

COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW
Monthly Meeting

Date: November 17, 2021
Place: Meeting was held at Christ Episcopal Church
Present: Peter Marks, Acting Chair; Lisa Fair, Carlos Molina and Nancy
Somerville, Council members
Jana Coe, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Legal Counsel for Town
Joseph Toomey, CCV Building Permit Administrator

Others Present: Delegate 18 Emily Shetty
Delegate 18 Jared Solomon
Eden Durbin, Chief-of-Staff to Jared Solomon
Lindsay Field, 9909 Connecticut Avenue
Bruce Hebbard, 4300 Glenridge Street
Omar Molina, 9811 Connecticut Avenue
Michael Cavey, 9811 Connecticut Avenue
Kathleen Malloy, 4024 Franklin Street
Ann Marie Hodgson, 4024 Franklin Street
Himanshi Desai, 9813 Connecticut Avenue
Praveen Sadasivan, 9813 Connecticut Avenue
Susan Jack, 4021 Franklin Street
Ron Sherrow, 4013 Glenridge Street
Kristy Clason, 9823 Connecticut Avenue

Called Meeting to Order: 7:03 p.m. by Peter Marks, Acting Chair

Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2021 Monthly Council Meeting: Lisa Fair moved that the minutes of the October 20, 2021 Monthly Council meeting be approved. Nancy Somerville seconded the motion and it passed with a 3-0 vote. Peter Marks abstained from the vote as he was not in attendance at the October 20, 2021 Council meeting.

Financial Report for Period October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021: Nancy Somerville moved that the financial report for the period October 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021 be accepted. Carlos Molina seconded the motion and it passed with a 4-0 vote.

Council Member Walk: Carlos Molina reported that he was unable to conduct the monthly Council member walk.

CCV Building Permit Summary for November 2021

Applications on hold pending further information:

- 4113 Glenridge Street (Dunn) Fence - applied 8/23/21
- 4312 Glenridge Street (Stogoski) Fence - applied 3/2/21

Approved applications awaiting issuance of the Chevy Chase View permit:

- 4009 Cleveland Street (Albright) Detached garage - applied 6/2/21, approved 7/21/21
- 4213 Dresden Street (Patel/Roshania) Fence - applied 11/2/21, approved 11/2/21
- 4102 Glenridge Street (DeSarno) Addition and screen porch - applied 10/5/21, approved 10/20/21
- 4021 Glenridge Street (Matan) Pool and pool house - applied 10/5/21, approved 10/20/21

Active and open permit construction projects:

- 9819 Connecticut Avenue (Spry) Porch and deck addition - applied 2/29/21, approved 3/17/21
- 4209 Franklin Street (Winters) Addition and entry portico - applied 2/3/21, approved 2/17/21, issued 9/2/21
- 4017 Glenridge Street (Foley) Dumpster - applied 9/2/21, issued 9/3/21
- 4021 Glenridge Street (Matan) Addition - applied 4/7/21, approved 4/21/21, issued 6/24/21
- 10114 Summit Avenue (Wellner/Pickard) Screen porch - applied 4/7/21, approved 4/21/21, issued 6/28/21

Completed projects since the October 2021 Council meeting:

- 9815 Connecticut Avenue (Tatum) Fence - applied 10/12/21, approved 10/19/21, issued 10/20/21, completed 10/29/21
- 4016 Dresden Street (Plank) Construct a new home - applied 4/14/20, approved 5/20/20, revision approved 6/17/20, issued 8/12/20, completed 11/1/21
- 4213 Dresden Street (Potomac Heritage Homes) New house construction - applied 11/21/20, approved 12/16/20, issued 1/14/21, completed 11/1/21
- 9808 Summit Avenue (Manfreda) Deck and patio - applied 5/5/21, approved 5/19/21, issued 8/31/21, completed 11/1/21

Update on Connecticut Avenue Speed Enforcement:

1. Councilmember Carlos Molina shared the following information with meeting attendees:

On September 23, 2021, Paula Fudge, Emily Shetty and Jana Coe met with Dan McNickle, Program Manager, Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit, Montgomery County Police -Traffic Division. We were very encouraged to hear his thoughtful approach to options that will slow Connecticut Avenue vehicular traffic speed within our Town's municipal boundaries.

We asked him to evaluate the following blocks that we believe will benefit greatly from speed camera enforcement (particularly the northbound lane): 9800 Block, 9900 Block, 10000 Block

On October 15, 2021, pneumatic tubes were taped to the road surface just north of NB Saul Road and attached to a small box. The tubes capture each vehicle pass and save vehicle speed and time of day.

