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City Opposes Renaming of Cipriano Rd.

by Elaine Skolnik

City council, disturbed at reports of a possible change in the name of Cipriano Road, went on record unanimously to advise the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission of the City of Greenbelt's opposition to such action. Councilman Edgar L. Smith stated that Cipriano Road, named after Joseph "Pop" Cipriano, is a historical landmark and paid tribute to the man who was a pioneer in early road construction in this area.

Cipriano Road is located about a mile and a half east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. It is opposite NASA, perpendicular to Glenn Dale Road.

According to MNCPPC staff member C. Wesley Choc, citizens had complained that three names (Cipriano Road, Good Luck Road and Telegraph Road) for what appeared to be two intersecting roads caused undue confusion. To help reach a solution to this problem, MNCPPC sent out a questionnaire to persons living in the nearby unincorporated areas (as did the city of New Carrollton) asking if they wished to reduce the names of the roads to two, and, if so, which name they wished to eliminate.

After the questionnaire is evaluated, Choc said a recommendation would be placed before MNCPPC. Since house numbers on Good Luck Road are slated to be revised in January 1970, it would be desirable, he said, to make any other changes at the same time. Comments would be welcomed from the citizenry.

Cipriano Road

"Pop" Cipriano, 92 years old, settled in this area in 1910. He bought 100 acres off Glenn Dale Rd. (then known as Prince Garden Road). He was the moving force in making the road passable, using his own labor, and later in getting the county to open a two-mile stretch of the road, connecting the communities of Glenn Dale and Branchville for the first time. This was in 1932. A gala party was held, attended by many high officials, who hailed this important link which cut the distance over improved roads from Branchville to Glenn Dale from 17 to 6 miles.

Good Luck Road

In existence over 100 years, Good Luck Road's route led to the small village of Good Luck (near what is now known as DuVal High School.) The road was named after a Mr. Luck, who lived in the village.

Telegraph Road

Telegraph Road followed the original telegraph lines that went from New York to Richmond, Virginia. Remnants of the road exist in Virginia and in Lanham.

Supreme Court to Review News Review Libel Suit

The U. S. Supreme Court has agreed to review the \$17,500 libel judgement against the **Greenbelt News Review** which was upheld by the Maryland Court of Appeals in May 1969. The judgement, based on a January 1968 Prince Georges Circuit Court jury verdict, was the outcome of a suit filed by local developer Charles S. Bresler.

Briefs by the contending parties are due to be filed with the Supreme Court in December. Oral arguments are scheduled for the latter part of January or early February.

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The News Review is delivered to each apartment building in Springhill Lake, but there may not be enough for each resident who wishes to receive it. Copies are also available at the Springhill Villa and at the SHL Pharmacy.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Oct. 23, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., Oct. 24, 8:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge - Co-op Hospitality Room

GHI BOARD ADOPTS NEW POLICY REVAMPING COMMITTEE SYSTEM

by Al Skolnik

Rejuvenation of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. committee system is the hoped-for result of a new policy statement adopted by the GHI board with respect to organization, staffing, and operations of committees. A seven-man committee (known as the Committee on Committees) chaired by director Nat Shinderman took some 18 minutes to hammer out the new policies, which were adopted with only a few substantive changes by the GHI board at a special meeting on Thursday, October 16.

The area that created the most discussion concerned the holding of open and closed meetings. The Committee on Committees had split over whether committee meetings are essentially closed or open affairs.

A compromise was finally worked out which received the unanimous support of the board. The compromise stressed that members are to be encouraged to attend committee meetings. Meeting notices shall indicate whether the meeting is open or executive. Each committee shall have the authority to go into executive session at any time necessary to accomplish its business.

The major argument in favor of considering committee meetings as closed was that it would create an atmosphere in which committee members would feel free to voice any opinions, popular or otherwise, without concern for being misunderstood, embarrassed, or quoted. Concern was expressed that the presence of reporter and visitors could on occasion inhibit free and open discussion. It was argued that with committee meetings essentially closed, committee chairmen would be relieved of the burden of taking positive action to exclude the public on those occasions when necessary for proper functioning of the committee. Committees, it was said, are unlike the board in that they do not determine policy but mainly gather and sift facts and views and make recommendations.

Arguments Against

Those opposed felt that a closed committee policy is in fundamental conflict with the spirit of coops and with the desire to encourage membership participation. The risk of cutting off channels of information and having the membership rely upon rumors, it was argued, is more serious than the danger of having distorted and misleading reports of committee activities circulated in the press. This kind of reporting soon reflects upon those making them, it was said.

