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Special Exceptions for Greenbriar Approved by City, County Councils City Signs Agreement

by Al Skolnik

The city council on Monday night, August 9, agreed unanimously to recommend to the county council, meeting the following day, approval of a parking waiver and special exception for the Greenbriar apartment project, to be located on 82+ acres on the Smith-Ewing North tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The special exception was sought by the developer, Greenbriar Associates (Alan L. Jerome D., and Stanley Kay) in order to construct 2- and 3-bedroom apartments in excess of the number permitted by the county zoning ordinance.

The council attached conditions to its approval, but the real clincher in the council's mind was the offer by the developer to reimburse the city for the cost of purchasing 5 acres of land for use as recreational and open space land.

The city council had originally turned down the special exceptions because, among other things, there was not sufficient open space for future development as baseball and football fields. The offer of 5 acres, plus the money that will be paid by the developer in lieu of the mandatory dedication, is expected to yield about the same acreage as if the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission had required a land donation as specified by the county "mandatory dedication of open-space land" ordinance.

City Conditions

The conditions laid down by the city included:

(1) the developer would apply occupancy limitations through lease agreements with his tenants and would apply a schedule of minimum rental amounts, as well as abide by the conditions proposed in his original justification submitted with his applications;

(2) the developer would file with the county zoning authorities twice yearly reports giving the total occupancy per unit and the total occupancy of the project;

(3) current arrangements for financing the project through Manhattan Savings Bank would remain in existence; and

(4) approval would be granted of a site plan that provides for satisfactory recreational areas and facilities, and meets all other requirements which must be met on a subdivision plan.

These conditions were similar to the conditions recommended by the Prince Georges County Planning Board on July 7, except that the council did not place a limit on the total population. The County Planning Board had recommended a 3,400 limit, but the developer said that he couldn't live with such a stringent requirement.

The county council, sitting as the District Council, has the final say on the special exceptions and the conditions attached thereto.

Much of Monday's meeting was devoted to a discussion of the terms of the agreement signed between Greenbriar Associates and the city.

Provisions of Agreement

The agreement provides that the developer will reimburse the city for the purchase price paid by the city to acquire 5 acres of land in the neighborhood of the Greenbriar tract, to be developed and maintained by the city as recreation and/or park area. The price will be exclusive of any Federal or State "open-space" grant money the city might receive. The city will also be reimbursed for the incidental costs (appraisal fees, recording fees, etc.) that accompany the land purchase.

To secure the payment of the moneys promised by the developer, the city was provided with an irrevocable letter of credit from United Virginia Bank for \$95,000. The letter of credit is good for a year, subject to renewal.

The agreement will not go into effect until the developer obtains building permits authorizing construction of the Greenbriar project as a luxury-type project pursuant to the special exceptions and pursuant to plans set forth in the brochure entitled "Greenbriar."

Questions Raised

One aspect of the agreement that raised questions concerned a statement that the project contemplates a "permissible population up to the following: one bedroom type - two adults; two bedroom type - two adults, two children; and three bedroom type - two adults, three children." When applied to the distribution of bedroom units contemplated.

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Weidenfeld, Collins To Run for Council

Gil Weidenfeld, 6208 Breezewood Drive, and Charles R. Collins, 19 Empire Place, announced last week their candidacy for city council. The only other announced candidate so far is Charles Schwan.

Additional individuals, including incumbents, desiring to become candidates in the September 21 election for the five-man council must file petitions containing at least 50 and not more than 60 signatures of qualified registered voters at the city clerk's office (together with a \$3 filing fee). The deadline for filing is August 23.

A registered voter may sign only one petition, and the signature is counted on the first petition filed, should a person sign more than one petition. Petition forms may be obtained from the city clerk's office.

According to city clerk Gudrun Mills, there was a total of 3,178 registered voters as of July 23, 1971. Center school precinct had 1,021; North End school precinct 1,049; and Springhill Lake precinct 1,108.

Weidenfeld

Weidenfeld, both a graduate engineer and an attorney, is at present a member of the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Springhill Lake Civic Association and is co-chairman of the Civic Association's committee for voter registration.

