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GHI Board Gets Into Some Meaty Problems

by Bob McGee

Water, sewage, and increased taxes were substantive matters of concern at the GHI board of directors meeting, Thursday, March 24, although considerable discussion was given also to such administrative policy and procedural matters as nominations and elections and the G.H.I. Newsletter. One member momentarily tried to generate a little steam with a complaint about leaking windows and incompetent management, but this was quickly watered down when it was learned that she had not called maintenance to try to deal with the problem.

Of wider import was the potential impact of the approximately 45% hike in water and sewage charges being proposed by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

Manager Roy Breashears reported to the Board that if such an increase is approved GHI charges for the coming year will be approximately \$100,000. This would be \$6,400 more than the amount budgeted by the corporation (\$93,600).

(A board member, who didn't wish to be quoted, later related to this reporter that there had been loud opposition at budgeting time to the proposed figure as being much too high; but that it now appeared the corporation might have been faced with a serious deficit had the board not accepted the "high" estimate of the manager.)

Board member Thomas X. White said there would probably be considerable opposition expressed at the public hearing on the WSSC budget, to be held March 15, but urged that the matter be referred to his Governmental Affairs Committee. He suggested that, at its March 1 meeting, the committee could review the WSSC budget for the purpose of finding specific items that GHI might oppose at the public hearing. The board agreed.

Gordon Allen pointed out that the projected costs for GHI might have been even higher, except that the total consumption of water by GHI has progressively diminished since the inception of the water-line replacement program and urged proceeding "full speed ahead" with the latter program.

Greenbriar

The proposed Greenbriar package sewage treatment plant came in for further discussion, with the reading of a letter from Herbert M. Sachs, Director of the Maryland State Department of Water Resources. He acknowledged receiving the GHI letter of opposition to the sewage plant, and requested that the charges of error in the State Water Resources Department report on Greenbriar be specified, as well as any other areas of con-

trovery, so that "subsequent discussion with his office might be more useful."

After some discussion, it became apparent that most of the members of the board were not familiar with the report. President Nat Shinderman remanded the matter to White's Governmental Affairs Committee, suggesting that "in the light of past and current facts presented in this matter, the Committee identify those facts in error in the State Water Resources report" and critique the entire report for the board.

It was then decided that all board members should not only receive copies of that report, but also copies of the statements made by P.G. County Health Officer Dr. Perry Stearns and by Greenbelt Mayor Richard Pilski.

Tax Reassessment

Manager Breashears reported on the sequence of letters written to the county regarding the 1972 reassessment of GHI property amounting to a \$3,862,200 increase in evaluation. This correspondence would have bearing on a legal question as to whether or not GHI had been given proper notification by the county.

Over three-fourths of the notices were never received by GHI although the county office stated these were mailed on December 10, 1971, the so-called "date of finality" — the last date that notice of reassessment can legally be given under the statutes. Inasmuch as a few other notices had been mailed and received around that date, the GHI attorney intends to ask for a hearing on both the assessment and the date of finality issue. Board member Katherine Keene could not comprehend the county "expecting

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Greenbriar Dedication Fee in Jeopardy?

A legal tangle has delayed payment of \$39,846 in fees to Greenbelt under the county mandatory dedication ordinance. Last November 15, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission received this sum of money from the Greenbriar developer as a fee in lieu of dedication of 8+ acres that the developer was required to dedicate as open-space land.

On December 21, the Planning Board approved the record plat for the Greenbriar subdivision and directed its Secretary-Treasurer Thomas Bannigan to dispense the money to the city of Greenbelt. Bannigan turned the matter over to the legal department for clarification of the mandatory dedication law.

The legal department is now studying the question as to whether the law permits that the fee-in-lieu of dedication received by MNCPPC can be turned over to another government body, i.e. the city of Greenbelt. One of the hang-ups revolves around the fact that Greenbelt is not in the MNCPPC park district.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Monday, March 6, 1972
8:00 P.M.

I ORGANIZATION

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

- 4 Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 28, 1972
Minutes of Continuation of Regular Meeting of February 7, 1972 held on February 14, 1972.

- 5 Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II COMMUNICATIONS

- 6 Petitions and Requests
- 7 Administrative Reports
- 8 Committee Reports

III OLD BUSINESS

- 9 An Ordinance to Amend the City of Greenbelt's Code of Ordinances by Adding a New Article II to Chapter 17 to Provide for the Removal of Litter, Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse from all Unimproved Property and Certain Improved Property, to Provide for the Removal thereof by the City and to Authorize a Charge Against the Property for Costs Incurred by the City and to Provide for an Appeal by the Property Owner to the City Council — Second Reading

- 10 An Ordinance to Amend Section Four of Chapter 8 of the City of Greenbelt Code, Entitled Tax Credit for Certain Homeowners by Reason of Age and Income — Second Reading

- 11 An Ordinance to Make Additional Appropriations in the Capital Improvement Fund in the Amount of \$5,400 Thereby Making the Total Appropriations for this Fund Amount to \$949,400 — Second Reading

- 12 An Ordinance to Repeal and Reenact with Amendments Section 13-25 "Group Picnics" of the Greenbelt City Code to Provide that the City Manager Shall Establish in City Parks One or More Group Picnic Facilities, to Require Permits for the Use of Group Picnic Facilities, and to Authorize Permits to be Issued Only to Greenbelt Organizations, Family Groups, School Classes and Youth Groups — Second Reading

- 13 A Resolution Regarding County Council Bill No. 45, "An Amendment to the Prince George's County FY 1972-81 Ten Year Water and Sewerage Plan," to Permit the Use of a Temporary Sewage Treatment Plant to be Located Within the City Limits of Greenbelt, Maryland — Second Reading

- 14 A Resolution to Amend Section 23 of the Standing Rules of the Council of the City of Greenbelt to Provide for the Addition of Items to the Agenda by Members of Council in Time for Inclusion on the Printed Agenda — Second Reading

- 15 Equal Employment Opportunities

WATER RESOURCES EXPLAINS ROLE IN TREATMENT PLANT DECISION

by Al Skolnik

Monday night was the State Department of Water Resources' turn to be grilled on the proposed temporary sewage treatment plant for the Greenbriar and Glen Ora apartment complexes. For over two hours, representatives from the Department answered questions from city council members and the audience regarding their role as decision makers.

