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February Program: How Green is MOCO's Stormwater Management?

Carole Ann Barth, President

Diane Cameron, the coordinator of the Stormwater Partners Network – a coalition of 22 grass roots organizations including the Civic Federation - will fill us in on whether Montgomery's stormwater management is deep forest or merely a paler shade of green. Diane will discuss a proposed new stormwater tree practice. We will also hear about a key case study, the Chelsea Court project, from Seven Oaks Evanswood Citizens' Association representative, Jean Cavanaugh. We hope to also have a representative from the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services with us.

Montgomery County's storm sewer permit requires the County to use Environmental Site Design (ESD) to treat stormwater runoff. ESD (also called low impact development or LID) means using green techniques like rain barrels, rain gardens and pervious pavers to capture and treat stormwater on site. This approach is very cost-effective, especially when applied to new development early in the planning and design process. Correctly done, stormwater-friendly landscaping can provide the following additional benefits: Aesthetic values; Wildlife habitat & oases of nature in built up areas; Ease of maintainance (e.g. less water, fertilizers, pesticides); Reduced air pollution; Energy savings by providing shade; Increased property values.

The new standard in Maryland is to use ESD to the *Maximum Extent Practicable* (MEP). Montgomery County has been charged with improving the County's stormwater management ordinances/regulations and modifying the County's planning and zoning codes as needed to achieve MEP. Come to the February program to learn how far we've come and how far we still need to go.

Mark Your Calendar Now
for the
Montgomery County Civic
Federation's
**2013 ANNUAL AWARDS
BANQUET**
Friday, May 3, 2013
6:00 to 9:30 p.m.
at the
Golden Bull Restaurant

February Community Heroes: Citizens

Coalition on ZTA 12-11

By **Woody Brosnan**, coordinator
for the Presidents' Council of
Silver Spring Citizens Associations.

It is not unusual for civic-minded citizens to rise up and oppose a policy change they believe will harm their communities. But it is quite rare for citizens to wade into the problem and propose alternative solutions.

That's the challenge that Jean Cavanaugh, Marilyn Piety, Naomi Spinrad and William Mentzer took on when the Montgomery County Planning Board proposed allowing any homeowner to build an accessory apartment anywhere, anytime with little opportunity for community comment or review.

They formed the heart of "A Citizens Coalition on ZTA 12-11" and developed alternatives to the Planning Board's proposal, many of which are encompassed in the revised plan for accessory apartments now being considered by the County Council.

The plan speeds up the special exception process for accessory apartments, but preserves public notice, strict standards, and the right of citizen appeal based on specific criteria.

Furthermore, the Citizens Coalition has focused on the need for more inspections of accessory apartments and enforcement to close illegal accessory apartments.

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For all their work, I am nominating these four hard working citizens for the Civic Federation's Community Heroes Award. Please come to the meeting on Monday, February 11 to celebrate their accomplishments.

Proposed Resolution on Assault Weapons

By Jesse Cantrill, Board Member

Be It Resolved: That the Montgomery County Civic Federation calls upon the Montgomery County Council to ban the sale, transfer, possession, or use of military-style assault weapons within the boundaries of Montgomery County, Maryland.

The Civic Federation urges the Council to buy back at full cost any assault weapons that are returned to the Montgomery County Police within 90 days of passage of this law and to confiscate any remaining weapons that are found within the boundaries of the County after this time.

The Civic Federation urges the Council to impose a \$100 fee for the sale or transfer of any legal firearm by any party within the boundaries of the County for an indefinite period to offset the cost of repurchasing assault weapons and to support the cost of any litigation needed to support this ban.

Irony in Executive's Budget Forum

By Peggy Dennis, Editor

This past week, I attended one of Executive Leggett's Budget Forums. It began with a power point presentation extolling "Open Montgomery." This, we were told, will bring us a "Responsible and Accountable County Government" and a new era in which citizens will "participate in shaping government decisions."

