

Cool Spring Terrace Civic Association

December 2002

Members and Residents of Cool Spring Terrace

November 20, 2002 Meeting Minutes

**Next Meeting: Wed.
Dec. 18, 2002 7 p.m.**

The Cool Spring Terrace Civic Association held its monthly meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 2002

Mr. Cliff Ukachu called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Officers Present: Mr. Cliff Ukachu, President; Vice President; Mr. Ted Hull, treasurer (acting secretary in the absence of Mr. Bruce). Ten additional attendees were present.

Mr. Ukachu began the meeting by announcing that Association Members, who participated in the cleanup day on Saturday, September 28, 2002, received awards from Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County, Inc. (CCCC) He circulated his award to those attendees present.

Mr. Ukachu announced that he received a reply to the letter to the President of the University of Maryland, Dr. Mote, concerning parking along neighborhood streets during UMD football games. Dr. Mote indicated that the Prince George's County police department has given authority for fans to park along Adelphi and University Boulevard during football games. That authority expires in two years. Also addressed in Dr. Mote's letter was that the Association should contact the UMD Alumni Association concerning trash pickup along Adelphi Road following university events. Mr. Ukachu has contacted the Alumni Association and is waiting for a return call.

Mr. Ukachu also circulated a reply to the Association letter to Metro concerning bus shelters. The reply indicated that the Association's request has been referred to the proper authority in Prince George's County. Mr. Ukachu will follow-up on the referral and report back his findings.

Mr. Ukachu circulated to the attendee's literature received from the Department of Public Works concerning snow and ice, along with the MNCPPC activity calendars.

Old Business:

Takoma Tree and Landscaping: Mr. Ukachu and two other meeting attendees attended the zoning hearing on November 13, 2002, at 9:30 AM. A total of twelve neighborhood residents attended the hearing to express their concerns about the continued operation of that business on Cool Spring Road. At issue is that the landscaping business, as designated, is required to operate on a parcel with a minimum of 25 acres. The parcel is 2.5 acres. The owner, Mr. Marvil, appealed the previous ruling and requested re-designation of his business as "arborist," so that he could continue operation. The business has continued to operate at that site for four and a half years under continued appeals. Residents testified in opposition to the re-designation. Concerns expressed include the continued dumping of excessive waste mulch at 2311 Cool Spring Road, across the street from Takoma Tree and Landscaping. The Prince George's County Council will issue a final ruling in January.

New Business:

2400 Cool Spring: Residents expressed concern about a large pile of trash and abandoned appliances in front of 2400 Cool Spring Road. Mr. Hull volunteered to contact Mr. Shapiro's office about the situation. *[On November 21, Mr. Hull contacted Sylvia Brown in Mr. Shapiro's office. Ms. Brown sent a property inspector to the site. The trash was subsequently removed the following week. Mr. Hull learned that the Adventist Church owns the property and that they have no license to operate 2400 Cool Spring Road as a rental property.]*

Trash Containers: Attendees expressed concerns about the new trash pickup schedule, namely twice a week – Tuesdays and Fridays. Specifically, some concerns were raised about the removal of the large BFI containers and the need for residents to purchase new trash receptacles.

Letterhead: Beverly Shields presented the Association with alternate designs for Association letterhead. The letterhead choices were circulated among the attendees and one design was chosen. The following motion was introduced.

***Motion:** The Association chooses the letterhead designed by Ms. Shield's son with the CSTCA and logo. Motion seconded and accepted without question.*

December meeting: Ms. Jagers-Burnette suggested that the December meeting be a holiday celebration. Members suggested that attendees bring desserts to share. A suggestion was made that attendees also make a voluntary monetary contribution to the Church of Christ Scientist, our host for over three and a half years.

***Motion:** he Association's December meeting will include a Holiday Dessert Party. Members will bring desserts to share. A monetary contribution to the Church of Christ Scientist will be collected and presented to the Church. Motion seconded and accepted without question.*

The November meeting of the CSTCA adjourned at 8:00. **The next scheduled meeting of the CSTCA is Wed. December 18, 2002, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of Christ Scientist.**

Special note: I also apologize for the change in the newsletter format this month. The January newsletter will return to its original format. *Thank you, Marguerite Mickens-Moseby*