Both sides agreed that the intent in practice is to hold open committee meetings and that the exclusion power would be used judiciously and rarely.

The new policy statement requires the concurrence of the board in the appointment and removal of committee chairmen and members by the GHI president. All members would be encouraged to participate through continuous programs of education and new members, as part of their orientation, would be sounded out on their areas of competence with the hope of recruiting them for committee work.

Committees would be asked to keep permanent files and minutes so as to assure continuity and to submit budgets covering expected expenditures. Corporation staff fa-

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Council to Seek Answers On Repurchase Agreement

by Sandra Barnes

Expressing concern over the latest turn of events relating to claim of repurchase by former owners (Charles Bresler, Theodore Lerner, and associates) of parts of 72-acre three-school complex not needed for school purposes, the city council at Monday's meeting agreed to request a meeting with the county school board.

Three weeks ago the school board disclosed that the trustee (Burton J. Reiner) for the owners said that there was a written agreement whereby the owners were entitled to purchase land that the school board would not need at the original price plus 6 percent per annum interest.

Initially the school board professed no knowledge of such an agreement in its files. Further investigation, according to city solicitor Emmett Nanna, Jr., turned up a document dated June 22, 1966, but it was not clear whether the document had been fully executed.

Nanna thought that the situation was a problem to be ironed out between the former owners and the school board. The council, however, noted that at stake in this "excess" property is the land to be used for the perimeter road, and therefore upon councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay's suggestion, council asked for a meeting.

Addition to the Youth Center

Council was presented with the architect's plans for the addition to the youth center which, city manager James Giese asserts, offers a division between cultural and social activities on one side, and athletic activities on the other.

The main wing of the addition will be attached to the existing building at the right rear corner; a smaller one-story wing will be added near the middle of the existing building with a terrace planned in the middle to connect the structures.

On the main floor of the two-story building, there is planned a large multi-purpose room capable of being divided into two smaller areas. It will have a small kitchen which will connect to the Golden

City Notes

Mayor Francis W. White was elected vice-chairman of the Prince Georges County Municipal Association a subsidiary of the Maryland Municipal League at the group's annual organizational meeting held Thursday Oct. 16, at the Bowie Municipal Bldg. Mayor Cousins of Glenarden was elected chairman of the association.

The Public Works Dept. repaired a broken storm sewer in a yard on Southway. In the original sections of the city storm sewers were placed at the shortest distance between two points, rather than along the streets, as is done in new developments. Although actually located on private property, these old storm drains are a municipal responsibility to maintain.

The major job undertaken by the Department during the week of October 13 was the widening of the driveway leading from Crescent Rd. to the new Municipal Service Bldg. Curbing had already been poured by the paving contractor, narrowing to the width of the gate which provides access to the property. The city crew paved the driveway to the curbing.

All gravel shoulders along Crescent Rd. were also graded — an annual job requiring the renting of a grader.

The substitute tractor operator at the city's sanitary landfill site had a hairbreadth escape on Oct. 6 when the vehicle tipped over at the bottom of the fill ditch. He was luckily thrown clear. The tractor itself was also undamaged, but two bulldozers were needed to right it. The regular operator was on vacation at the time of the accident.

Elsewhere employees of the Public Works Dept. finished work on the grease pit at the Municipal Service Bldg. Originally constructed with too wide a lip for some of the city's larger vehicles, the opening for the grease pit was altered with the addition of steel angle irons, which were then paved over.

Age Lounge which also will have a kitchen facility.

The smaller one-story structure will house the exercise room, shower and locker rooms.

On the ground floor two large arts and crafts rooms will accompany a very large unfinished area. Possible future uses for this area might be for photography, wood-working, or metalworking. As much storage space as money will allow is also in the plans. Each area will be constructed for more than one activity.

Preliminary estimates for the cost of the addition is \$125,000 or an average of \$15 per square foot.

The original building is envisioned as a permanent area for the youth to congregate and do their own thing.

Concern was voiced by councilman Edgar Smith on how the youth felt about the plans. It was decided to carry the subject over to the next meeting and also to grant permission for PRAB to hold a public hearing Nov. 6 in order to seek the ideas of teenagers and other citizens.

Joe O'Loughlin, of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, brought up for discussion complaints of some teen-age boys that they were being turned away from boys open gym by older men. Also they complained about general lack of facilities for their use on a daily basis.

