

NOTES OF FOUR CITIES MEETING held Wednesday, October 24, 2012, Greenbelt Municipal Building.

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

PRESENT were Greenbelt Mayor Judith F. Davis, and Greenbelt Council members Emmett Jordan, Silke Pope, Edward Putens, Rodney Roberts, Konrad Herling, and Leta Mach.

ALSO PRESENT were Council members Bob Catlin, Denise Mitchell, Monroe Dennis, Robert Day, and Patrick Wojhan, and City Manager Joe Nagro of College Park; Mayor Cheye Calvo, Council members Patti Dennison, Jodie Kulpa-Eddie and Rose Almoguera, and Town Manager Edward Murphy of Berwyn Heights; Council members Duane Rosenberg and Katrina Dodro, and Acting Chief Administrative Officer Graham Waters of New Carrollton; Danielle Glaros of County Council member Olson's office, Bridget Warren of County Council member Lehman's office, Eric Zhang, David Moran, Assistant City Manager and Michael McLaughlin, City Manager of Greenbelt.

Mayor Davis chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to it.

College Park noted that it had opposed County legislation, CB-79 and 80, which Greenbelt did also. Representatives from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) had briefed College Park on its plan to clean-up a low-level radiation burial site on BARC property. It was decided to ask the BARC representatives to brief the whole group at its January 2013 meeting. Also both College Park and Greenbelt had expressed concerns about the County's preliminary Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan. The letters will be shared with Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton. Ms. Glaros noted County Council member Olson has submitted legislation to improve the County's recycling program, CB-83, and hoped the communities would support it.

New Carrollton asked for information on how the other communities bonded their elected and appointed officials. Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt will forward that information.

It was reported that the new street sweeper was anticipated being delivered by the end of November. Greenbelt and College Park reported on their agreements with the University of Maryland on the use of its shuttle system. College Park Council member Denise Mitchell agreed to be the Four Cities representative on PEPCO's Community Advisory Committee. All four communities indicated they had or were going to opt-in to the County's storm water restoration program. There was discussion of the improvements at Greenbelt Middle School.

Mayor Davis summarized the legislative priorities of the Maryland Municipal League for 2013. Mayor Calvo inquired if the communities were involved in the deliberations on filling the delegate vacancy in the District 22 vacancy. He noted that he had met and was impressed with Ms. Kisha Brown who was being supported by the District 22 delegation. The other communities had not met Ms. Brown.

Future meeting dates were suggested for 2013 – January 30 in College Park, April 24 in New Carrollton, July 24 in Berwyn Heights, and October 23 in Greenbelt.

Mayor Davis thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael McLaughlin,
City Manager*