How ironic! Executive Leggett came into power promising that his government would be open and transparent. Yet when it came to the Brickyard Road School site, his dealings were anything but open and transparent. Private meetings with representatives of Montgomery Soccer, Inc. and promises made in secret; members of the Board of Education being prevailed on to vote to give him control of the MCPS land in advance of the BOE meeting; Board of Education meetings on this issue which repeatedly violated the state's Open Meetings Act; papers, memos and emails allegedly "lost" by the county government when requested under the Freedom of Information Act. Citizens and the County Council were so outraged by the way this issue had been handled that a new law was passed – Bill 11-

12 – that would give the Council final say in the sale or lease of county land and property in the future.

On November 13, 2012, the West Montgomery County Citizens Association, Inc. and a number of private plaintiffs, all members of the Brickyard Coalition filed a legal complaint (below) against defendants Montgomery County, County Executive Isaiah Leggett, the Board of Education (BOE), and Montgomery Soccer, Inc. (MSI). The 50-page, nine-count lawsuit filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County alleges, among other things, that the County Executive unlawfully conspired with the BOE to deliver the Brickyard public school land to a private corporation, MSI, at little or no cost. Additionally, the lawsuit alleges that:

- The Board of Education breached their fiduciary duties as trustees of the Brickyard property.
- The County violated the Maryland Express Powers Act.
- The County violated County code 11B-46 regarding leasing of property
- The County violated County Code 11B-45 regarding the disposition of the property
- The County defendants violated the County procurement laws
- BOE and County violated state laws regarding mandatory referral by failing to seek the approval of the Montgomery County Planning Board before a change of use was authorized for the Brickyard site.
- The BOE violated the Maryland Open Meeting Act

On Friday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m., Judge Greenberg will hear this case in the Circuit Court. Yes, unlike the closed door meetings we decried, the public may attend. It should prove most interesting!

Here's another interesting point. I discussed this case with the Inspector General and asked him whether the Administration's handling of the case couldn't be considered an "abuse of power." His response was, "show me a law, rule or regulation that has been broken." One would think that some law would proscribe public officials from misrepresenting the facts (some would say lying) when writing or speaking in hearings in pursuit of their objectives. But no. We have a County Ethics Law, but the focus of the law is solely financial: to discourage government officials and even volunteers serving on boards and commissions from getting involved in shady financial dealings, taking bribes, negotiating contracts in which the person has a conflict of interest, etc. Nothing in the law requires

our government employees to be honest and above board in carrying out their work. So, public employees can misrepresent facts and even misrepresent the positions of other agencies with impunity. Am I the only person who finds this situation unethical and morally reprehensible?

In Mr. Leggett's address at the Budget Forum he stated that "You can't afford to make mistakes in a time of budget constraints." But Mr. Leggett's mistake in refusing to return the Brickyard Road School site to the Board of Education for almost two years has been very costly in two ways. First, the Board of Education and MCPS has already spent well over \$200,000 to defend their badly bungled actions. This is money that should better have been spent for our schools and school children. Second, this one issue stands as a glaring example of how not to run a responsible and accountable government. Isn't it time for Mr. Leggett do what so many other politicians have done when caught in an embarrassing situation? Fess up with the public *mea culpa*, apologize to the people, and move to clean up the mess.

MCCF Needs You!

By Peggy Dennis, Editor

I know we are all busy people, but nothing gets done without volunteers stepping up to do the work. And this is not hard work! We welcome new blood, interested beginners and old hands alike.

We need volunteers including a chairman to serve on our Nominating Committee. This involves no travel, no meetings, and most discussion will be done by email and phone. There are a small number of elective positions to be filled, so some familiarity with our delegates is helpful!

We also need folks to serve on our 2013 Awards Committee. Our Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, May 3, is just around the corner. The work of this committee -- accepting nominations for award recipients, evaluating those nominations and making final recommendations on the awardees -- should be of short duration and may also be done largely by phone. The committee will be confirmed at the March Executive Committee meeting. Please also start thinking now about individuals and/or groups you would like to nominate. Here are the descriptions of the awards and the rationale for each award:

The Wayne Goldstein Award: awarded to an individual or group for outstanding service to the people of Montgomery County.