It was pointed out that the recreation department is aware of the problem, and is planning to use the gym at Center School one night per week for adult men, thereby freeing the youth center gym for the teens. Councilman Smith advised city manager Giese to also look into the possibility of renting the armory.

A meeting was also scheduled with the managers of Springhill Lake to discuss a recreation building there and also the progress on Gentry Drive.

No Merger

In reference to the Allen report, the county report which explores the possibility of the city merging its recreation and parks program with the county's, council agreed that the city's program far exceeds the county's. Therefore, council went on record as 1) opposing the merger of its park and recreation functions with the county's, 2) opposing any action which would take away the tax exempt status of Greenbelt residents, 3) supporting more extensive design and lighting of school facilities for public recreation purposes and 4) favoring adoption of an equitable formula so that the city might receive a fair return out of the county in recreation services for the taxes paid by its citizens.

City Clerk Leaves

Nita Sacra, who will be leaving her post as City Clerk on November 27, was cited by council members for her faithful, dedicated, and outstanding service to the city for nearly six years. Noting the high esteem in which she was held and the excellence with which she performed the demanding tasks of her position, Council expressed deep regrets that she will be leaving. They extended their good wishes for her future happiness in her role as a full-time homemaker.

Other Action

Council directed City Manager James K. Giese to prepare a resolution commending Howard Carl, conductor of the Greenbelt Concert Band for many years, for his valuable contribution to the City of Greenbelt.

The establishment of an ad hoc committee to study the structure of a Board of Election Supervisors will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Robert McGee and Stephen Polaschick were reappointed to the Advisory Board and Albert Herling was reappointed to the Employee Relations Board.

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MISHKAN TORAH OFFERS LECTURE ON METSADA

Dr. Kurt Stehling - scientist and amateur archeologist - will be the featured speaker Monday, October 27, at the Mishkan Torah Synagogue (Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County) in Greenbelt. He will speak on Metsada (or Massada), a mountaintop stronghold overlooking the Dead Sea about 25 miles southeast of Jerusalem. Metsada was held by Jewish zealots against the Roman army for three years following the fall of Jerusalem in the year 70, and in the end its defenders chose suicide over surrender. The remains of the fortress, of its palaces and cisterns and of the huge siege-works built by the Romans, are among Israel's top tourist attractions.

Even though Dr. Stehling's main activity is with the Environmental Sciences Administration (formerly the Weather Bureau) and with the Marine Sciences Council, he took time off in 1964 to participate (together with volunteers from all over the world) in the archeological restoration of Metsada. His talk will be illustrated with slides. The lecture begins at 8:30 p.m.; entrance is free and the public is invited.

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ilities would be made available to committees. Committee reports to the board are to be in writing and committee activities are to be summarized in an annual report.

The policy statement also includes a list of goals and responsibilities. Committees would be encouraged to take the initiative in their assigned areas, to seek the advice of experts and to seek opinions of the membership when appropriate with board concurrence, when polls, open meetings, or similar methods are contemplated.

In addition to Shinderman, the Committee on Committees includes Dave Lange, Alex Chavrid, William Johnston, Julie Churchill, Gordon Allen, Tom White, and Lee Shields (part-time).

Springhill Lake Players

In early August, eighteen interested thespians turned out for the first meeting of what was to become the Springhill Lake Players. The group has now grown to over thirty energetic and enthusiastic members. Shortly after its inception the Players elected their first slate of officers: Betty Nicholson, President; Don Armstrong, Vice President; Carol McNally, Secretary; Paul Criss, Treasurer; and Ginny Krumrein and John Schneider are serving as members-at-large.

Our first presentation will be "Goodbye Charlie", a two act comedy written by George Axelrod, on November 13, 14, and 15 in the Springhill Lake Elementary School. Directed by George Pelham, "Goodbye Charlie" concerns a recently deceased playboy, Charlie Sorel (who is reincarnated in the form of a Gal, played by Janice Flanagan) and his best friend who is played by Bob Davis.

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Officer Malkie spoke before two nursery school classes from the Jewish Community Center. Elementary school children have been touring the police department during the week of October 20.

Officer Malkie spoke to the North End PTA on safety for children; the police station was visited by more than 100 youngsters from the local schools; and Chief Lane is back from Miami, where he attended the convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

MISHKAN TORAH OCTOBER MEETING

The second meeting of the season for the Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah will take place on Tuesday, October 28, at the JCC building, Ridge and Westway, at 8:15 p.m.

