



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA
Greenbelt Museum

COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE IN-PERSON: Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road

AND RESIDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE VIA ZOOM

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Wednesday, July 7, 2021

8:00 PM

Work Session Packet

Agenda

• *Introductions*

- *Council Discussion*
- *Questions and Answers*
- *Other Items*

Greenbelt Museum

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City Council Work Session Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: July 7, 2021

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Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Work Session Item

Agenda Section: Work Session Packet

Subject:

Greenbelt Museum

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[10A Worksession.pdf](#)



Greenbelt Museum Update on Education and Visitor Center at 10A Crescent

Overview of Project

In 2016, the City of Greenbelt acquired 10A Crescent, the unit next door to the Museum's historic house, for the purpose of expanding the Museum. Founded in 1987 by a dedicated group of volunteers, the Museum has operated as a partnership between the City of Greenbelt and the 501(c)3 non-profit, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) for over 30 years. FOGM is committed to raising funds for the renovation of the unit at 10A, which was formerly a private residence, to function as a multi-use space. It will be both a visitor center for Greenbelt and an education center for expansion of the Museum's mission which is to share and preserve the history of this unique community.

The museum has needed dedicated space for programming since its founding. The small size of the historic house at 10B (836 square feet) has severely limited the number and kinds of programs that we have been able to offer. This expansion will allow for the consolidation of museum functions which are now split between the Museum house and the Community Center where offices, archives and storage spaces are located. The expansion will allow the Museum house to increase its program offerings, to be a starting point for those wanting to explore the city, to increase open hours, to have space for archives, and much more. Although the City of Greenbelt owns the perpetual use of both 10A and 10B and is a member of the GHI Cooperative, the renovation of the interior spaces, acquisition of appropriate furnishings for a visitor center, for a research room, for storage, and for office spaces will largely be spearheaded by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), the nonprofit which operates the Museum. FOGM is also committed to

fundraising for the transformation of 10A from a residence, to a state of the art museum facility.

Establishment of the Greenbelt Visitor and Education Center will not only physically make the Museum site and community a better place to visit by offering expanded hours, more space, and a more streamlined operation, it will also have a psychological effect. Greenbelt's narratives, many of which are particularly relevant today, include the Great Depression, town planning, modernism, World War II, cooperatives, segregation, suburban development, citizen activism, and sustainability. Its stories are not just local, but also have regional and national importance and deserve a dedicated space in which those stories can be examined and explored.

Total estimated cost (pre-pandemic) \$550,000

Recent Project Timeline

- July 2019 FOGM hired Old Line Architects with Council approval
- September 2019 FOGM and architect met with GHI technical services to discuss plans, make sure GHI rules and regulations for additions were understood by all
- Winter 2020 COVID-19 hits significantly delaying the project
- Spring and Summer 2020 FOGM and Museum Director refine draft plans with architect
- Summer 2020 FOGM hires civil engineer, structural engineer, as well as electrical/plumbing/mechanical engineer through the architect.
- Fall 2020 engineering firms visit the 10A site, prepare reports
- Winter 2020-2021 FOGM and Museum Director finalize the HVAC and lighting layout, architect works on renderings
- Spring 2021 FOGM and Museum Director begin approval processes that are required. This includes obtaining neighbor consent from the surrounding residents, and scheduling a work session with Greenbelt City Council.
 - Once those two items are complete, we will begin working with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) to obtain a GHI permit, then a City permit, and County permit. We anticipate this process will take the rest of 2021, if not longer.
- Early 2022 hope to have permitting process completed
- Spring of 2022 hope to have work beginning on 10A, possible completion by end of 2022

Project Phases

Phase I - architectural design, engineering drawings, and demolition

Phase II - renovation of 10A, new addition, accessible entrance and walkway

Phase III - furnishings and exhibits,

Phase IV - landscaping, lighting, grand opening

10A Fundraising

Grant Awards

- Greenbelt Community Foundation \$5,000
- Maryland Department of Housing and Comm. Development, Nonprofit Assistant Grant \$10,000
- City of Greenbelt FY2018 budget \$3,000
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- Maryland Department of Housing and Comm. Development, Comm. Investment Tax Program, \$7,125
- Prince George's County Redevelopment Authority \$75,000
- Maryland Heritage Areas Authority initial grant \$50,000, second grant \$100,000
- Naming opportunities \$15,000

Additional funds have been raised through individual donations and Board gifts and pledges.

Total raised as of 7/1/2021 \$300,000

Public phase of capital campaign to begin Fall 2020 with the help of a pro bono fundraising consultant