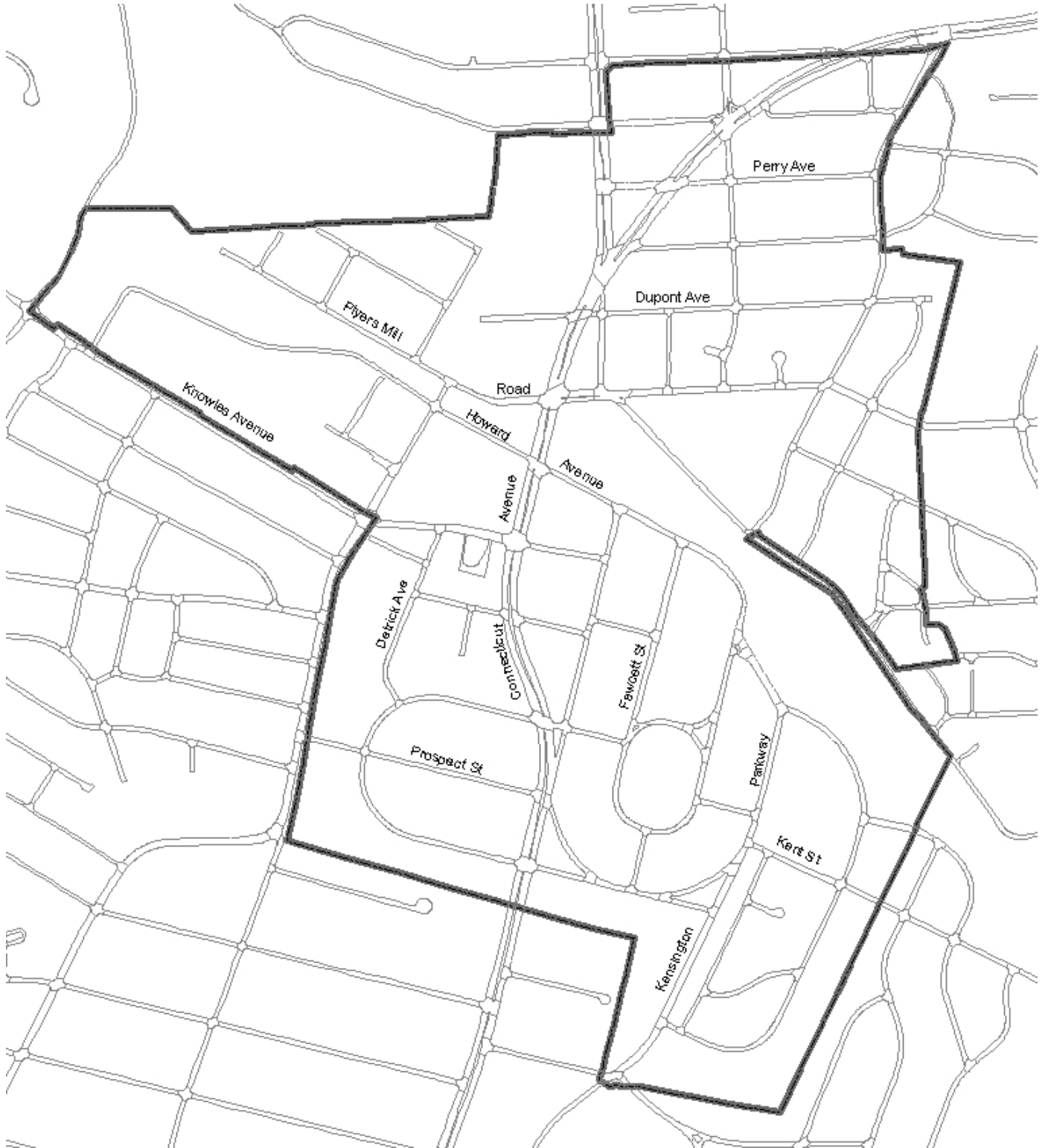
The long-needed update to our Town's Sector Plan is underway. With your help, the Town and Montgomery County planners will prepare a guide to Kensington's future physical development. This is a follow-up to last spring's kick-off meeting and every one is invited to be part of the process.

On the following page is a map of the Kensington Sector Plan, which includes many of the surrounding neighborhoods in 20895.

**SPREAD THE WORD –
HOME & BUSINESS OWNERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895
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KENSINGTON SECTOR PLAN BOUNDARIES 2008



Town Meeting April 28, 2008, 7:10 p.m.



Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Beaudet, Donatelli, McMullen, and Scott, Town Manager Daily, Mayor's Assistant Donnelly, and Clerk Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

A resident asked questions regarding the sector plan and the status of the missing sidewalk on Montgomery Avenue. A sector plan meeting will be held on June 25th and cost estimates are being obtained for installing the brick sidewalk on Montgomery Avenue.

The fiscal year 2008-2009 budget was introduced. A public hearing will be held on May 27, 2008.

Council Member Scott requested florescent flags be attached to poles at crosswalks. The Council suggested trying them at St. Paul and Metropolitan Avenue.