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Kenneth Powell

Long-time resident, Kenneth Powell, 49-F Ridge, died on Friday, Oct. 17, after a short illness. Mr. Powell is survived by his wife, Ruth, and a daughter and two sons. His daughter, Mary Clare, is on a two-year mission in Taipai as an English teacher. His son, Kenneth, studying for the ministry, has been working in Little Rock, Ark. His younger son, Scott, is at home. Mr. Powell worked many years in the Agriculture Dept. in Wash.

A memorial service was held Tuesday evening at the Greenbelt Community Church, and burial was Wednesday morning at the Baltimore National Cemetery.

Redskin-Steelers Bus Trip

Greenbelters interested in a bus trip to the Redskin-Steelers football game in Pittsburgh on Sunday, Oct. 26, are asked to call 474-0090 or 474-5156 for tickets and other details. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. from directly behind the Post Office.

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Sing-A-Long Saturday

Tickets are still available for the Sing-A-Long to be held at the Springhill Lake Community House this Saturday, October 25 from 9 p.m. to 12. Call 474-4555 for reservations.

MNCPPC Staff Report Urges Against R-18

The Technical Staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (Prince Georges component) released a report on October 3 recommending denial of R-18 apartment zoning (20 units per acre) for the 19-acre Lakeside North Apartments tract. Applicant David H. Hillman, contract purchaser (owners: Sigmund and Mona Goldblatt), requested the zoning so that he could construct additional townhouses on a 4-acre tract of land that was left vacant by the original construction of 276 Lakeside North apartments in a cluster on one part of the property.

The city council of Greenbelt also recommended denial at its meeting of December 2, 1968. The Prince Georges County Planning Board will consider the item at its November 5 meeting.

One of the major reasons given by the Technical Staff for recommending denial is that the request is in conflict with the proposals of the College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan, which was adopted on March 12, 1969, by MNCPPC. The Master Plan shows no change in the present zoning of R-30 (14 apartment units per acre).

Another reason given by the Technical Staff is that the R-18 zoning would permit an increase in density that would ultimately result in overcrowding existing and proposed school facilities. The Board of Education submitted figures that showed that the requested zoning would produce 33 additional elementary school students and 25 additional junior and senior high school students.

A third reason given was that until the perimeter road is completed, any additional development in this vicinity would aggravate an already unhealthy peak hour traffic situation at the intersection of Crescent Road and Kenilworth Avenue. The Report noted that Ridge Road offers the only all-weather vehicular ingress and egress to the existing apartment development.

History

This parcel, located on the east side of Kenilworth Ave. and the west side of Ridge Road, has had a long zoning history. In 1962 the owners - Garvin and Martin - offered a covenant to build townhouses at a density not to exceed 12 units an acre. The covenant contained a clause that it would be inoperative if the expected newly-created zoning category of R-30 was substituted. The owners subsequently amended their zoning petition to ask for R-30, and the zoning was granted by the county commissioners in February 1963.

The subject parcel was then developed in such a way that the green space, park, and recreation area was largely located in the northwest corner of the Lakeside North apartment tract. The Technical Staff said that approval of the R-18 zone would decrease the required green area (55% for R-18 zone as against 70% for R-30 zone) and consequently would permit the construction of additional dwelling units in what is now designated green space. "This," the report concluded, "would reduce the effective recreation area for the residents of the existing R-30 development."

D.A.V. Hold Reception

The D.A.V. entertained their representatives in the Little League, the D.A.V. Tigers, with a dinner and reception last week at the American League.

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 Mr. and Mrs. Simon Pristoop, 110 Northway, are proud grandparents for the first time. Daughter Mary Jo and her husband, Robert Jones, 7226 Hanover Pkwy., are the parents of a daughter who arrived a day prior to her mother's birthday. Sandra Lynn made her debut October 7, weighing 6 lbs., 13 oz.

Former Greenbelters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lagana, of Lanham, announce the arrival of Robert John on September 16. He joins brothers, Mark and Tommy, and sisters, Patti and Diane. His grandmothers Mrs. Mary Lagana and Mrs. Dorothy Reamy, reside in Greenbelt.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark, 145 Westway. Erika Jean was born Sept. 17, weighing 7 lb. 12 oz.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gough, 115 White Birch. James Joseph was born October 8, weighing 6 lbs. He joins two sisters, Maureen and Sally, and a brother, Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Douglas, 8 Fayette Place, are the proud parents of a son, James Marshall, born Sept. 14, weighing 6 lbs., 2 oz. He joins two sisters, Nancy and Kathy, and a brother Jeffery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sulecki, 9-S Research, added a daughter to their family. Sharon Lee arrived Aug. 8 and weighed 8 lb., 13 oz. She joins a brother, Steve.