A native of New York, Weidenfeld attended elementary and high schools in New Jersey. He graduated from Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He did graduate work at Newark College of Engineering in management engineering, and at Fairleigh Dickinson University and the University of Alabama in electrical engineering. In 1969, Weidenfeld earned a law degree.

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In an 8-2 vote, the county council, sitting as the District Council, approved on Tuesday, August 10, the special exceptions and parking waiver requested by the developers of the Greenbriar apartment project for construction of bedrooms in excess of the county ordinance. The two negative votes were cast by Ronald Reeder and Lucille Potts. Francis Francois was not present.

The county council attached conditions to the special exception which were substantially the same as recommended by the Greenbelt city council (see accompanying article). The particulars were not spelled out as the matter was referred to the Office of Law for favorable findings of fact and for incorporation of the proper language to insure enforcement.

In making the motion, council member Royal Hart said that what they had to consider was the alternative of a luxury-type apartment on the Smith-Ewing tract or a "run-of-the-mill garden type project". He personally felt that the original granting of R-30 zoning years ago was an error, but "the council cannot do anything about this." He said that the objections he had heard against the luxury-type apartment could also be made against the conventional R-30 apartment project. He cited the amenities which will encourage family-type activities as favoring the luxury-type apartment.

Hart and Gladys Spellman made much of the fact that the bedroom ordinance was not designed for application to luxury-type apartments. Mrs. Spellman explained that the intent of the ordinance had been to control Federally-subsidized housing with its greater 2- and 3-bedroom density.

Council member Francis White saw the Greenbriar project as in the better interest of the city and county because it would attract higher-income groups, increase the assessment base, and improve the image of the county.

Council member John Burcham said a leading factor to be considered is the reputation of the developer and in this instance, "this developer does well, although I was not particularly happy with his approach. The burden is upon the developer to live up to his promises."

In opposing the special exception, Mrs. Potts and Reeder expressed concern about how the occupancy limitations could be enforced: "I can't imagine you telling people they can't keep occupying an apartment." Mrs. Potts said.

Council member Sam Bogley was also concerned about the enforcement of the conditions. "Would they carry over and go with the property?" he asked the county attorney. The answer by the county attorney was that the conditions would be deemed covenants running with the land.

Bogley suggested that there be mandatory on-site inspection by the county enforcement office. Chairman Winfield Kelley admitted that the county was taking a chance that the conditions would not be lived up to, but Mrs. Spellman said that it would be incumbent upon the county "to provide the kind of inspection that is necessary. We expect good faith on the part of the applicant, but it is our duty to see that these conditions are enforced."

City Council - Its Record During Last Two Years

A city council election will be held on Tuesday, September 21. For the convenience of voters, a summary of the major activities of the present council during its two-year tenure in office is presented. The following councilmen have served since the election of September 1969: Francis W. White (resigned February 1971); Edgar L. Smith (resigned July 1971); Richard Pilski; Elizabeth Maffay; Joel Katz; and Robert W. McGee (appointed March 1971).

A characteristic of the present 5-member council has been the unanimity of opinion registered on major issues. A review of the record reveals few instances where council action was taken by a split vote.

Senior High School Site

The first half of the two-year term was dominated by the senior high school controversy. The March 1966 choice by the Prince Georges Board of Education of parcel 2 (land between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property) for a 3-school complex left many unsettled problems. There were no water and sewage facilities, no paved accesses to the property, and all school traffic would have to negotiate the heavily populated residential areas of the Greenbelt core, creating hazards to young pedestrians.

Throughout the latter half of 1969, the council and the school board were at an impasse on the problems of financing and providing road accesses and of dedication of school board property for the perimeter road. The council did succeed in securing pledges of State financial support for the planning of a perimeter road which would divert school traffic from the narrow residential roads of Greenbelt but could get no similar commitment from the school board. Moreover, the imminence of school construction made clear that the perimeter road would be too late a solution. In the meantime, an aroused citizenry, led by the Save Our Community Committee and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., once again expressed their bitter opposition to the thinking that led to the choice of parcel 2 for a 3-school complex.