The Sentinel Award - sponsored by the Montgomery Sentinel newspaper and awarded to an individual or group for a significant contribution to good government at the local level.

The Star Cup - sponsored by the Federation and to be awarded to a Delegate or Committee of the Federation for outstanding public service on behalf of Montgomery County.

Please contact President Carole Ann Barth 301-593-7863 or by email: cbarth@mindspring.com if you are willing to serve on either or both committees. We cannot do it without your help!

Education Committee Report

By Paula Bienenfeld, Education Committee Chair

Fiscal Year 2014 MCPS Budget

The Board of Education has rolled out its Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 budget. The proposed budget is over 2 billion dollars or **\$2,217,247,656** to be exact. This is an increase of \$48,950,123, or 2.3 percent over the FY13 budget. The additional request works out to \$21,282 per additional student and puts the county approximately \$10 Million over the amount required by the state's Maintenance of Effort (MOE) law. If this budget is enacted, taxpayers will be required to meet the additional minimum amount with each future budget

BUDGETPALOOZA!

The Civic Federation is teaming up with the Parents' Coalition of Montgomery County, MD and the Montgomery County Taxpayers League for a "Book Club Budgetpalooza."

DATE: Wednesday, February 6th

TIME: 7-9 PM

PLACE: Rockville Memorial Library, First Floor Auditorium, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. The library is a few blocks from the Redline Rockville Metro Stop, and there is also a parking garage across the street.

Please join us for an open discussion as we go chapter by chapter through the proposed MCPS FY14 Budget. The MCPS budget requires more than half of the county's budget, so even if you do not have children in the public school system, the budget will have a significant impact on you and your family. There are 12 chapters and one set of appendices. To review the MCPS budget, go to:

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/budget/fy2014/>.

Whether you come to the Budgetpalooza or not, please read the budget carefully and send your comments to the Board of Education, the County Council and the County Executive. Comments should be sent to the Board of Education at BOE@mcpsmd.org, to the County Council at county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov, and to Chief Executive Ike Leggett at ocemail@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Here is the Updated Board of Education Operating Budget Timeline:

BOE Operating Budget Action/Adoption	February 12, 2013
BOE FY 2014 Operating Budget Request presented to County Executive and County Council	March 1, 2013
County Executive issues Operating Budget	March 15, 2013
County Council holds Operating Budget Hearings and Worksessions	April – May 2013
Council approves Operating Budget	May 16, 2013
Final Board of Education Action to approve FY 2014 Operating Budget	June 13, 2013

Real Food for Kids - Montgomery

"Real Food for Kids – Montgomery" is a grass-roots parent advocacy group working to promote whole, delicious, fresh foods in the Montgomery County Public Schools.

They are holding a contest to design a logo for their group with a prize of \$50 and are inviting students in the Montgomery County Schools to enter. The deadline is February 8th. Logo guidelines and entry rules are at <http://parentscoalitionmc.blogspot.com/2013/01/logo-contest-for-real-food-for-kids.html> .

Please direct any questions to realfoodMCPS@gmail.com. You can also visit them on Facebook at 'Real Food for Kids – Montgomery.'

MCPS Updating its Strategic Plan

MCPS is beginning to update its strategic plan, *Our Call to Action: Pursuit of Excellence*. The update will mean a change in 'core competencies,' including new competencies and measures. Current core competencies are divided into three areas: 'Academic Competencies,' such as literacy, and mathematics; '21st-Century Competencies,' such as critical thinking, and initiative and entrepreneurship; and 'Social Emotional Learning Competencies,' such as self-awareness, social awareness, and relationship skills.' The current strategic plan is available at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedfiles/about/strategicplan/OurCalltoAction.pdf>.

Resolution to Oppose Artificial Turf Playing Fields

The Civic Federation voted to support the following resolution at its January meeting:

The Montgomery County Civic Federation opposes artificial turf playing fields because of the known and still-to-be-discovered negative environmental and human health impacts.

