

The Commissioners of St. Michaels

Special Working Session

July 29, 2009

Present:

Commissioners Joanne Clark, Michael Brady, Robert Snyder, Donna Hunt and Philip Dinkel, Town Manager Cheril Thomas, Administrative Clerk Sabrenia Yohn, Codes Enforcement Officer Deborah Renshaw, Town Attorney Karen Ruff, Secretary Dorothy Olley, and approximately 16 members of the public.

Call To Order:

President Clark called to order the special working session of the Commissioners of St. Michaels at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the St. Michaels Library, 106 S. Fremont Street, St. Michaels. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcement of Prior Closed Session:

President Clark said that the Commissioners had met in closed session on Monday, July 27, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. pursuant to Maryland Code § 10-508 (a) (7), (8) and Administrative Matters to consult with legal counsel and staff regarding legal matters related to Florkewicz vs. the Commissioners of St. Michaels and to discuss staff assignments.

Discussion Item:

President Clark opened the discussion of draft Resolution 2009-[TBD], A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MICHAELS TO REPEAL AND REENACT THE REGULATIONS FOR OPERATIONS OF ALL TOWN PARKS, INCLUDING THE REGULATIONS FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT EVENTS.

The Commissioners conducted a section-by-section review of the proposed draft. Following a lengthy discussion of the geographic area from which vendors could participate in the farmers' market, the Commissioners defined "local vendors" as those whose operations are located within the State of Maryland with priority being given to those vendors on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Following the discussion of other changes and alternative wording, the Commissioners directed staff to re-draft the Resolution. Mrs. Thomas concluded the discussion by asking the Commissioners if all of the outstanding issues with regard to parks and community enhancement events had been addressed. The Commissioners agreed they were satisfied with the proposed changes made during this meeting and look forward to seeing the revised version.

Comments from the Public:

- Marie Martin of Cherry Street thanked the Commissioners for their efforts on this issue.
- Barney Kastel of Mt. Pleasant Landing questioned whether public parks are a suitable place for retail sales and asking if the Commissioners had considered other locations in Town for holding farmers' markets. He also suggested that "weather permitting" language be added to the permit to protect the grasses and landscaping of the parks.
- Ann Yonkers of Pot Pie Farm noted that vendor location criteria discussed by the Commissioners was more permissive than the criteria currently used by FRESHFARM Markets. Their criteria is within a 150 to 200 mile radius which includes portions of the states of Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania. She also noted that the FRESHFARM Market currently includes a community table which has been used to promote local non-profit

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events such as Christmas in St. Michaels, the Food and Wine Festival, Friends of the Library and voter registration.

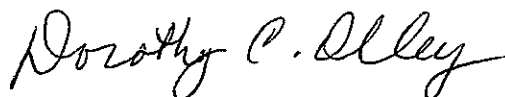
Comments from the Commissioners:

There were no additional comments or questions from the Commissioners.

Adjournment:

President Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy C. Olley
Assistant Town Clerk

Attachments:

- Draft Resolution 2009-[TBD] - Community Enhancement Events