Thus inspired, council shifted its attention from the perimeter road to press once again for removal of the senior high school from parcel 2. In March 1970, it successfully petitioned the State General Assembly to enact a resolution calling for a moratorium on the construction of a school until alternate sites were explored. In June 1970, it persuaded the county commissioners to delete construction funds for the high school so as to allow time for a review of alternate sites. In August 1970, council's request for a public hearing on the selection of a senior high school site was granted by the school board.

At the public hearing on September 29, 1970, council presented a 32-page document presenting the pros and cons of the various proposed sites, expressed its opposition to the parcel 2 site, its preference for the parcel 15 site (land near Capital Beltway south of Greenbelt Lake), and its acceptance of the Smith-Ewing tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway as an alternative. The opposition of almost every civic group in Greenbelt to the parcel 2 site bolstered the council's case considerably.

The community's efforts were capped with success when the school board announced on October 13 its decision to remove the senior high school from parcel 2. Later, in March 1971, the school board announced the decision to purchase 40 acres of the Smith-Ewing North tract for the school.

Zoning and Planning

The second half of council's two-year term saw continuing concentration on zoning and planning proposals, plus a new interest in environment, pollution, and erosion problems.

In November 1970 the county commissioners finally adopted a College Park-Greenbelt Master Plan that was substantially in agreement with the desires and recommendations of the city council and the city's Advisory Planning Board. The city had pushed hard for the goal of preserving Greenbelt as a planned, low-density, residential community by urging single-family development of parcel 15 and of the vacant land north of Northway Rd. adjacent to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (parcel 1); and designation of parcels 7, 8 (land at entrance to Boxwood Village) and parts of parcel 1 for parkland.

In support of the Master Plan, the council turned thumbs down on a proposal for R-30 (14 apartment units per acre) zoning for parcels 1 and 2. Instead, in a modified position adopted in May 1971, it urged consideration of public acquisition of the parcels as open space and suggested that any zoning at this time may be premature because of the lack of water and sewer facilities and the uncertainties created by the removal of the senior high school. County action is still pending.

In other zoning action, council expressed great reservations about plans for special exceptions to permit the Glen Ora and Greenbriar apartment complexes to construct 2- and 3-bedroom units in excess of the number permitted by the county zoning ordinance. In connection with Greenbriar, council was particularly upset that the county "mandatory dedication of open space" ordinance had not been applied. To meet this objection, the developers (Alan Kay and associates) offered 5 acres of adjacent land or its equivalent in money for open space and recreational use. An agreement was signed and the council supported the special exception but with conditions which were intended to assure that the luxury-type project was constructed as intended by the developer.

Council disapproved of plans for rezoning the Lakeside North apartment tract from R-30 to R-18 (21 apartment units per acre) to permit construction of 125 townhouses.

Council approved a zoning change for Springhill Lake to construct a gasoline station on 0.85 acres north of the Beltway on Kenilworth Ave., but only after the developers (Edward Perkins and Harold Kramer) agreed to dedicate a buffer strip to the city and to develop the property according to site plans.

Council worked out an agreement with Beltway Plaza developer, Sidney Brown, and the Springhill Lake owners for the dedication and financing of Gentry Drive (now called Cherrywood Lane), thus providing another paved exit from Springhill Lake to Greenbelt Road.

Environment Problems

Reports of oil leakage into Greenbelt Lake stimulated widespread citizen concern over pollution problems and activation of environmental groups. In response to this citizen concern, council passed a comprehensive anti-littering ordinance and an ordinance prohibiting practically all types of outdoor burning. Another ordinance cleared for passage prohibited the dumping of pollutants into the city's storm drainage system.

Environmentalists have complained that the city moved too slowly on these problems. They also point to various spots around Greenbelt where erosion problems have developed.

The council last April gave approval to the organization of a citizens' committee that would assume responsibility for the development and coordination of community programs aimed at improving the environment. So far little has been done to implement this proposal.

Budget and Taxes

Reflecting population, wage, and price increases, council adopted annual budgets (\$1,071,350 in 1970-71 and \$1,132,600 in 1971-72) that were 8.7 percent and 5.7 percent higher, respectively, than the preceding year's.