This is significant because the Board of Education plans to convert a natural turf playing field at each of our high schools to Artificial Turf.

Schedule of the 2013 Zoning Code Revision

by Jim Humphrey, Planning and Land Use Chair

The Planning Board continues to work on the Zoning Revision Project, which is modernizing and updating the county's zoning code. After several public sessions, held throughout the fall and winter, the Board is nearing the end of its review of the staff draft.

In December 2012, staff released a Preliminary Planning Board Draft of the new zoning code, however the Board's draft of Section 59-1 (Purpose, Applicability, Use of the Code, and Definitions) has not yet been included. The draft can be viewed online at <http://montgomeryplanning.org/development/zoning/documents.shtm> (NOTE: Overlay Zones are included in "59-4. Euclidian zoning")

The Board will hold a final worksession in February to consider definitions, parking and other outstanding issues. Then, the Board will undertake an implementation review, where they will evaluate and make recommendations on potential zone changes, primarily in non-residential areas. Zone implementation review will occur weekly at the Board,

with a goal of transmitting both the draft revision and the implementation recommendations to the County Council in May.

The Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will receive an update on the status of the Project on March 22. The Council is tentatively scheduled to hold its public hearing on the Planning Board's Zoning Code Revision Draft the week of June 10. PHED worksessions on the revised Code are planned to take place weekly on Fridays, beginning on June 21 and continuing through the end of July. If needed, sessions may be added on other days of the week. Full Council worksessions and final vote are scheduled to take place after the August break.

Submit a Federation Corner column

Want to let others know about a problem affecting your community, or comment on an issue impacting the entire county? The *Montgomery Sentinel* publishes a weekly column entitled the "Federation Corner", providing us with a platform to educate the public about MCCF and the issues of concern to our members. As the disclaimer on each week's column states, "The views expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect formal position adopted by the Federation." To submit an 800 to 1000 word column for consideration, send as an email attachment to Jim Humphrey, column coordinator, at theelms518@earthlink.net

Monthly Meeting Dates for Winter/Spring 2013

- February 11
- March 11
- April 8
- May 13
- June 10

Minutes of the January 14 Meeting

By Sue Schumacher, Secretary

Call to Order: First Vice President Paula Bienenfeld called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm. Introductions followed.

Announcements: It was announced that Layhill Road redevelopment after 7 years is in the circuit court. Paula Bienenfeld announced that the Civic Federation is a co-sponsor along with the Tax Payers League and the Parents Coalition of a "Book Club" event at the Rockville Library February 6. The event will be a reading and commenting on each chapter of the School Board budget.

Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Minutes: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 3 meeting as they appeared in the Newsletter. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Schrader reported that there is a new member and to date there are 51 groups and 20 individual associates that have paid their dues. He indicated that the Civic Fed is behind where it was last year at this time.

Community Hero: Dr. David Reile and Dr. Barbara Suddarth were honored for their commitment to ensuring that new development approved for the Olney area adheres to the spirit and intent of the 2005 Master Plan. David Reile was present to accept the award. He explained how a circuit judge ruled in their favor that this proposed Mega-church which was going to be on a rural road, with no legal access to public sewers and that the use did not adhere to the master plan for Olney. It was a four and one-half year court fight. David Reile also indicated that State Senator Jamie Raskin is sponsoring legislation that will say that any county which violates its own laws will have to pay legal fees for those citizens suing the county and winning the suit.

Program: Dan Wilhelm, Chair of the Legislation Committee, introduced County Council Member Nancy Floreen, Chair of the Council Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee and Steve Silverman, Director of the Department of Economic Development. Councilmember Floreen discussed how the most important thing that the County Council does is the budget. She added that things are not good in the county. Income taxes are down by 5 percent and property taxes are up very slightly. She added that residential property taxes bear the brunt of taxes. The council is worried about jobs in Montgomery County and another problem is that the county is aging. Approximately 12 percent of the county's population is 65+. Steve Silverman explained that his job is keeping those businesses already in the county to stay in the county and to get new businesses, especially with high paying jobs to locate in the county. He stressed that there are currently 4 million square feet of commercial space vacant in the county. There was a spirited Q and A.