Bringing the matter to a head was the report issued last December by the State Department of Water Resources (SDWR) which recommended approval of the Greenbriar application for a discharge point for its sewage plant, provided certain conditions were met. On the basis of calculations made by the SDWR, the latter had concluded that the proposed discharge from the sewage treatment plant "will not result in violation of the State's water quality standards and/or the Department's regulations."

Opponents of the sewage plant have been challenging the report as based on inadequate inspection and misleading and erroneous information. The report itself, it is charged, has information which is not factual and contains errors in substance and judgment.

SDWR Testimony

At last Monday's meeting, Herbert Sachs, Director of SDWR, and Paul W. Slunt, Jr. an engineer with SDWR who was largely responsible for the December report, stressed that under the State Water Quality Act of 1965, they are responsible for looking at the proposed plant from the point of view of its effects on the quality of receiving waters and on erosion and siltation. The question of health hazards, they said, is the concern of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which has the final say on the construction and plans for the sewage plant.

"We don't issue permits for sanitary sewage disposal plants," Sachs said. "That is done by the State Health Department. All we do is provide a technical service by evaluating applications for point of discharge permits that are referred to us by the State Health Department. We advise the latter department whether the proposed discharge for the effluent would have deleterious effects on the uses of the waters of the State, as set down by State water quality standards."

Slunt further emphasized that their evaluation of the flow effects is based on data provided in the application — in this case by the Greenbriar engineers (Ben Dyer Associates, Inc.). If the treatment plant follows the specifications laid down by the engineers, Slunt said, the effluent would be of very high quality and would be within the State's water quality standards.

If, at a later date, Slunt continued, the State Health Department discovers or it is brought to SDWR attention that there have been changes in or deviations from the data furnished by the developer, "we will make another evaluation of the discharge point."

Councilwoman Rhea Cohen apparently thought that that time had already arrived, citing what she thought were several inaccuracies in the developer's application.

One inaccuracy she claimed was a statement that the plant effluent would be limited to a flow of 700,000 gallons a day. She said that the original application had listed 45 fewer housing units than would actually be serviced by the temporary plant, thus producing a flow of more than 700,030 gallons a day.

- 16 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report I-72
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- 18 Approval of Job Descriptions for Recreation Department
- 19 Zoning Variance - 108 Greenhill Road
- 20 County Legislation

IV NEW BUSINESS

- 21 A Resolution to Encourage the Use of Recycled Paper by Area Newspaper Publishers — First Reading

V MISCELLANEOUS

Developer Alan Kay interceded at this point to state that under no circumstances would the figure exceed 700,000. Slunt said that the proposed additional apartments, in any event, would not be substantial enough to affect the conclusions of the evaluation report. Similarly, he said that the question of whether the nearest residents would be five miles away from the point of discharge (as cited in the application) or half a mile away (as Mrs. Cohen said would be the case when the vacant land in parcels 1 and 2 is developed) would not affect the conclusions of the report.

Rehashed Arguments

Much of the ground covered by the testimony of the two men was a rehash of the technical arguments made at previous hearings regarding the effects of discharging effluent into a stream that is dry part of the year. Sachs said that the State water quality regulations are silent on intermittent streams and that the Greenbriar plant was evaluated using existing standards. He expected that more plants will be using intermittent streams as the area becomes urbanized.

Slunt said that "if you treat effluent well enough, you can probably put it anywhere. If the plant lives up to specifications, it will be producing effluent of a quality much better than what you now have there."

In response to Mrs. Cohen's charges that the effluent would be toxic to animal and fish life because of the chlorine hazard, Slunt explained that under the specifications being proposed for the Greenbriar plant no chloramines will be formed since ammonia is eliminated. The free chlorine that will be left, he added, will be only of momentary nature.

As for flooding downstream, — another charge by Mrs. Cohen — Slunt said that the additional flow created by the effluent on the average would be only 1.5 percent at the Riverdale station, and not 16 percent as was cited by opponents. The latter figure refers to low level time when there is no danger of flooding, Slunt said. "It would be like adding a drop of water to a bucket," he declared.

Slunt took strong exception to Mrs. Cohen's charges that the effluent would deposit heavy metals. He said that the deposit of metals would be no greater than what is now found in drinking water or "in your vitamins." In fact, he said the amount of heavy metals would be so small as to be non-measurable.

Slunt stated that the question of virus removal was not considered in his report, but that this matter was the major responsibility of the State Health Department to consider. He noted that two years of testing at Lake Tahoe's plant produced no evidence of virus.

Need Public Hearing?

A question came up whether the SDWR was required to hold a public hearing before making its evaluation of the discharge point. Sachs said that according to the Attorney General's office the requirement for a public hearing (and issuance of a permit) was not applicable to domestic sanitary sewage and storm water discharges and only applied to industrial discharges. Mrs. Cohen thought that this exception might refer to municipal or public sewage plants but not to private ones such as the Greenbriar plant. Sachs said he would get a written opinion from the State attorney's office.

Mrs. Beverly Stone wanted to know whether Federal agreements providing for stricter health or ecological standards are applicable to Maryland. Sachs stressed that the Maryland standards are the same as the Federal standards. "There are no differences at present," he said.