The Town Manager is working on an agreement with Chevy Chase Village to use their police department to monitor speed camera devices once installed in the Town.

Council Member Scott reported the Traffic Committee met regarding time restrictions and will be meeting again next Monday at 6:30 p.m. to discuss possible solutions. The Traffic Committee will also be meeting and making recommendations on eliminating parking on one side of Armory Avenue near the church.

Council Member McMullen reported the StarryTelling Festival will be on July 19th and suggested the large wheel recycling bins be considered.

The Town Manager will research costs and options on changing recycling to the large wheeled bins.

Council Member McMullen suggested an alcohol advisory committee be formed to provide an informal exchange of information from businesses planning on serving alcohol and to inform businesses of the alcohol district and requirements. He will outline the responsibilities of the proposed ad hoc committee.

Council Member Donatelli reported she will be meeting with the County and Town Attorney regarding the parking district, has ordered banners for Howard Avenue, is working on changing street signs to an antique style, and is looking into expanding farmers market and better signage. CSX will be contacted to help enforce the no parking on Saturdays at the train station for the farmers market.

Council Member Beaudet thanked Karen Ralston for the successful yard sale and requested more parking enforcement on Plyers Mill Road.

The Mayor stated at the Merchants meeting, the parking district, sign ordinance enforcement, brick crosswalks, signage at intersections on Connecticut Avenue and landscaping was discussed.

The Town Manager reported he has been working on the budget, the street resurfacing project, and moving forward with armory renovations. Council Member Scott moved to approve the minutes from March 31, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Donatelli moved to approve the minutes from April 7, 2008 with the correction that Council Member Beaudet was absent. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Beaudet moved to introduce Ordinance No. 0-01-08 adopting the Town budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 and levying an ad valorem tax on all assessable property within the Town of Kensington. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Scott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Town Meeting May 5, 2008 7:10 p.m.



Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Donatelli, McMullen, and Scott, Town Attorney Suellen Ferguson, Town Manager Sanford Daily, Mayor's Assistant Claudia Donnelly, and Clerk Treasurer Susan Engels were present. Council Member Beaudet was necessarily absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed for Shirley Watson's father who recently passed away.

In *From the Public* a theft from an auto in Town was reported, an update was requested on changing the parking on Armory Avenue, and clarification of rules for speaking at meetings was requested. The Mayor noted the importance of reporting any thefts to the police, the traffic committee will be meeting to discuss restricting parking on Armory Avenue, and *From the Public* is the appropriate time when residents can speak at meetings unless required by the Council later in the meeting.

The Town attorney was present and discussed the special exceptions for 3717 Dupont Avenue along with the adjoining properties. She requested the Town's guidance for an upcoming hearing before the County Board of Appeals. Residents commented on the properties. The Council noted the owner has not complied with the special exceptions in the past. The Council concurred to have the Town attorney request the following: shrubs be removed from the Town's right of way, a brick wall be constructed up to the maximum allowable height along Dupont Avenue, landscaping in addition to the wall be included on the owner's property along Dupont Avenue, and a pressure treated wood board fence with a shelf top on it be installed along lots 21, part of lot 8, the back of lot 9 and the west side of lot 9 (This is all part of the original caveats for approval of the special exception the applicant never complied with).

The Mayor reported MNCPPC has extended the deadline for RFP's for Warner Circle until June 26th; the Town Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27th which will include a public hearing on the budget; he attended a hearing on the County's budget and thanks to Council Member Ervin and our four at large members Kensington's sector plan scheduled to be delivered in July 2009, is included in all of the budget options, MNCPPC has scheduled a sector plan workshop June 25th; Maier Warner has put out a very informative public relations page on Warner Circle; planters will be continued up to north boundary of the Town; the owners of the Kensington Shopping Center are planning on a facelift instead of redevelopment of the property and will be coming to the Town for a courtesy review; he attended the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee on behalf of the Town in which former Delegate Lawton received an award; he attended the Jubilee Roast for Delegate Barve; he reminded residents to remove standing water to prevent mosquito breeding; he disclosed he has taken a position with Rodgers Consulting, Inc., a local development firm specializing in land use, civil engineering and urban planning; and he has received the first estimate for the missing sidewalk on Montgomery Avenue which was over budget, other alternatives will be looked into.

Council Member Donatelli reported she met with the County on the parking district and the next step will be to meet with MNCPPC; and she is working on new banners for Howard Avenue along with banners for special events.

Council Member Scott reported a time restriction traffic meeting was held and she is researching options available for restrictions with the County police; another traffic committee meeting will be held regarding traffic safety; and she is planning a second Shred it Day in June.

The Town manager reported the following: the County only allows paper and cardboard in the large wheeled recycle bins and he discussed various options with Allied Waste, the Town contractor, and they want to follow the county policy and not permit large containers to be used for glass, cans and plastic; a notice was received from WSSC informing the Town of temporary patch work being done at 3786 Howard Avenue; he has been working on the street resurfacing project; the Town is still waiting for its building permit in order to proceed with the first floor Armory renovations; and the entrance repair project has been rescheduled for the end of June in order not to conflict with the theater groups.