Resolutions: Ginny Barnes, Environmental Chair introduced the Resolution on Forest and Tree Protection that appears on page 3 of the January newsletter. It was moved and seconded. The vote was 17 in support, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

The Artificial Turf Playing Fields resolution that appears on pages 3 and 4 of the January newsletter was next introduced. It was moved and seconded. The vote was 17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Dan Wilhelm introduced the bills that the state legislature is considering for Montgomery County and three that are both for Montgomery County and Prince Georges County. The Executive Committee had taken a position on each of these proposed bills and those positions are on page 5 of the January newsletter.

MC 7-13: to increase the Montgomery County Board of Education from 7 members to 9. MCCF ExComm opposes this. The vote was 15 to support ExComm's position, 1 not to support ExComm's position, and 1 abstention.

MC7-13 (part 2): to elect district members to the school board from their district rather than countywide. The Executive Committee of the Civic Fed supports this. The vote was 15 to support ExComm's position, 1 in opposition to ExComm's position, and no abstentions.

MC8-13: to increase the pay of Board of Education Members from \$18,500 to \$25,000 per year. The Executive Committee of the Civic Fed opposes this. The vote was 15 to support ExComm's position, 0 opposed to ExComm's position and 1 abstention.

MC/PG 103-13: to repeal the current requirement that not more than 3 member of MNCPPC from Montgomery County be members of the same political party. The Executive Committee opposes this. The vote was 17 in support of ExComm's position, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

MC/PG 103-13: authorizes the County Councils of both Montgomery and Prince Georges to grant exemptions to the WSSC System Development charge for 501(C)(3) organizations. The Executive Committee opposes this and believes all must pay their fair share with no exceptions. The vote was 16 in support of ExComm's position, 0 opposed to ExComm's position and 0 abstentions.

MC/PG 104-13: to establish the Water Conservation and Bill Financing Program which would lend money to both residences and commercial buildings to do water conservation and pay it back over time. The ExComm did not take a position on this. The vote to support this legislation was 4 yes, 3 no, 5 abstentions. The motion to support this was defeated.

Committee Reports:

Public Finance: Chuck Lapinski reported that the program for the March Civic Fed meeting will be on the Montgomery County budget. He indicated that the Wind Power project will have a special charge on all electric bills and that it will cost \$4 billion to get the electricity to the power grid.

Education: Paula Bienenfeld reminded everyone of the upcoming "Book Club Budgetpalooza".

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

Minutes of the January 22 Executive Committee Meeting

By Acting Recording Secretary, Sandy Vogelgesang

The Executive Committee met at the home of Sandy Vogelgesang in Bethesda.

Call to Order. President Carole Ann Barth called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM. Present: Carole Ann Barth, Paula Bienenfeld, Peggy Dennis, Dan Wilhelm, William Schrader, Jim Zepp, Jesse Cantrill, and Sandy Vogelgesang.

Adoption of Meeting Agenda. Carole called for and received unanimous approval of the proposed ExComm agenda.

Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2012 ExComm Meeting. Carole called for and received unanimous approval of the minutes as published in the January 2013 *Newsletter*.

Treasurer's Report. Bill Schrader made an oral report on the Federation's finances. The bank account balance is \$14,220.33. Membership dues reflect 48 local associations, two umbrella associations, one regional/County association, two associate groups, and nine individual associates.

Programs

February: Ginny Barnes, Environmental Chair, will be asked to arrange the program on County tree legislation. If this is not possible, Peggy Dennis will work with Carole on an alternative program, possibly on invasive plants and weed warriors or on urban parks.

March: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. Chuck Lapinski, Public Finance Chair, to organize the meeting.

April: Transit Master Plan. Dan Wilhelm, Transportation Chair, to organize the meeting.