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WHAT GOES ON

- Fri., March 3, 8:30 a.m. City-wide Paper pick-up
- Sat., March 4, 10 a.m. - 12 Greenbelt Little League Registration
- Mon., March 6, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building
- 8 p.m. SHL PTA Special Meeting
- Tues., March 7, 7:30 p.m. Center School PTA
- Wed., March 8, 8 p.m. Public Meeting on Year 2,000 Plan, Municipal Building
- Thurs., March 9, 7:45 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
- 8 p.m. League of Women Voters, Center School
- 8 p.m. Public Hearing on Lake-Park Master Plan - Municipal Building
- Fri., March 10, 8:30 p.m. - Duplicate Bridge, Co-op Hospital-ity Room

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GHI Members Advocate Voting Machine Election

by Miriam Cornelius

A hearing on election procedures, held Feb. 22 by the Nominations and Elections Committee of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., drew about a dozen persons. The committee chairman, Mrs. Jule Churchill, introduced the other committee members present; Ed Burgoon, recorder, Barbara Likowski, timekeeper; and Cathy Foster. Several GHI members made statements urging the use of voting machines instead of paper ballots at GHI elections. In addition, the charge was made, in letters from Cathy Foster and Eunice Coxon, that the use of GHI employees as election officials is in violation of the by-laws.

Mrs. Mary Welch presented a petition with 240 signatures, which read: "We, the undersigned members of GHI, believe it is time for one (1) day voting with voting machines, conducted by the Nominations and Elections Committee." Burgoon, visibly impressed by the large number of signatures, assured Mrs. Welch that the petition would receive every consideration.

Mrs. Eunice Coxon reported that the county school board would be willing to provide machines for one day on a date to be mutually agreed on, at a cost of \$60 plus labor charges. The total, Mrs. Coxon asserted, would be less than the cost of overtime paid to GHI employees in recent elections. She testified that voting machines meet all requirements for a secret ballot, provide maximum privacy, are more nearly fool-proof than paper ballots, and eliminate long hours spent in tabulating votes.

Director Thomas X. White, after a careful study of the by-laws, favored voting machines as a way of refining voting procedures. Robert Auerbach, noting that the school board machines are cumbersome to install and have been known to break down, described a new IBM machine which is both portable and inexpensive. Director Katherine Keene raised several practical questions as to conflicting dates, location of machines, long waiting lines, and other difficulties.

Mrs. Frances Morley made the basic point that, no matter what voting procedure is used, in order to obtain competent officers the voters must have adequate and accurate information on the qualifications of the candidates. To this, GHI director Keene responded that, in future, candidates will be required to have their biographies notarized in order to ensure accuracy.

In conclusion, Mrs. Churchill summarized measures already adopted, to tighten election procedures. Members of the nominations and elections committee will personally supervise the entire election process, she said. In addition, she continued one or two members will be present at all times during the voting, will maintain security of the ballot boxes and will supervise the opening and counting of ballots. She stated also, that although changing from a 2-day to a 1-day election would require a revision of the by-laws, switching from paper ballots to voting machines could be done without changing the by-laws.

Goldstein at Mishkan Torah

Louis Goldstein, Comptroller of the State of Maryland, will address the Mishkan Torah Men's Club at its next meeting, which will be held at the Mishkan Torah Congregation Center, Ridge Road and Westway on March 12 at 10 a.m. (the second Sunday).

Tennis Exhibition, Clinic

The Greenbelt Tennis Association, in cooperation with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, has arranged to have Stan Smith, the top-ranked U. S. tennis player, conduct a Tennis Exhibition and Clinic at Parkdale Senior High School, on Monday, March 6, from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. The aim of the clinic is to develop interest in tennis among Prince George's County youth. Smith is the winner of the U.S. Open at Forest Hills and a finalist in the tennis championships at Wimbledon, England.

The clinic will be given in conjunction with the U. S. Army Tennis Team, including Turner Howard, another nationally ranked tennis player; the Army will install a regulation indoor tennis court at Parkdale. Clinic schedule is as follows: 6:30 pm - coaches clinic with Mr. Smith; 7 pm - youth clinic with Mr. Smith; 8 pm - singles and doubles exhibition between Stan Smith and Turner Howard. The clinic is free and is open to all interested people.

Marathon Results

by Larry Noel

Five Greenbelters finished the 26 mile marathon held Sunday, 21 February at the Agricultural Farm in Beltsville. Marshall Adams of Moorehead City, N.C. won the Washington's Birthday Marathon in 2 hours 30 minutes 52.6 seconds, over Max White of Princeton, N.J. and 102 other finishers, on an extremely cold and windy day. Over 100 runners could not make it to the race due to the weather and 66 dropped out due to the cold.

Greenbelt finishers were No. 11, Bob Harper, Woodland Way 2:50:57; 60, Martin Greenbaum, Crescent Rd., 3:21:25; 63, Ken Pugh, Breezewood Ct., 3:24:39; 68, Alexander Barnes, Laurel Hill, 3:26:23 and 70, Mike Talbot, Westway, 3:26:58; all met the minimum standard of 3:30 to be eligible for the Boston Marathon. Hugh Jascourt finished 9 miles, John Noel (12) 11 miles and Tom Noel (11) 13 miles. This 11th Annual marathon was sponsored by the Beltsville Jaycees and conducted by the D. C. Road Runners.

League of Women Voters Study on County Finances

Possible future sources of revenue for Prince Georges county will be discussed at the March 9 Meeting of the Greenbeltville Unit of the League of Women Voters at the Music Room in Center School at 8 p.m. Members will try to reach agreement on various aspects of their study of county fiscal affairs. Interested women in the Greenbelt-Beltsville area are invited to attend. Call Mrs. James Cooley at 345-1388 for further details.