The Springhill Lake "Citizen of the Month" is Barbara Griffin. Her community efforts include conducting the CHILDREN'S HOUR, summer pinch hitting at the Community House and building the SHL entry in the Labor Day Parade.

Greenbelters were saddened by the death of Kenneth Powell, 49-F Ridge. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ruth Powell and family.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Merle M. Goode, 23-P Ridge, who lost her son, Henley M. Goode, Jr.

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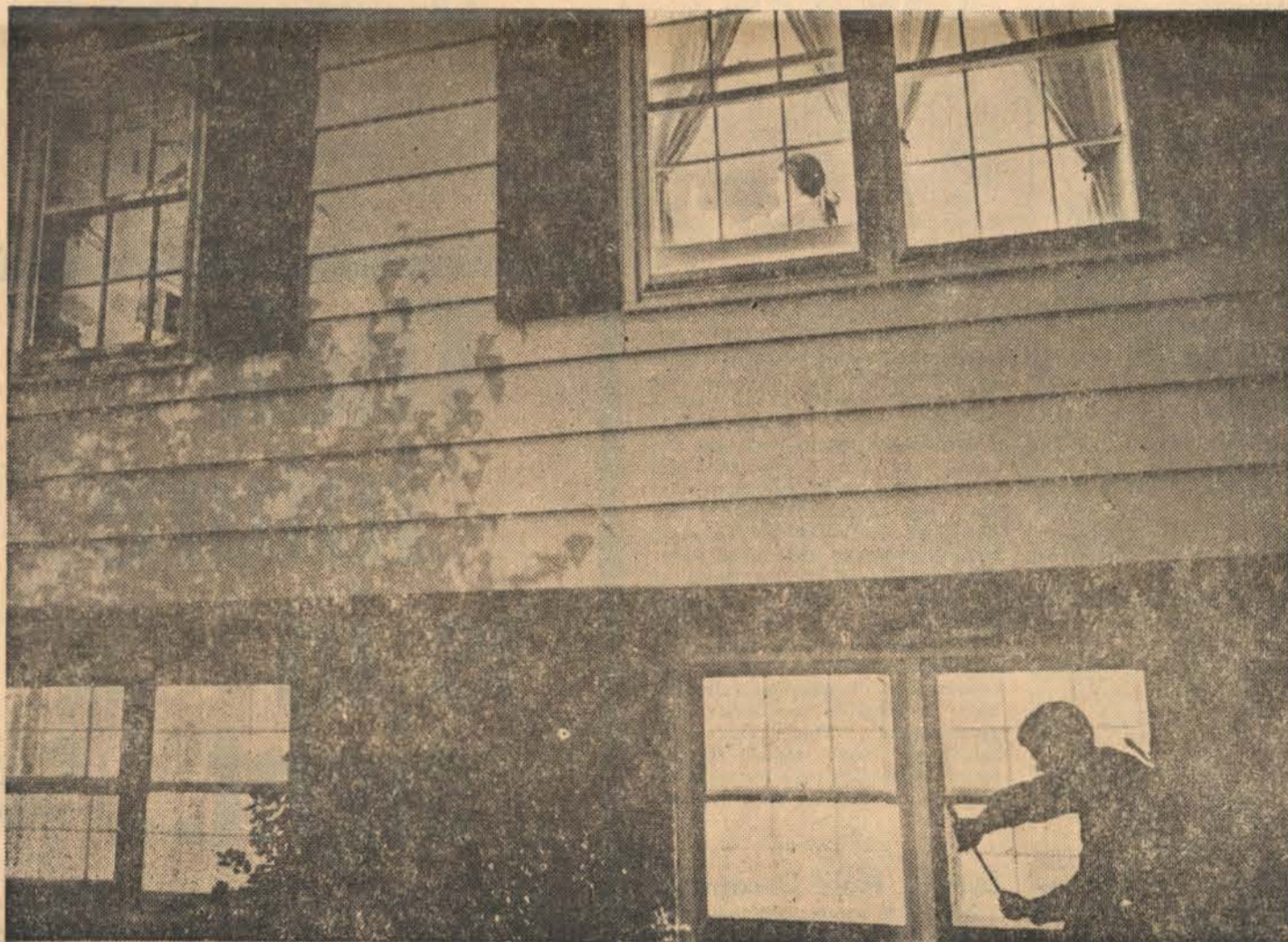
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