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Town Meeting Minutes May 5, 2008 continued

Council Actions Council Member McMullen moved to approve the minutes from April 28, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Donatelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. O-01-08 ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TOWN BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2008, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009, AND LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX ON ALL ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for the 2008-09 Fiscal Year must be submitted to the Town Council on or before the third Monday in April;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget ordinance was introduced at the April 28, 2008, meeting of the Mayor and Town Council as required by the Town Charter, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the 2008-09 proposed budget provides a complete financial plan, including anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures, for the fiscal year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, in public meeting assembled, that the budget for the Town of Kensington for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, be and it is hereby is adopted as follows:

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Local Taxes	\$650,824
Share Revenues	784,218
Licenses & Permits	34,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	149,026
Grants - County & State	565,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	96,000
ANTICIPATED REVENUE	<u>\$2,279,568</u>
Reappropriation	970,932

TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE
\$3,250,500

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$763,900
Public Works	760,400
Parks	30,000
Non-Departmental	<u>40,000</u>
OPERATING TOTAL	\$1,594,300
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET</u>	<u>\$1,656,200</u>

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES
\$3,250,500

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all of the sums set forth herein under the heading "PROPOSED EXPENDITURES" be and hereby are appropriated.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that there is hereby levied on all of the assessable real property within the Town an ad valorem tax at the rate of ***Thirteen Cents (\$.13000) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value of said property***, and there is hereby levied an ad valorem tax on the tangible personal property subject to taxation by the Town at the rate of ***Fifty Cents (\$.50) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value of such tangible personal property***.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town hereby adopts the imposition of a full year, one-half year, three-quarter year and one-quarter year tax levies authorized pursuant to Title 10, Sections 10-102, 10-103, 10-104 and 10-105, Tax Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and authorizes and empowers Montgomery County, Maryland, to collect and remit the same to the Town of Kensington, consistent with the imposition and collection of such levies on real property by Montgomery County.

ADOPTED by the Town Council this 27 day of May, 2008.

FOR FULL DETAILS OF THE ADOPTED FY09 BUDGET, GO TO WWW.TOK.MD.GOV

Town Meeting — May 27, 2008, 7:20 p.m.



A Candidate Roundtable was held at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Beaudet, Donatelli, McMullen, and Scott, Town Manager Sanford Daily, Mayor's Assistant Claudia Donnelly, and Clerk Treasurer Susan Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence observed.

In *From the Public*, a resident questioned whether the Mayor's salary increase will be reviewed again, but abruptly left the meeting before the Mayor could respond to him. Delegate Carr informed residents his office has scholarship money available especially for Maryland public or private college with a deadline of June 7th. A resident questioned whether a committee would be meeting to review proposals for the renovation of the Kensington Shopping Center; Mayor Fosselman responded he believes committees are not necessary for every decision made in the Town and committees tend to slow the process. However, a public courtesy review before the Council would be requested of the property owner, who was also invited to the Kensington Sector Plan Workshop on June 25th. Residents noted speeding on Armory and Howard Avenues and questioned the status of speed cameras in Town; Town Manager Daily and Council Member Scott addressed the question noting the Town is in discussions with neighboring municipalities and the Traffic Committee would be taking the topic up in a future meeting.

A public hearing was held on the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget. The Town Manger noted amendments from the introduced budget ordinance which included the following: deleting the personal property tax exemptions which were included on the original ordinance in error; increasing the general government expense budget by \$40,000 for the Sector Plan and a traffic study; and increasing the capital improvement budget by \$265,750 due to street and sidewalk construction not completed in fiscal year 08 and due to a revised estimate for Town Hall renovations. Council Member Beaudet stated a need in the future to be cautious with the surplus, but noted the use of surplus for fiscal year 2008-2009 was because of the large projects that need to be completed. Residents commented and asked questions on line items in the budget including the traffic study, Urban Land Institute Study, constant yield tax rate, trash service and projected remaining surplus. The Mayor noted the budget includes a Program Open Space grant for Town Hall renovations of \$119,500 and a grant from the county for the cement plant parking lot of \$446,000.

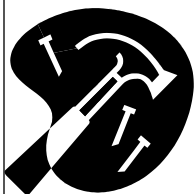
Council Member McMullen attended a presentation on proposed historic preservation design guidelines. The new guidelines will supplement the current guidelines for renovation of homes in the historic district and will be posted on MNCPPC website for public review and comment. He also noted he will be attending a meeting regarding the street lights on Connecticut Avenue.

Council Member Beaudet suggested a short fence was needed around the park on Armory Avenue and basketball hoop nets and safety covers for horse shoe poles were needed at St. Paul Park. The Mayor also suggested more sand was needed in the horse shoe pits.

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Building Permits



Addition at 10105 Hadley Place

Awning at 10251 Kensington Pkwy.

Fence at 3512 Perry Avenue

Addition at 3807 Calvert Place

Addition at 10613 Wheatley Street

Addition at 10605 Wheatley Street

Fence at 3708 Washington Street

Right of way work at 10530 Wheatley Street



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