IN GREENBELT'S LIBRARY

The Adult Services Department of the Greenbelt Library is showing films on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room starting March 2. Included in the spring Film Series are the following classic and new films:

March 2 Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner, March 9 King Kong, March 16 Cry of the Marsh and Say Goodbye, March 23, Citizen Kane, March 30 Phantom of the Opera, April 6 Ballad of Cowfoot and The North American Indian, April 13 Up is Down and Golden Age of Comedy.

For more information, call 345-5800. There is no charge for any library program.

Eugene E. Saylor

Eugene Edward Saylor, 30, of Riverdale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Edward Saylor, 53 Crescent, died February 13 of wounds received on February 11 when a gun he was holding accidentally discharged.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra, and by five children, Debra Jean, 12, Edward Eugene, 11, Donna Jean, 10, James Edward, 8 and Cheri Lyn 6. Two sisters, Nancy Heap and Carol Castaldi, both of Greenbelt, also survive.

Polio/Measles Immunization

Polio and measles immunization will be available free of charge for children, aged one to twelve, in the Center School on March 4 from noon to 4 p.m.

Children should not be given the polio vaccine if they have a temperature over 101 degrees or if they have had rubella (German measles) within four weeks.

Children should not receive the measles vaccine if they are allergic to eggs or egg products, have a temperature of over 101 degrees, have had gamma globulin during the past six weeks, or have been or are being treated for tuberculosis.

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SHL PTA Meeting

Mrs. Ruth Wolf, board member of the Prince Georges County Board of Education, will speak on the subject of busing in the county at a special meeting of the Springhill Lake Elementary School PTA on Monday, March 6, at 8 p.m. There will be a question and answer period. The community is invited.

Parkdale Musical Review

A musical variety review will be held in the auditorium of the Greenbelt Center School on March 24 from 7:30 to 9 p.m., by the Park Dale Senior High School Band. The music director is Mr. Nonnemacher. Tickets will be on sale by members of the Womans' Club of Greenbelt.

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Church School (Kindergarten through adults) 9:30 A.M.

9:45 A.M. Sunday School 6:00 P.M. Training Union
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship 7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:30 P.M. Wednesday Midweek Service

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1972, at 8:00 P.M.

The City Council of Greenbelt will hold a public meeting on the Year 2000 Plan. A presentation and evaluation of the Year 2000 Plan and Alternatives for the Washington Metropolitan area will be made by staff representatives of the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting.

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

Financial Report To the Community

Table with 3 columns: Category, 1971, 1970. Rows include Income, Expenses, Net Earnings, Assets, Liabilities, Reserves, and Total.

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Letters to the Editor

Name Calling

I would like to comment on Helen Geller's laudatory suggestions on the recurrent problem of name calling in Greenbelt politics. I have some particular experience in this matter which might help some citizens who are trying to fathom what's going on in our latest fight over the Greenbriar development.

Several years ago in these pages, it was suggested by a former campaign manager of one of the city's more prominent politicians that I was a witch hunter. This was in response to my suggestion that it was evident some of our leaders were operating covertly against the best interests of the community. Suffice it to say I have never found a witch in this town.

I did find, and it appears since then, that there are certain political leaders in this community who will act against our best interests. Some have suggested it's because they are on the take. This I do not believe.

No, the reason lies elsewhere. Certain personalities wish at all times to be associated with what they see as the winners in this world, and they like politics for the power and opportunity to associate with winners.

So when the entrepreneur comes to town with his financial power, his social prestige, his army of impressive lieutenants, our man is impaled on the horns of his own dilemma: to serve the public interest for which he was elected, or to go with the winner.

His first response is to duck, to dodge, to turn this issue over to the experts, to plead powerlessness. When this evasive action is pointed out publicly, he says, "you are calling me names." His final action is to have it suggested publicly that those operating in the best interests of the community are conducting a witch hunt, on the take, or making cheap shots at a dime a dozen.

This system and the name calling will cease only when these leaders recognize that this community is and can be a winner; when they see the developer not as a winner, and not as an enemy, as some would have it, but as a man whose interests must be made to conform to the best interests of this community; and when they see that the real power, prestige and success are with the people.

William Lathom

Swimming Pool Hearing

Council's action in setting Monday, March 13, as the date for a public meeting on the indoor swimming pool and related health facility (aqua spa) is another step in determining the future of this proposed project. The meeting, to be held at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers, will give all citizens an opportunity to exchange views which may be useful in making final plans for the pool, bath house and health spa center, should the referendum be approved at a time to be determined. An opportunity will also be given on March 13 to groups, who may want to use the proposed pool for training and other purposes, to indicate their probable use of the facilities and to provide the City Manager with an assessment of their probable financial support.

Greenbelters are encouraged to study the Ad Hoc Indoor Swimming Pool Committee's Report, which is available at the City Offices, the Recreation Department, or the Library, to become acquainted with the possible alternatives regarding this project. Wide community interest is needed to help Greenbelt arrive at a decision which will be in the interest of the present and future residents.

Stephen Polaschik
Chairman, Ad Hoc Indoor Swimming Pool Committee

Little League Registration

Registration to join the Greenbelt Little League will be held at the Recreation Center for all previously unenrolled boys. Sign up from 10 - 12 noon on March 4 and March 11. All Greenbelt boys between the ages of 8 and 12 are welcome. Presently enrolled boys need not reregister.

Last Chance

Next Monday night, March 6, a resolution which I have introduced concerning the proposed Greenbriar sewage treatment plant will be up for public hearing. Among other matters it makes note of the city council's resolution of a month ago that expresses neither approval nor disapproval of the plant, but that requests the county council to gain assurance from the county health officer that the effluent from the plant would not represent a health or ecological hazard as a condition precedent to its approving the proposed amendment to the Ten-Year Water and Sewage Plan. Also it notes that the county health officer issued a letter to the county council dated February 14, 1972, in which he stated that he cannot give such assurance and that he is therefore opposed to the construction of the plant. It goes on to say that the proposed method of sewage disposal appears to conflict with the city's water pollution ordinance.