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Warning

To the Editor:

It has come to our attention that people are traveling throughout the County selling bumper stickers asking support of the fire department. The cost of these stickers is \$1.00. We wish to state that these persons do not represent the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department in any way. Our annual Ambulance Club Fund Drive is conducted by mail and by uniformed fire department personnel during the month of October. We wish to warn the citizens of Greenbelt that we do not sanction this activity and that none of the funds collected will be used to support your fire department or rescue squad.

Herbert J. Crisman

Chief

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Thanks

To the Editor:

May I express my sincere appreciation to the many friends for their kindnesses, flowers and cards during my recent loss.

Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Serapio Senedo, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Frese, Anne H. Nelson, Clarence Kachelries and Dolly Tome.

Mrs. Alan F. Blair

Labor Day Talent Contests

Youngsters

All talented youngsters are invited to participate in the annual Labor Day Talent Contest. As in previous years - there is no age limit, no requirements - other than willingness to perform on stage before a large audience. Last year, some performers appeared on Television Channel 14. The talent contest is scheduled for Sept. 4, and 5, at 7 p.m. Each night a first and second place winner will be chosen by a panel of three judges. Every entrant will receive a certificate. Singing, dancing, pantomime, acrobatic and musical acts, (no piano) were enjoyed in previous years.

Please call: Elizabeth Maffay, Talent chairman, 474-6666 or 345-5966.

Adults

Adults who would like to display their talent for fun and entertainment should call Dorothy Baluch, 474-9409 or Dave O'Keefe, 474-6589.

P. G. COUNTY FAIR

The Prince Georges County Fair will be held at the Fairgrounds in Upper Marlboro, August 13-15. This will be primarily a 4-H and Open Class Fair.

4-H'ers will have the opportunity to exhibit their project work in seventeen project areas.

A bicycle rodeo will be held on Friday afternoon. A 4-H Horse and Pony Show will also be held on Friday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday's schedule includes 4-H demonstrations all day long.

US Army Band to Play, Last Lake Park Concert

On Sunday, Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. the First United States Army Field Band will perform the last concert for this summer at Greenbelt Lake Park Bandstand.

Conductor and commanding officer of the First US Army Band is Chief Warrant Officer Joseph W. Stevenson. First Sergeant, and Assistant Band Leader, is Sergeant Edward N. Stein.

Shoe Repair on Vacation

The Greenbelt Shoe Repair Service will be closed for vacation, August 16 thru September 2.

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plated, the population total would be 4,269.

City solicitor Emmett Nanna was asked how the agreement would be affected if the District Council should impose an occupancy limitation which would in effect lower the permissible population contained in the agreement. Nanna said that the agreement as written would still be binding and turned for corroboration to George Bruger, representing Greenbriar Associates, and Alan Kay. Both men said that Nanna was correct in his interpretation.

Another question concerned the effect on the agreement if ownership of the land should change hands or if the entity, Greenbriar Associates, should dissolve. Nanna said that the agreement was with the Kay brothers as individuals and not as a corporation and that therefore the agreement would be binding on the developers.

From the audience Charles McDonald objected to the agreement because he thought the council was too readily abandoning the zoning principles it had fought so hard for in exchange for a few acres of land.

Mayor Richard Pilski explained that the land was being acquired for recreational purposes as requested by citizens at a public hearing.

Mrs. Rhea Cohen, while not opposing the agreement as such, had reservations about the special exceptions, and especially the parking waiver. She felt that the 1.69 parking spaces per unit provided by the parking waiver would not be sufficient to meet future needs. She suggested that additional parking be provided through construction of double-story parking structures so as not to infringe upon the open-space.

Ben Goldfaden expressed the view that if parking problems do develop, the developer would find it in his own interest, in order to retain tenants, to provide additional parking facilities. City manager James Giese gave his view that the parking areas as laid out by the Greenbriar project were the best he has ever seen in the Greenbelt area. Councilman Joel Katz added that there would also be on-street parking available.