The data captured will help MCPD determine the percentage of vehicles driving the posted speed and over the posted speed, etc. This data will be used to determine if a speed camera should be used at the location. The metro count data is one of many factors used to support speed camera deployment. MetroCount is the brand name of the device used by MCPD.

On November 9, 2021, Dan McNickle reported that the metro count deployment revealed that approximately 12% of vehicles were traveling over 47 mph (the threshold speed for automated enforcement action). 85% of vehicles were at 46 mph. These numbers support the need for speed enforcement.

Next steps are to have the Conduent Traffic engineer complete necessary drawings. When drawings have been completed, the permit request/drawings will be sent to SHA for review/approval. Once approved by SHA, the portable speed camera will be installed (timeframe not known at this writing). The D18 delegates are working with SHA to ensure that this review is expedited.

2. D18 Delegates Emily Shetty and Jared Solomon shared the following information with meeting attendees:

The D18 Delegates are EXTREMELY actively engaged on multiple significant road safety changes. They have been working closely with the Town of Kensington, Town of Chevy Chase View, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Montgomery County Police Department and State Highway Administration on multiple changes that will significantly improve the safety of Connecticut Avenue. The delegates:

- Worked with MCDOT to change the timing of lights along Connecticut Avenue to try to address some of the speeding issues
- Worked with SHA on multiple community events and held quarterly meetings with them to have them hear directly from the community about changes needed, and to get status updates on several coming changes
- Worked with SHA to get corridor study done to provide formal recommendations and safety improvements needed for the entire corridor of Connecticut Avenue from 495 until where University Boulevard and Connecticut Avenue split. They anticipate that study will be completed by the end of this year/next year and will be urging them to implement all of the safety improvements ASAP. They also have committed to publicizing this study widely in the community and actively engaging with everyone to ensure all voices are heard as changes are being made.
- Worked with the local towns to ensure that they are aware that they have independent authority created within existing state law to establish their own speed camera enforcement programs. For a variety of very legitimate practical reasons (namely that they'd essentially have to multiply their staff 5-fold

and/or create their own police departments to operate such a program), they haven't been able to pursue this route.

- Worked with local towns and the police department to see if they can add additional speed camera enforcement and/or additional officer enforcement along Connecticut Avenue. There was significant pushback from prior leadership of the Automated Traffic Enforcement Division within MCPD. That leadership has retired over the last few months.
- Met with the new leadership of the MCPD Automated Traffic Enforcement Unit at the end of September to urge them to do a speed study along Connecticut Avenue and two weeks later they initiated that study. Alerted SHA four separate times, in writing, by phone and at public hearings that this permit application is coming and we urge them to expedite review. As a result, we're anticipating that possibly as soon as one month from now there will likely be a permit approved and portable speed camera installed.
- Repeatedly urged SHA to fix the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Saul Road to put a protected left-turn light there. SHA has surveyed the existing intersection and agreed that it is wholly insufficient and needs an entire re-construction to include better sidewalks, brighter crosswalks AND protected left turns. We asked them as a short-term measure to just put in the light and they measured the weight of the fixture and determined that the current wires would not support such a fixture so they must reconstruct the entire intersection. This project is currently in the design stage and they are anticipating construction in spring/possibly early summer 2022. This intersection is extremely complicated because it requires coordination between the Town of Chevy Chase View, Montgomery County and SHA.
- Encourage residents to continue your advocacy. Also, please note that the D18 team has been fighting right alongside you for these improvements and progress is coming as a result.

Thrive Montgomery 2050 – Update: Lisa Fair recommended the Town Council send a letter to the County Council that will focus on the following issues/recommendations:

1. Given the scope and significance of Thrive and the fact that draft plan process occurred during a pandemic, the process:
 - a. was inadequately publicized and/or difficult for the public to participate in a meaningful manner
 - b. should have included more opportunities for public input
 - c. should have included community representation throughout the process

Recommendations:

 - a. Hold additional public hearings to obtain citizen input
 - b. Establish Neighborhood Advisory Group for citizen input
2. Thrive is referred to as a visionary plan document that does not contain zoning changes, however, it does have significant legal

implications with respect to the zoning changes that will be required to implement this plan.