Passage of the resolution would express the city's disapproval of County Council Bill No. 45 which would amend the Water and Sewage Plan to include the Greenbriar - Glen Ora sewage treatment plant.

Tuesday morning, March 7, is the announced time for the county council to debate on Bill No. 45. Thus, Monday night is the last chance for Greenbelt citizens to express their views to their closest elected officials, their city council.

Many citizens have donated uncounted hours to this city in the continuing deliberations on the Greenbriar project, and rightly so. They deserve our grateful commendation. Now, not after the thousands of new residents move into Greenbriar and Glen Ora, is the time to make the developments habitable, safe to live in and safe for the rest of the population to live with.

Among the unpaid experts who have spoken for the people was Dr. Sidney Shifrin, a virologist and a scientist of impeccable credentials. He gave undisputed warning of the danger to viral disease in the sewage effluent, however many safeguards are promised.

Our own county health officer, Dr. Perry Stearns, thought enough of Dr. Shifrin's testimony before the city and county councils to say in his letter of February 14: "After listening to the expert testimony of Dr. Sidney Shifrin, and as a result of my experience with sewage treatment plants, I cannot with any intellectual or professional honesty assure you that a health hazard would not be created."

Dr. Shifrin, in his January 25 letter to the city council, said, "Please wait until sewers can be connected to the main treatment centers so that the public is not needlessly exposed to dangerous viruses."

Besides health matters, there are valid concerns over the effect of sewage effluent on Indian Creek downstream from the plant, during periods of low flow and under drought conditions. Our neighbors in Berwyn Heights, College Park Estates and Lakeland, especially, will experience a 33% increase in stream flow during such times, and will be exposed to poorly diluted sewage treatment by-products as a result.

We owe ourselves, our neighbors, and our future residents every consideration. No man is an island. No town is, either.

Rhea Cohen

Recreation Review

Tennis Time

The Greenbelt Tennis Association will sponsor a color film to introduce the youth of Greenbelt to top-flight tennis. Show time will be Saturday, March 4 at 2 p.m. in the Greenbelt Recreation Center Gymnasium.

Yoga Class

Yoga classes will begin Monday, March 6. Four 1½ hour classes for intermediates will be held throughout the Spring. For more details, call 474-6878.

Ecological Disaster

As a resident of Springhill Lake I remember being bombarded in the last election by appeals to vote for all sorts of candidates who made all sorts of promises to improve the quality of our environment.

Reading each issue of the News Review, it becomes increasingly apparent that only Mrs. Rhea Cohen, of all the candidates elected, has waged a consistent fight on behalf of an improved environment for all the citizens of our community. I am particularly impressed by the courage of her commitment to the prevention of what will surely be an ecological disaster should the Greenbriar sewage plant be built. Mrs. Cohen has also made us aware of what the traffic generated by another ten thousand residents along Greenbelt Road will mean to the already landlocked citizens of Springhill Lake and central Greenbelt.

I think that the question we should ask ourselves is not whether we want the sewage plant—we don't—but whether we even need Greenbriar.

If the price for such "progress" is a city surrounded by sewage on one side and traffic jams and carbon monoxide on the other, then the price is too high.

Judy Hamburg

Letter to GHI Members

As an elected member of the Nominations & Elections Committee, I feel it is my duty to point out to you, the membership, irregularities in the voting procedures following at the membership meeting of December 9, 1971.

Article VII, Section 1, Nominations & Elections Committee (Page 10) of the bylaws of this corporation states: "No officer, employee, or member of the Board shall be eligible to serve on this Committee." It would seem to follow that the INTENT of this by-law would also mean that no officer, employee or member of the Board should perform the duties of this Committee, including issuing of voting cards.

The bylaws further state: "The Committee may appoint clerks and assistants not to exceed FIVE in the conduct of elections and referendums." SIX employees of GHI were appointed by the Manager, Royal Breashears, with the approval of Jule Churchhill, Chairman of the Nomination and Elections Committee without the prior consent of the other four members of that committee. These appointments were in direct violation of the bylaws and resulted in at least ONE UNAUTHORIZED PERSON issuing voting cards used at the December 9th meeting.

If this were taken to a court of law in a civil suit, at worst, all motions passed at the December meeting might be nullified. This points up the desperate need for the Nominations and Elections Committee to completely overhaul the voting procedures, in order to assure you, the membership, fair and properly conducted meetings and elections.

Catherine Foster, Member
Nominations & Elections Committee

Wills and Estate Planning

The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring a class on "Wills and Estate Planning" on March 8, 15, 22 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library.

This three week course will feature Mr. Robert A. Schmuhl, a trust officer from Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Maryland and Mrs. Nory Levisky from Social Security.

Included in the study will be the Maryland laws on estate planning, the disposition of property, trusts, joint assets, social security benefits, and probable procedures. The class is free, just register at the door.

For additional information contact: Mrs. Linda L. Dunn, Extension Agent, Home Economics, telephone - 627-5116.

SOCC Alive and Well

1. During the Greenbriar special exception hearings in July and August 1971, I specifically questioned the lack of sewer and water facilities serving the proposed Greenbriar project. The attorney for the developer made a public statement, "We will have our sewer." City council learned in November (thanks to the work of Mrs. Cohen) that an application for a temporary sewage treatment plant was filed in March 1971 by the developer. In planning decisions all pertinent information should be presented by applicants, should it not?

2. During the same hearings, representatives of the developer boasted about the unique storm water detention area that would be made a part of the Greenbriar development.

I wonder what the effects of locating a sewage treatment plant next to the storm detention area (needed to prevent flash flooding to areas downstream) will be.

3. The city was alerted to the plans of the developer by Mrs. Cohen at their meeting of November 1, 1971. They scheduled a special meeting for November 8 for the purpose of gaining additional information on the subject.