Mrs. Cohen also expressed concern that the increased density permitted by the special exceptions would have an adverse effect on traffic and schools. Here there followed some dispute over just how much of an increase in density there would be, since the tract is already zoned R-30 (14 apartment units per acre) and a conventional type apartment could presumably be constructed on the tract which would produce a higher population than a luxury-type project. Mrs. Cohen also wondered what would happen to the project in 10 or 20 years and whether the limitations imposed upon the developer would be waived in periods of adverse economic conditions.

Councilman Bob McGee said that these questions all involve imponderables of the future and that "we have no assurance that we could get anything better" if the Greenbriar project is rejected. In the end, he felt, council's decision depends upon the reputation of the developers and he has heard nothing in this respect to cause him to vote against the special exceptions.

On the question of relocating the elementary school site, the council decided to defer the matter until the next meeting in order to get further information from the school board staff and to permit council member Elizabeth Maffay, who was absent from the Monday meeting, to be present.

County Council Hearing On 10-Year Sewage Plan

The county council will hold a public hearing next week on the county's Ten-Year Water and Sewage Plan for 1972-81, which was submitted by county executive William W. Gullett on July 23 with nearly 100 changes and recommendations.

Three of the recommended changes apply to Greenbelt:

(1) Parcels 1 and 2 (land between Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and Baltimore-Washington Parkway) be placed in System Area 5 (no water or sewage facilities approved or proposed for next 10 years).

(2) Smith-Ewing tract (east of Baltimore-Washington Parkway) be designated System Area 3 (sewer system to be given immediate priority to be provided within next two years).

(3) Approval of proposed sewer project amendments to serve the Glen Ora and Greenbriar apartment complexes, with the entire cost of these amendments to be borne by the applicant.

The latter involves changes that would transfer sewage from the Anacostia drainage basin to the Western Branch of the Bald Hill Branch (using the Patuxent River estuary). Presumably the Western Branch will have State moratorium restrictions lifted first, as there are plans to increase its capacity. The additional cost involved has been estimated at \$400,000.

The increased cost reflects the increase length of the force main and its direction into Bald Hill Branch (\$35,000); the increase in anticipated flow for the line serving the Glen Ora complex (\$55,000); the need for a second pumping station and force main to divert the Brier Ditch flow to the Bald Hill Branch Trunk sewer for transport to the Western Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant (\$201,700); and revision of the already programmed Bald Hill Branch relief sewer by adding Branch "T" to accommodate the anticipated increase in flows from the Greenbriar and Glen Ora apartment developments (\$104,000).

The public hearing will be held at the Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, Wednesday, August 18, at 7:30 p.m.

After the council's review and amendments, the plan must be submitted to the State Health Department for approval.

IN GREENBELT'S LIBRARY

Miniature Theatre Presentations for children and their parents will be on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2 p.m. and Saturday, August 21 at 11 a.m.

Alan F. Blair

Memorial services for Alan F. Blair, husband of Jose B. Blair, 13 Lakeside Drive; father of Thomas A. Blair; grandfather of Anne and Paul Blair, 2-F Eastway; were held on Thursday, August 5. Interment was at Gettysburg National Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pa.

The Blairs have been residents of Greenbelt since 1956.

JR. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Junior Tennis Tournament August 13 thru August 15. Boys and girls may participate in the following classes: 18 and under, 16 and under, 14 and under, and 12 and under. The draw will be held Friday, August 13, at 5 p.m. in the Greenbelt Youth Center, with the first round following immediately. For further information call 474-6878.

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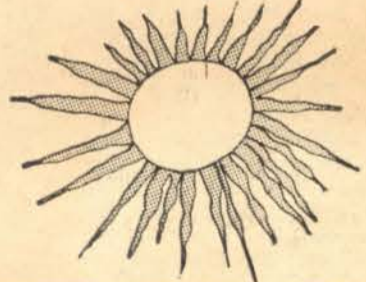
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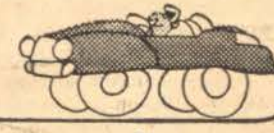
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Glass Crusher at Festival

The Labor Day Festival Committee announced today that arrangements have been completed to have a Pepsi-Cola mobile reclamation center at the Labor Day Festival.

Mounted on a Pepsi Cola truck, the reclamation center has four high speed glass crushers. Each unit has a capacity to produce 500 pounds of ground glass, the equivalent of approximately 1000 non-returnable bottles.

