

**TOWN OF COLMAR MANOR
WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Council Member Blue Called for a motion to open the Work Session meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to open the Work Session meeting. Seconded by Council Member Epps. Motion Passed with a vote of 4-0. Mayor Michael E. Hale was absent.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to excuse Mayor Michael E. Hale from the Work Session meeting due to a prior engagement. Seconded by Council Member Epps. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PRESENT AT THIS MEETING:

Lois Ann Blue	Council Member – Ward 1
Cynthia Bowden	Council Member – Ward 2
Vivian Jackson	Council Member – Ward 3
Doreatha Epps	Council Member – Ward 4
Tracy Stone	Media Coordinator
Citizens	

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

Council Member Jackson suggested that each Council Member provide two volunteers to help with the stuffing of Newsletters. She suggested students who may need Community Service.

Ms. Jackson also stated that she would like for the Town's website and broadcast channel to be up and running by November 2, 2012.

MEET WITH BUSINESS OWNERS

Council Member Epps suggested having a "Meet and Greet" with the Town's business owners to ascertain the needs of the businesses and to introduce the Council to the businesses.

Council Member Jackson suggested a quarterly breakfast meeting because of the hours of the businesses.

Council Member Blue stated that the Town had held business luncheons in the past.

Item to be placed on the next agenda for the Town to have quarterly Business Meetings at the IHOP Restaurant.

SPEED BUMPS

Council Member Bowden requested a speed bump on Newark Road and 40th Place. Council Member Epps also suggested a speed bump on Monroe and Lawrence Street.

Council Member Blue stated that she was not sure if Mike Goroum, Public Works Supervisor had been instructed to obtain pricing for speed bumps.

Further research will be done regarding costs and possibility of grants to pay for the speed bumps. Item will be placed on the next agenda for Town meeting.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Council Member Blue suggested adding exercise equipment to the game rooms. She suggested removing the small tables from the Recreation Room and placing the two computers in the Recreational Supervisor's Office to free up space. She would like to see a Treadmill and another type of exercise equipment in the room.

Council Member Epps suggested the possibility of a ski type machine or stationary bike for individuals who may be able to walk long distances.

Council Member Blue also stated that she would like more implemented programs in the Community Center in addition to Zumba. She suggested talking to Kaseem Baker and Natalie Smart and asking for their assistance with programming.

Council Member Epps asked about the role of Mr. Long with possible new programs. Council Member Blue responded that his hour may be adjusted depending on the programs brought to the Community Center.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Council Member Epps questioned the status for the Community Garden and stated the Carrie Biggs-Adams had donated the planters to the Town. The boxes donated will produce eight 4'X6' boxes that are approximately 10" high. Ms. Biggs-Adams is concerned that that preparation for the garden will not be completed prior to winter months.

Council Member Jackson stated that it came to everyone's attention that the original date of October 8th to build the boxes was not viable because it was not a holiday for everyone

and schools were not closed for students from Bladensburg High that might have wanted to be involved. It was determined that there wouldn't be enough time to promote the Community Garden for volunteers.

Council Member Blue gave an overview of the Port Towns Community Health Partnership (PTCHP) meeting held on Thursday, October 4th. The Community Garden is being subsidized via a grant from the PTCHP along with the Cooking Class. It is the intention of the PTCHP to teach families to how eat and live their lives more in a healthier manner. There is a protocol the Town has to follow as a partner of this organization. It is the Town's responsibility to account for all funds spent from the grant.

The group discussed placing a "Garden Club - Coming Soon" on the property.

Item to be placed on next agenda for Town meeting.

Discussion

Council Member Blue stated she has a get well card going around for a shooting victim in Ward 1.

Council Member Blue also voiced concerns about furniture on front porches.

Council Member Jackson stated that the Recreation Council will be having a coat drive in November to help the needy.

Council Member Epps stated that the Recreational Council is looking for new members.

Council Member Blue stated that the Council will be attending the MML Fall Conference in Hagerstown October 4-6.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Blue called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Council Member Jackson to adjourn Work Session. Seconded by Council Member Epps.