4. City council sat on Greenbriar until their meeting of January 10, when again due to the efforts of information gathering of Mrs. Cohen they learned of the State Department of Water Resources Report PODE #144 (recommending) approving the point of discharge permit for the sewage plant. It was also at this meeting that I presented to the city council the SOCC 10-point report urging disapproval of the plant.

5. In the meantime, county councilman Francis White was busy introducing legislation to pave the way for the Greenbriar plant. On December 15, 1971, he co-sponsored a resolution providing general policy for temporary sewage treatment plants in Prince Georges County.

On January 5 he introduced with others CR-11, which specifically gave county council approval to the Greenbriar sewage plant. These companion resolutions were introduced by our former mayor without so much as a by-your-leave to the City of Greenbelt. And to take care of a technicality, he then introduced CB-45, an amendment to the County Ten Year Sewer and Water Plan, to allow the Greenbriar sewage plant.

6. Mayor Pilski invited Dr. John Cookson, a paid consultant of the developer to report to city council on Jan. 24. Dr. Cookson, representative of the developer, representative of the engineering firm designing the plant and representative of the Westinghouse Co. who would build the plant, were all treated with courtesy by the council. Citizens who questioned their paid expert testimony, who voiced legitimate concerns about our community and our neighboring communities were treated with disdain by their elected representatives. The posture of council at this point was unquestionably favorable to the wishes of the developer. Action was deferred until the meeting of February 7.

7. At the February 7 meeting many citizens and groups pleaded with city council to urge disapproval of CB-45 at the hearing to be held the next day in Marlboro. City Council ignored the citizens' requests, again treating concerned citizens with disdain, and passed a resolution which gave "tentative," "qualified," "equivocal" approval to a sewage plant — a resolution which risked the health of Greenbelters for the financial fortunes of a land developer.

8. At the hearing on CB-45 the following day, 24 citizens and groups voiced their objections to the proposed plant. The county council deferred to the county health officer as to any hazards involved in the proposed project.

9. On Tuesday, February 15, at about 4 p.m., the county council took up the subject of Greenbriar and it was learned that a letter

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The News Review regrets that it will be unable to publish letters to the editor unless they are typewritten, double-spaced on one side of the paper, and are submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday night. We reserve the right to shorten letters of undue length.

was received from Dr. Stearns, disapproving the proposed plant. This courageous statement by Dr. Stearns leaves no doubt as to the potential hazards involved in the proposed plant. We are fortunate to have such a man serving P. G. County. His office has not always been filled with men of such distinction. It is important to note that for any number of reasons, Prince Georges could find itself without the services of Dr. Stearns in the future. I have long contended that Greenbelt must control events that occur within our boundaries, and not let others decide what is best for us.

The county council deferred action on a motion by councilman Hart that the applicant be allowed to respond to Dr. Stearns' letter. Action on CB-45 can be expected on March 7.

10. At the same time that Dr. Stearns was making an eloquent defense of citizens' health, safety and environment, Mayor Pilski, on city stationery, issued a curious public statement — curious, in that it puts forth several rationalizations as to why Greenbelt needs this plant. The Mayor's statement (I don't know if the entire Council subscribes to it) places the sewage treatment plant in a peculiar perspective. His statement propounds an economic thesis justifying a plant that a large number of citizens object to, while the statement by Dr. Stearns represents a health and ecological point of view which transcends any thought of economic gain or financial balances.

In closing, let me answer the lyrics attempting to predict the demise of SOCC. Never fear! SOCC is alive and well in Greenbelt, Maryland, dedicated to its original purpose "to promote non-partisan citizen activity and support for sound governmental decisions affecting the health, economy, ecology, and general welfare and to protect the rights of the individual and of the community of Greenbelt and its immediate environs" (as stated in SOCC By-laws approved July 1971).

Thomas X. White, Chairman SOCC

Ordinary Citizen

I am just an ordinary citizen, but common sense tells me that sewage in our streams is bad. The Greenbriar developer has promised to treat the sewage. Greenbelt has many monuments to other developers' broken promises. When will we ever learn?

I was one of those who went door to door with the petition against this sewage plant. People would talk to me and I know that they do not want sewage flowing in Greenbelt. They do not care whether it is treated sewage or untreated sewage. In any case, it will still smell awful, and even treated sewage will spread pollution and disease.

While carrying the petition, I talked to many of our Greenbelt mothers. They know it is their children, not some politician, who must risk catching a disease. They know that Mrs. Rhea Cohen has shown she cares about the health of our children. They have seen how some of our politicians and their friends attacked Mrs. Cohen for this.

Our politicians are supposed to represent the people who elected them. They ask us for our votes but they do not seem interested in our opinions. They ignored our petition and insulted us by saying that anybody would have signed it.

I have talked to the people of Greenbelt, ordinary people like myself, and we resent being considered as fools by our elected officials.

Mary Welsh

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us to believe that all of those notices were somehow lost — it's just not the way it works out in all those detective stories I read."

Election Procedures

Mrs. Jule Churchill, Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee, reported on the public hearing conducted by her committee on Tuesday, February 22. Although the attendance was small, she reported the committee received petitions and a proposal by Mrs. Eunice Coxon which her committee, by consensus, has agreed to try to implement. Her committee can't use the county voting machines due to the timing of the GHI election and the general primaries, but was investigating the school voting machines, as well as studying costs. At the request of the board, Mrs. Coxon read her lengthy proposal into the proceedings of the meeting.

She proposed a number of reforms to the GHI election procedures, including numbered ballots, voter registration, impounding ballots for a year in the event of a disputed election, and the use of voting machines, among key items. She complimented Mrs. Churchill's committee on the conduct of the public hearing. The board thanked and commended Mrs. Coxon for her proposals and for the time and effort obviously expended in her analysis. Shinderman requested the Nominations and Elections Committee to write out all proposed election procedures as well as preparing any proposals for which changes in the by-laws would be necessary.