The crushed glass, known as "cullet" is then sold to a glass manufacturer for recycling. Proceeds will be contributed to the National Capitol Area Boy Scouts of America in support of the SO-AR program (Save Our American Resources) with which the Pepsi-Cola Company is concerned nationally.

The Festival Committee as well as the city is encouraging the people of Greenbelt to gather up non-returnable beverage bottles and bring them to the Pepsi-Cola reclamation center during the Festival.

After the festival the reclamation center will stay in Greenbelt.

Our Neighbors

Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060

Sorry to hear the Hans Jorgensen, city Parks Director, was injured recently. He is recuperating at Prince Georges General Hospital.

Happy birthday to Melissa Klebanoff, who will be fourteen on August 15. She lives at 6-N Hillside.

Birthday wishes also to Brandy and Sandy Siegel, of 16 Maplewood Court. They will be fifteen on August 16.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Jose Blair, 13 Lakeside, who lost her husband, Alan, on August 2.

Condolences to Carol Boyko, 45-Q Ridge, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Vivian Boyko of Greenbelt.

Wed., Aug. 18 at 7:30 - 2 plays by and for children at Center School.

Pet Licenses Available

The City has received the pet licenses for the 1971-1972 registration year. Licenses may be purchased at the City Offices daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$2 per animal. Those persons having pets which are currently registered with the City will receive an application through the mail. Others will be able to obtain applications at the City Offices. Please remember that you must have the number of your pet's rabies vaccination tag before it can be registered. This is a new requirement under the City Ordinance No. 709.

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Doctor of Jurisprudence, from Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

At present, Weidenfeld is a Primary Examiner for the U.S. Patent Office. He previously has been employed as a research engineer for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company and a project engineer for the Bendix Corporation. In his work with the patent office, Weidenfeld has received special achievement awards for superior performance in 1967, 1969, and 1970.

Weidenfeld is a licensed member of the Maryland Bar, a member of the Maryland Bar Association and the American Bar Association, a member of the Patent Office Association and the Patent Office Professional Society. He is also a member of Prince George's Citizens for Charter and the Springhill Lake Parent Teachers Association. His efforts as a member of the Citizens for Charter committee in Springhill Lake contributed to the passage of the charter by an 8 to 1 majority in that community.

Collins

Collins has served on the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board for the last four years and before that served on the Park Recreation Advisory Board for six years. Since moving to Greenbelt fifteen years ago he has been a Scout Master, a member of the Boys Club Board of Directors, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce (J.C.'s.) He has worked on many civic projects including the petition that brought the family plan to the city swimming pool. As a Scout leader he was both a neighborhood commissioner and scoutmaster with one of the major projects being to clean up the various wooded areas that were used as dumping grounds.

Mr. Collins has been an Educator in the Prince George's County school system for fifteen years teaching eleven of these years at Greenbelt Junior High School. He has just recently been named Principal designee of Mount Ranier Junior High School. As an Educator he was named Teacher of the Year by the Greenbelt Junior High School P.T.A., named outstanding Young Educator by the Greenbelt J.C.'s and has been involved in his professional association as a Director of the 8,000 member Prince George's County Teacher's Association, Parliamentarian of the 30,000 member Maryland State Teacher's Association and has just returned from serving as one of seven educators elected from Maryland to rewrite the Constitution and By-laws of the 1,100,000 member National Education Association. He has been involved in negotiating the contract for the teacher's of Prince George's County for the last five years, acting as negotiations chairman for the last two years.

He has an A.B. Degree from Southwestern State College, Oklahoma and a Masters Degree from the University of Maryland. His masters degree thesis being on the Power Structure of Greenbelt.

He is a member of the Greenbelt American Legion, a veteran of the Korean War having served in the United States Marine Corps and is married and the father of five children.

4-H Lucky Leaves

by Kathleen Coyne

The 4-H County Fashion Show was held recently at Prince Georges Community College. Six girls from our group participated. Kathy Kiddy, Kathleen Coyne, Janis McFarland, Julie Maffey and Sarah Brown received blue ribbons for outfits they wore. Donna Townsend received a red ribbon. This was her first fashion show. Donna joined our 4-H group this year.

