

TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS
Mayor and Town Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 11, 2017

I. Call to Order

The Mayor and Council Monthly Worksession Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm on April 11, 2017.

Present

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka

Councilmember Cooks

Councilmember Saunders

Councilmember Burley

Mayor Waiters

Absent

Councilmember Dodson – have not received a call from her.

Councilmember Downing – 7:29 pm received an email she is not feeling well and will not be attending the meeting.

II. Guests

– **Ms. Maha Tariq** – Senior Planner M-NCPPC

Community Planning Division –is here to discuss and do a feasibility study on Fairmont Heights High School for future use.

- **Ms. Valecia Wilson** – County Administration Building - 301-952-4609 -Voice

Fax 301-952-5804

15 areas zoned 55 Low density residential. In 1980 there was a fire in the library and gym at the FHHS, the school is not eligible for the National Register, because the original architecture has been changed so much. It is listed as a Historic site in 2010.

Will be meeting with community leaders at 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive , Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

– **Mr. Fred** attended with Ms. Maha Tariq. He said Fairmont Heights High School is controlled by the School Board.

Resident – stated Fairmont Heights High School is in Fairmont Park not Chapel Oaks.

The guests were here to get suggestions on what the Old Fairmont Heights High School could be used for in the future once the new school has been completed.

There is concerns about direct access to Addison Road.

There is supposed to be access to the Cheverly station on the back side of project.

Some of the suggestions for reuse of the school were:

Arts and humanities, Recreational center, would like to bring back to the community a Trade

School. Also a Mini University, Tutoring, and a community hub. There will be a meeting at Columbia Park Road at 7:00 pm on April 28th.
Will notify you of location.

III. Police Department Report - Chief Stephen Watkins
Report on file

IV. Code Enforcement Report - Mr. Pinkney
Report on file

-Mr. Bannister presenting plans for 2 houses. Requesting permits to build 2 houses at 5910 and 5912 K Street.

Mayor Waiters

Asked for consensus from the Council to approve permits for 5910 and 5912.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka - Aye

Councilmember Cooks - Abstain

Councilmember Saunders -Aye

Councilmember Burley -Aye

Mayor Waiters - Aye

Consensus was given by the Council.

4 – Ayes, 1 – Abstain

V. Funding for the Trash Truck

-Cost to repair truck would cost us \$18,000. We need consensus to move forward with identifying a funding source to purchase a truck.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka - Aye

Councilmember Cooks - Abstain

Councilmember Saunders -Aye

Councilmember Burley -Aye

Mayor Waiters – Aye

Council gave their Consensus to move forward with identifying a funding source to purchase a truck.

4 -Ayes, 1 – Abstain

VI. Property behind Ebony Inn - 4.4 acres

-DPIE is now involved.

-EPA was called concerning trash behind Ebony Inn. The County gave us 10 days to clear the trash, normally there is a 10 day turn around, we were granted an extension of 90 days to clear the property.

Mayor Waiters, asked for consensus from the Council to move forward with selection of a vendor.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka - Aye
Councilmember Cooks - Aye
Councilmember Saunders -Aye
Councilmember Burley -Aye
Mayor Waiters – Aye
All Ayes

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka – For the Record

This has been stated before, we have had several meetings and discussions in reference to this issue not only during our worksessions but also during our budget meetings. If anyone would like to see the attendance they can.

Mayor Waiters

-Cost of Clean-Up \$110,000

-We went to the county to get some assistance and not be fined. The trash is on the Town's property and it is the Town's responsibility to remove it.

-Bids received:

1 bid - \$70,000

2 bid - \$185,000

3 bid - \$95,000

4 bid - \$20,000

-We have to select a vendor and move forward.

-Overall cost to repair truck - \$18,000.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka

-Next Dept. Of Public Works Meeting is on April 26, invoicing of tonnage that we use for the Town.

Mrs. Syphax

Last meeting on May 3rd for zoning appeal board 59th and Eastern Avenue asking for support from the community.

Mayor Waiters - we have had 2 budget meetings.

Need Consensus from the Council to adjourn

All Ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mrs. Tucker