Prefaced by a plea not to permit individual emotions to intervene in the discussion, Shinderman stated that a heated discussion at the preceding meeting had raised issues about policies governing the Newsletter. He urged that the Newsletter Committee prepare a policy statement on procedures to be used in preparing articles, and on the philosophical question as to the primary purpose of the Newsletter — whether or not it is to

be strictly factual, for example, or a vehicle to educate the membership on problems as perceived by the board and its committees. The board approved with surprisingly little discussion.

Other Action

In other actions, the board approved Shinderman's request for a public "informational meeting" to inform the members of the previous board action to assess 3% of the sales price of all home sales after April 1. Most of the board felt that they were charged by the members during the budget hearings to seek additional sources of revenue, but that they could not refuse to take every opportunity to keep the membership informed of their actions.

Board member David Lange gave a progress report on the structural survey, stating that a first trip had been made in which thorough examinations were made of exteriors, and that another trip was slated soon in which openings would be made in the walls of selected homes. Although the conditions are not hazardous, Lange reported that a great deal of the electrical work done on additions was found to be substandard.

Progress was reported on deferral of monthly charges for senior citizens — 29 members have filed — and there was a significant reduction of fuel oil consumption for the month of January.

Mrs. Frances Rosnick, 1E Plateau, and Mrs. Margaret Feeney, 135B Northway Rd., were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership Standards. Board member Donald Volk agreed to represent the Board at the City Environmental Committee meeting, Wednesday, March 1. A surprise visitor was former GHI Manager Paul Campbell, who introduced Mr. De Monteverde, a visitor from the Phillipine Islands who was spending time in Greenbelt studying cooperatives and was fortuitously treated to a session of the housing co-op "in action".

Paper Pick-up Friday

Friday morning, March 3, is the time to have your bundled newspapers and magazines ready by 8:30 a.m. for pick-up.

Remember to follow these simple regulations:

1. Bundle papers.
2. Place papers at designated location for your area by 8:30 a.m. University Square and Springhill Lake — next to any yellow curb; Greenbelt Homes, Inc. — At the entranceway to the court; Lakeside North — at the Ridge Road entrance; Charlestowne North — in the central storage area; Charlestowne Village — Along Lakecrest Drive; Single Family Homes — Next to the curb by your driveway.
3. If inclement weather (rain or snow) papers will be picked up on Monday, March 6, or the next dry day thereafter.
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Local Jaycee and Youth Tour Telephone Facilities

On Saturday, January 29, the Jaycees and several young men from the Greenbelt area toured the Telephone Company building at Langley Park. Dave Myers, Vice-President for External Affairs of the Greenbelt Chapter, directed the tour of the telephone facilities and explained the processes involved each time a telephone call is made. The boys were impressed with the maze of wires and relays which function with each call.

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Greenbelter Thomas A. Blair has been appointed to the position of Assistant State's Attorney in the Office of the State's Attorney. Blair, who was recently admitted to the Maryland Bar, has been working in the State's Attorney's Office as a legal intern since November 1970. He is a graduate of George Washington University Law School, where he received his Juris Doctor. Blair is married and has two children.

Sp/4 Louis Levine, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Levine, 3-H Eastway, has returned to the States after a tour of duty in Vietnam. His friends will be happy to know that he will be back in Greenbelt sometime next week. Welcome back, Lou!

Filmore Bender, 129 Rosewood, has received professional recognition with his listing in the current 1972-73 edition of Who's Who in the East. Dr. Bender is a member of the faculty at the University of Maryland and currently serves as President of the Greenbelt Jaycees.

March of Dimes Volunteers

Mrs. Muriel Weidenfeld, Chairman of the "March of Dimes" drive in Springhill Lake, announces that the march volunteers will be honored at a tea on Friday, March 10 at the Springhill Lake Community House from 2 to 3 p.m. At that time the \$1,320 collected will be presented to the Maryland area chairman.

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COUNCIL from page 1 Premature?

Another question concerned the propriety of the SDWR issuing a report before the county's Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plan had been amended to permit the use and installation of a temporary treatment plant for the Greenbriar and Glen Ora apartments. The county council is considering action on such an amendment next Tuesday, March 7, at Upper Marlboro.

Sachs said that he understood that the State Department of Health regulations require that the issuance of a permit must be consistent with the County's Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plan. However, such a permit is issued by the Health Department and all that the SDWR did was to act upon a matter referred to it, he added.

Reactions

It was doubtful that anyone's mind was changed by the testimony. Councilman Charles Schwan issued a statement defending the council-adopted resolution of February 7 which asked the county council that "it not amend the Ten-Year Water and Sewer Plan unless it received an assurance from the county health officer that the discharge from the proposed facilities would not represent a health or ecological hazard."

Schwan also took cognizance of the fact that the county health officer, Dr. Perry Stearns, had recommended safeguards (in case the State Health Department saw fit to issue a permit) for the Greenbriar plant that were almost identical to those recommended by the city council in the February 7 resolution.

Schwan characterized council's action as responsible and rational in that it sought to get all the facts before taking action. He said that by acting in such a fashion, "we influenced the events that followed the adoption of our resolution." He contrasted council's action with the emotional, irrational discussion that has featured much of the Greenbriar debate.

Mrs. Cohen reiterated her unequivocal opposition to the sewage plant. The SDWR report is all based on some "iffy" plans of the developer, she said, and does not take account of all the pertinent information regarding the effects of the effluent on the local stream valley and on the watershed of the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River.

Slunt replied once again that it is up to the State Health Department, not to the SDWR, to determine whether the design of the sewage plant will produce the desired quality of effluent, on which the SDWR based its evaluation. Thomas X. White of the Save our Community Committee said that he did not think the narrow view of its role taken by SDWR was providing adequate protection to Maryland citizens of their water resources.