Eleven of our members went to 4-H camp in Garrett County from July 12 to 17. Everyone was sad to leave camp. We had lots of fun. With the fashion show and camp behind us we are getting ready for the County Fair in Upper Marlboro on August 13-14-15. We hope many of you will get to the fair and see the things we have been working on this year.

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budget. The first-year budget required no tax increase as additional funds became available through increases in the assessable tax base and in State aid, and by the use of surplus funds. These sources, however, were not sufficient in the second-year budget to cover the entire increase, and the tax rate to be increased from 80 to 84 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. During this two-year period, a hike in waste collection and swimming pool fees also went into effect.

Capital Improvements

Continuing to carry out the mandate provided by the electorate in its November 1968 approval of a \$950,000 bond issue, council approved plans for construction of a \$191,000 Youth Center addition, completed in May 1971.

Also, as provided by the bond issue, the council purchased for parkland 11.2 acres of parcels 7 and 8 (\$248,000) and 2.94 acres of parcel 15 (\$55,000), assisted by Federal open-space matching funds. The \$105,000 widening and renovation of the Southway entrance to the city was also accomplished.

Also purchased with the assistance of Federal funds was the 3.1-acre Lutheran Church site at 22 Ridge (\$82,000), the building to be used for recreation purposes.

In a few areas, however, council progress has been slow. The Springhill Lake recreation building authorized by the bond issue has been stymied for a variety of reasons. A controversy has developed over whether an 11-acre site now used for the Springhill Lake golf course and which was offered by the SHL owners to the city at \$10,000 an acre is suitable for athletic fields and a recreation building because of its location in a flood plain. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is seeking further appraisals of the value of the flood plain land before approving open space money for the purchase of the 11 acres. Another cause of delay has been the necessity for redoing the architectural plans because of a decision to build the center in its entirety at one time rather than in two phases.

Another area where progress has been slow is in the renovation of the center mall. Plans for up-grading the city-owned property that lies between the Centerway and the statue have been in existence for years but have not been carried out because of financing problems. The city wants to assess half the cost of the renovation against the benefiting property owners in the area but needs to set the proper legal basis for a special assessment.

Other Matters

Council adopted a city charter amendment which granted the vote to 18-20 year olds, effective with the September 1971 election.

Council approved construction of a four-cell/box culvert at Indian Creek to provide access to the industrial property owned by Springhill Lake developers. The cost would be financed through a 100 percent special assessment against the developers.

Council has deferred action on providing city assistance to housing for the elderly. In the case of a suggested site near Candy Cane City, the council declined to permit city-owned land to be leased for this purpose because it had been advised that the Federal deed conveying the land contained a restriction against its use for non-municipal purposes. In the case of an alternate site suggested near the Lutheran church, the council felt that the zoning required for the site would change the character of the neighborhood and set a precedent for use of other vacant land in the area.

R. GABRIELSEN ADVISES CITY ON INDOOR POOL

by Leonie Penney

Dr. Milton A. Gabrielson, noted expert on swimming pool construction and author of the book "Swimming Pools - a Guide to their Planning, Design, and Operation" recently counseled city officials and the Indoor Pool Committee. He stated that Greenbelt obviously is ready for an indoor pool, as shown by the existence of the Committee, the geographical location and the existing interest in swimming. There was no doubt in his mind that an indoor pool-health spa complex could be self supporting provided the facilities would be open to non-residents of surrounding areas. However, it is up to the citizens, he said, to decide whether they want such an arrangement (still giving them a choice of location and preferred prices and times) or whether they would prefer to limit access to Greenbelt residents only, which might necessitate tax support.

Dr. Gabrielson illustrated with slides several aspects of pool construction, discouraging the use of glass walls (light reflection problems), encouraging poolside eating facilities (eating and swimming go together, according to him) and indoor carpeting. He also showed the possibility of combining health facilities with spectator areas (sun lamps underneath galleries). Technical problems such as underwater and indirect lighting, gutter design filter systems, building materials, extra building requirements for diving boards (higher ceiling, deeper water), and water replacement were discussed.

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