Recommendations:

- a. Acknowledge this
 - b. Include provision requiring Thrive 2050's recommendations be implemented using the traditional Master Plan process to properly address the character of individual communities rather than adopting "one-size-fits-all" housing policies for the County as a whole
 - c. Require the establishment of Neighborhood Advisory Groups as part of the Master Plan process to ensure public participation by residents and other stakeholders regarding planning and land use issue specific to the affected communities
3. Given the significance/implications regarding transportation, the environment, and infrastructure, Thrive:
- a. lacks review/evaluation by Committees that could provide critical input to the document such as the Transportation & Environment (T&E) Committee, the Public Safety (PS) Committee, and the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee

Recommendations:

- a. Review by T&E, PS, and GO Committees
- b. Schedule full Council work sessions to review the current version of Thrive, as revised by the PHED Committee, so the Council as a whole considers and resolves all unresolved issues.

The Council agreed with Lisa Fair's recommendations and agreed that the drafted letter will be submitted to the County Council no later than Friday, November 26, 2021.

Update on Maryland DNR Chesapeake/Coastal Service Grant and Recommendation to Add Landscape Architect to the Project Team -

On November 3, 2021, Megan Granato from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources joined Jana Coe, Pete Marks, Jason Azar, Joe Toomey and Nancy Somerville for a site visit and discussion about CCV's upcoming DNR grant application.

Input and recommendations were received regarding areas to include and emphasize in the grant proposal, including:

- Megan Granato was pleased to see that we are proposing to take a holistic approach, i.e., looking at potential for green infrastructure/stormwater improvements on private land as well as in the public right-of-way.
- Current and future projected effects of climate change should be considered/addressed in the grant request.
- DNR likes to see community education/engagement included in the grant proposal. This can easily be incorporated and can be structured to provide useful input into consideration of additional stormwater regulation—which is another element they will be looking for in the proposal.
- Showing how the project could be a useful example and/or have applicability to other communities in Montgomery County is helpful.

- Recommended including pictures and video, as well as letters of support. Per Jana, Dan Sheridan has already indicated his willingness to support the project.

Nancy Somerville strongly recommended that a landscape architect be added to the project team. Landscape architecture and engineering firms frequently team together on site design and green infrastructure projects, and some design firms have both engineers and landscape architects on staff. Clark + Azar does not have a landscape architecture division, but they could easily bring an LA firm on board as a consultant. We will need to rely on Clark + Azar for the grant proposal budget and they will need to factor in any consultants that will be required.

After considerable discussion, Nancy Somerville agreed to speak with Jason Azar to define the scope of work for further Council review. Clark/Azar will provide pricing options and the Council intends to meet via zoom to make a final decision. The deadline for submission of the DNR grant proposal is December 15, 2021.

Review/Next Steps - Clark/Azar Concept Plans and Cost Estimates for the FY22 Dresden Street and Glenridge Street Improvements: Clark/Azar completed the engineering report and presented the report to the Council with 3-4 concepts/cost estimates. The next step is to discuss the report with Jason Azar at the December 15th Council meeting.

Update on Purchase of Town Streetlights from Pepco: District 18 Delegate Al Carr is planning to re-introduce HB1034 of 2020 in January 2022, which is intended to remove the artificial barriers to municipal street lighting ownership that exist in the current Pepco tariff and in Pepco's practices. In 2020, Pepco opposed the bill saying it was unneeded because of Pepco's planned smart LED filing (PSC denied the Pepco rate increase).

Further Discussion Regarding Council Member Communications: The Council discussed whether or not it was appropriate for them to respond directly to posts on the Town's listserv. It was concluded that it is a neighbor-to-neighbor communication forum and residents have other means to reach out to the Council members and manager. Pete Marks stated that on occasion he has directly responded to a poster to direct the individual to the Town's website for information.

Montgomery County Redistricting Commission's Map Submittal to County Council: The Council discussed the new redistricting map that will place municipalities - CCV, Town of Kensington, Garrett Park and Takoma Park in the newly formed District 4. Nancy Somerville moved that Paula Fudge, Council Chair, be directed to send a letter to County Council members encouraging them to reinstate CCV, Town of Kensington and Garrett Park in District 1.

<http://www.chevy Chaseview.org/docs/RedistrictinglettertoMoCoCouncilNov232021.pdf>

Motion to Adjourn: At 10:15 p.m., Carlos Molina moved that the meeting be adjourned. Peter Marks seconded the motion and it passed with a 4-0 vote.

Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Council will meet next for its monthly meeting on December 15, 2021, at 7:00 pm. at Christ Episcopal Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Coe, Town Manager

General Interest and Reminders

Recycling of Cardboard Boxes: Ecology Services, the Town's recycling contractor, has again asked us to remind **residents to break down cardboard boxes and place them in a pile next to your recycling Toter on Tuesdays**. If residents can take the time to break these boxes down, there is more capacity for collection and the crew members do not need to spend extra minutes in front of a home chucking boxes into the back of recycling truck. Thank you.

Find Your Home's Flood Factor: Residents can enter their address at the following website **<https://floodfactor.com>** to ascertain the address's susceptibility to flooding based on past floods, current risks, and future projections. Please note that this data does not incorporate individual property drainage systems but looks at the broader geographical area's susceptibility to flooding.

Leaf Removal Began October 1, 2021: Hughes Landscaping, Inc. will remove all leaves on a weekly basis, weather permitting, until December 31, 2021. **Please do not mix your grass clippings with the leaves at the curb.**

Leaves are to be placed at curbside and made accessible for truck pickup. Sticks, trash, rocks and other rubbish will not be collected and should be bagged for normal trash pickup. Leaves should not be shredded or bagged. For the residents on Connecticut Avenue, Cedar Lane, Kensington Parkway and Saul Road, your leaves also will be picked up weekly. For liability reasons, do not place leaves on our sidewalks. In the event that you do not have a sidewalk, please rake your leaves as close to the street as possible.

Unleashed Dogs: Many residents are expressing increasing concern about unleashed dogs in the Town. Dog owners are reminded of the following provisions in the Montgomery County Code, Chapter 5, related to Animals and Public Nuisance:

Animal Trespass (Montgomery County Code, Sec. 5-203(a)(3)) - "An owner must not allow an animal to enter private property without the property owner's permission. (\$100 fine). Any dog is at large if it is outside the owner's premises and not leashed, unless it is a service dog, is in a dog exercise area designated by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission or is participating in an approved activity." (\$100 fine for first offense; \$500 fine for each subsequent violation).

Unwanted Contact - "The pet owner must prevent unwelcome or unsolicited threatening physical contact or close proximity to a person or a domestic animal that occurs outside the owner's property that may cause alarm in a

reasonable person, such as biting, chasing, tracking, inhibiting movement, or jumping." (\$500 fine). **You are reminded to clean up after your dog and place the bag in your own trash container for disposal by Ecology Services' crew.**

Bulk Pick-Up - The next monthly bulk pick-up is scheduled on **Saturday, December 4, 2021**. As a reminder, heavy refuse includes major appliances (must have Freon removed), furniture, large toys, bicycles, and plumbing fixtures. Excluded are batteries, propane tanks, bricks, general construction debris and iron pipes. Please have your items at the curb by 7:00 AM on Saturday as the truck comes through early.

Application for Building Permit - Building Permit Applications for consideration at the December 15, 2021 meeting must be submitted to the Town Manager by 5:00 p.m. on December 1, 2021. Please note that the review may take several days, and an application is not considered perfected until the Town Permit Administrator-Municipal Engineer completes his review. Please contact Jana Coe, Town Manager, at janacoe@chevychaseview.org or by calling 301-949-9274.

PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE COMMUNICATION OPTIONS FOR TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY

1. Sign Up for eTown Mailings: You can receive the monthly CCV Council meeting minutes and other Council messages and important announcements from the Town Manager. This does not replace the CCV listserv. Go to the CCV website - on the front page click "For Residents" - choose the box that says "e-Town Mailings". Add your address in the space at the bottom of the page and click "Go." This will take you to the website of our partner, Constant Contact. Follow the directions on the screen to complete your registration. After you have completed these steps, you will receive an email confirming your registration.

You can register as many email addresses as you like for your household, but you must use the link on the website page and enter each recipient individually.

2. Town Directory and Members Only Access: The Town publishes a Resident Directory in early Fall each year. In addition, this Resident Directory is available online, when you sign up for "Members Only" access to the Resident Directory at <http://chevychaseview.org/wp/residents/town-directory/>. When you sign up for access, the online Resident Directory will be updated to include the information you provide. If you are new to the Town, we would like to add you to the Town's online Resident Directory. Then, when the annual directory is reprinted in the Fall, your information will be included in the printed version as well. The Town Manager administers online access accounts and formally activates residents' accounts. You will receive an email with instructions once approved. We take your privacy seriously and have done everything possible to bring this useful content to you in a secure manner.

3. Listserv - Please consider becoming a member of the CCV listserv by emailing ChevyChaseViewNet+subscribe@groups.io