Councilwoman Elizabeth Maffay summed up her impression of the hearing as again revealing how unsubstantiated the attacks have been against the SDWR report, considering the legal jurisdiction of SDWR.

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld introduced a motion, which was adopted by a 4 to 1 vote, which expressed appreciation to the county council for having accepted the city council's recommendations with respect to safeguarding the health of Greenbelt citizens.

The minority vote was cast by Mrs. Cohen, who then introduced for first reading a resolution calling for the outright disapproval of the proposed county amendment to the Water and Sewer Plan which would permit a temporary treatment plant for Greenbriar.

Council also adopted a motion proposed by Mrs. Cohen thanking Dr. Stearns for devoting his personal time and attention to evaluating the Greenbriar treatment plant and for demonstrating his concern for the welfare of the citizens of Greenbelt.

Opening Day Baseball Trip

Once again the Greenbelt Sports Club is planning an Opening Day Baseball Trip. This year we will see the Baltimore Orioles.

For tickets and bus information call 474-5156.

BUSY COUNCIL APPROVES WESTWAY PROJECT, CONSIDERS TAX CREDIT

by Al Skolnik

Although an intermittent visitor to Monday's city council meeting might have thought that the only item on the agenda was the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant, council actually dispensed with many other matters.

It adopted an ordinance to provide for construction of improvements along Westway adjacent to the Jewish Community Center property. Fifty percent of the cost will be financed through an assessment against the benefiting property owner, the other half to be financed by the city in accordance with the city's policy of declaring a 50 percent public benefit for improvements undertaken adjacent to tax exempt religious property. Bids for the work are expected to be received March 18.

It defeated by a 4-1 vote a motion proposed by councilwoman Rhea Cohen to oppose any exception to the open-space requirements under the zoning ordinance, particularly with reference to the Greenbriar subdivision. The majority of council felt that the ordinance was premature as no such special exception has yet been applied for.

Introduced for first reading was an ordinance which would revise the tax credit for the elderly. The proposed ordinance would follow the county's tax exemption ordinance in every significant detail, except that persons eligible to receive tax credits must earn an income of less than \$5,000 a year, instead of an income of less than \$7,500 a year (as under county law).

Persons aged 65 and over and disabled persons who qualify will be given a tax credit equal to the assessed value of the dwelling up to a maximum of \$6,000. City council feared that the county provisions might be too liberal in that non-elderly families with incomes of less than \$7,500 would have to pay added taxes in order to make up the loss of income as the result of the tax credit to the elderly.

Also introduced for first reading was an amendment to the standing rules of council to provide that if a council member wishes an item added to the agenda prior to a meeting, he should also furnish written comments as to the nature of the item.

Thanks to Hogan

As an aftermath of the proposed Greenbelt Regional Park land swap with the Marshall Hall amusement park interests, council went on record expressing its thanks to Congressman Larry Hogan for bringing the matter to the attention of city council and to Department of Interior officials for their veto of the land swap. Council also went on record urging the Federal government to establish master plans for the use and disposal of all Federal property, with provisions being made for local agency review prior to changes in the plan.

Council directed the city manager to enter into a three-year lease with Mr. and Mrs. Duane R. Bowman for operation of the Greenbelt Lake concession stand, with the provision that at the end of one year the city has the right to cancel should it find the arrangement unsatisfactory.

Non-sexist Hiring

City manager James Giese advised council that there is no job description for any position in the city with any sex requirements. He also noted that the highest paid classified employee in the city is a woman, and that the average pay for women in the city is over \$400 higher than the average pay for men. These comments were made in response to a letter from Mrs. Beverly Stone, urging council to establish a non-sexist policy for city employment. Giese also said that he is taking applications for the position of assistant manager without regard to sex, and that it is his intent to employ the best qualified individual available.

Council heard a request for a zoning variance for a Greenhill Road resident to install a detached shed on the side of a carport, thirty feet from the front property line instead of the required 60-foot distance. Prince Georges Board

of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 6. Council said it will take the matter under advisement and asked the city manager to notify the Board of Appeals that it would like to have the record kept open for a month so that council could submit its views.

Council approved a request by the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club for a permit for an 8-day carnival to be held in the parking lot behind Co-op in May.

Council approved the granting of a \$1,867 low bid to Graybar Electric Co. for the furnishing of metal storage shelving and lockers for the Youth Center.

Council received word that George Cantwell has resigned from the Community Relations Advisory Board.

Free Films for Children

A Saturday Film Program will be held at the Greenbelt Library beginning Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m. in the Meeting Room. The program for children, ages five through ten, will continue through May 27. Special films will be shown on Wednesday, March 15; Wednesday, April 5; and Tuesday, May 16, all at 2 p.m. when schools will be closed. For further information contact the library at 345-5800. There is no charge for any library program.

Center School PTA

The Tuesday, March 7 meeting of the Greenbelt Center School PTA will feature a talk by Mrs. Sheila Freidovitch of the Board of Education's "Operation Moving Ahead." Mrs. Freidovitch will discuss language development and its relationship to reading.

Refreshments will be served at 7:30 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 8 p.m. Members and the public are cordially invited.

Calling All Theatre Buffs

All potential actors, actresses, stage hands, directors, producers, and theatre patrons.

The Greenbelt Community Theatre and the SHL Players invite you to a reading from Renee Taylor's and Joseph Bologna's "Lovers and Other Strangers" at 8 p.m., March 7 at SHL Community Room (above the drug store).

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Have your papers in the designated pick-up area by 8:30 A.M. In the event they are missed, call the City Offices, 474-8000. Since the previous pick-up was cancelled due to rain, if the weather is inclement on March 3, the pick-up will be held on Monday, March 6, or the next dry day thereafter.