Community Hero. ExComm unanimously approved the nomination of Naomi Spinrad, Marilyn Piety and Jean Cavanaugh for their work on the accessory apartment issue.

Issues for Discussion

Legislation: Dan Wilhelm provided summaries of House and Senate bills of interest. ExComm took positions on several bills: support for HB 160 (bicycles, play vehicles, and unicycles – riding on sidewalks) and opposition to HB 165 (required placement of resource officers in all elementary and secondary schools). ExComm agreed that Dan will send the list of bills needing more research before MCCF can take a position. He will email the list to ExComm for reference in conference call the week of January 28. Further on legislation, Peggy Dennis reported on the status of bills in Annapolis dealing with the use of Program Open Space funds for land acquisition (not construction of artificial turf playing fields or buildings); warnings about health and safety hazards of artificial turf; moratorium on fracking in western Maryland until studies have been completed on safety for the aquifer and agriculture; and allowance by public utilities for biking/hiking trails in rights of way. Dan reported on the status of legislation dealing with the Transportation Trust Fund. Paula Bienenfeld noted that MarylandReporter.com is a news site for government and politics in the state.

Website: Peggy Dennis led discussion of possible next steps on the MCCF website. It was decided that Peggy, Carole and Paula will explore what additions to the website might help expand outreach for MCCF.

Committee Reports

Education: Paula Bienenfeld, chair, reported on:

Project Checkbook Online – designed to enhance transparency in MCPS budget

Real Food for Real Kids Montgomery – a grass-roots parents' advocacy group recommending more nutritious food in Montgomery County schools

MCPS "Budgetpalooza," Montgomery County Parents Coalition Book Club. The Montgomery County Taxpayers League and MCCF are co-sponsors of this open discussion of the proposed MCPS \$2.2billion FY 2014 budget. Speakers will summarize each chapter in the budget. February 6, 7:00-9:00 PM, Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville.

Parks and Recreation: Carole Ann Barth, chair, reported on the naming policy for parks. She shared

with ExComm a copy of the letter sent to Kate Stookey, chief, Public Affairs and Community Partnerships Division, Montgomery Parks, stating MCCF concerns with the Proposed Corporate Park Naming and Sponsorship Policy. The next expected step is for the Parks Board to approve the policy in early February.

Transportation: Dan Wilhelm, chair, reported on the recent County Council hearing on the supplemental request for the rapid transit system (RTS). The Council agreed to half of the funding requested and two studies. Dan will chair a steering group committee on the study dealing with integrating RTS with existing transit including RideOn and Metrobus. The staff draft of the Transit Master Plan will go to the Planning Board in March and the White Oak Gateway Master Plan staff draft, which has a major RTS component, will also go to the Planning Board in March or April.

Public Safety: Jim Zepp, chair, reported on the move of County police headquarters. He noted the political complexity of the gun control issue, with particular regard to how it plays out in County schools. Paula Bienenfeld reported that she had checked with the County Council on County gun control policy and that she had been referred to the pending proposal from Maryland Governor O'Malley. Jesse Cantrill suggested that MCCF advocate confiscation of assault weapons in Montgomery County. ExComm agreed that he should prepare a resolution to that effect and an article for the next *Newsletter*.

Date and Venue for next ExComm meeting: February 20 at the home of William Schrader. In the absence of Carole Ann Barth, First Vice President Paula Bienenfeld will preside.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Federation Meeting

Session 844

Monday, February 11, 2013
7:45 1st Floor Auditorium
County Council Office Building.
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD

Agenda:

7:45 Call to Order & Introductions
7:50 Approval of Agenda
7:51 Announcements
7:53 Approval of Minutes of January 14 meeting
7:54 Treasurer's Report
7:55 Community Heroes: Citizens Coalition on
ZTA 11-12 Accessory Apartments: Cavanaugh, Piety,
Spinrad & Mentzer
8:05 Program: County's Stormwater Management
9:15 Proposed Resolution on Assault Weapons
9:30 Committee Reports
9:45 Adjournment

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 7:45 P.M.

AT THE HOME OF BILL SCHRADER

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