

January 14, 1969

Present: F. Elliott Burch
J. Wilmer Bowles
George R. Aud

Colony Square Subdivision

Del. John Hanson Briscoe, Mr. Hartlove and Mr. Withers met with the Commissioners to discuss the approval of the town houses to be erected behind the Lexington Park Baptist Church by the Lexington Park Development Corp. Delegate Briscoe contended that the developers should not be required to give perpetual maintenance to the playground area in Section G and parks in Section E, designed for the public use, nor should a bond be required of the developers. It was stated that the Planning and Zoning Board requested the two playground areas to be incorporated into the plans to which they agreed but the question before the Board is whether the developers should be required to perpetually maintain these two sites. In reviewing the plats it was brought out that all lots sold will go up to the County right-of-way and the County will own and maintain the streets which will be black-topped by the developer. This project contains 90 units. There will be a 40 foot right-of-way for the streets. Mr. Briscoe requested the Commissioners to approve the plat without requiring a bond for perpetual maintenance. Mr. Burch inquired as to who would be required to maintain the parks. Mr. Briscoe said the people could do it or the developers could turn it over to the County. Mr. Burch received a negative answer when asked if the Parks and Recreation Board had looked at this. Del. Briscoe requested that the Commissioners expedite this as soon as possible as it has been a long drawn out project and they have complied with all the laws and regulations. Mr. Pantaleo felt that for aesthetic value there should be a restriction in the deeds regarding fences on front. Del. Briscoe stated that this was not the point in question and if this were necessary it should have been taken care of by the Planning and Zoning Board before as they have approved the plat pending approval of the Sanitary Commission. Mr. Hartlove stated the size of the park area was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and that the developers gave more than was required. Mr. Burch assured them the Commissioners would give a decision as soon as possible.

Retarded Children Workshop

Mr. Paul Ludwig and Mr. Robert Dixon spoke to the Commissioners regarding the study report that was made last year. It was stated that there are 300 retarded children in the school system and over 500 mentally retarded in the County. There are many physically handicapped as well as mentally retarded but basically their concern is the mentally retarded children in the schools. Mr. Aud congratulated them on the excellent report they submitted. Mr. Burch inquired as to how the workshop would work. Mr. Dixon said that there are jobs available and with training these children could be useful members to society. Discussion was had as to the types of work they could do. Mr. Dixon stated that they could possibly do furniture repairing, upholstering and the like. Mr. Burch inquired as to the

minimum wage scale as set by law and the effect this would have in public business. It was felt that this would not apply to these people. Most of them would need supervision but some would not. This workshop would be, as it were, a clearinghouse in placing these children in jobs best suited for them. Mr. Ludwig said they expect to begin modestly and not on a big scale. The transportation problem was the next issue and Mr. Ludwig said they would locate the workshop where transportation would not be a problem. Mr. Bowles suggested the children be included in with the special transportation that is available to the handicapped through the Board of Education. The question arose why the Day Care Center did not qualify for public transportation. Mr. Dixon stated that the Health Dept. pays \$9.00 per pupil and this is not sufficient for including transportation and also the budget does not allow for it. Money seemed to be the problem. Mr. Dixon stated that the State will not allow to have more than 17 children because of the limited space. Therefore, this is more reason for the workshop to take over after the Special Education Program ceases at the age of 18. Mr. Ludwig and Mr. Dixon both agreed that they have enough money to start and carry through one year but to continue they would need additional help. Facilities would also be needed. Mr. Burch suggested the Technical Center. It was agreed that they go hand in hand. Mr. Bowles said that since we were first in the Day Care Center in the State he would hope we could maintain our leadership in this area. Mr. Burch suggested that Mr. Ludwig set up a group meeting with Dr. King and the Board of Education along with the Association and the Commissioners.

Board of Education

Dr. King and Mr. Kanowicz submitted a letter to be read from him to Dr. Sensenbaugh regarding the Board of Education's desire to continue its present system of private ownership (2 routes per bus contractor) of the bus transportation because of its excellent safety record. The bus contractors also received a copy of this letter and were in full agreement.

Dr. King suggested that the Commissioners request by letter that their names be included on all plaques when a school is dedicated. The Commissioners agreed that they should not have to request this. A list will be prepared by the Board of Education of all schools erected since the Commissioners came into office. Dr. King suggested the County pay for half the cost to put their names on the plaques. When asked if the Commissioners wished their name on plaques of all future buildings, Mr. Burch said they would leave it up to the Board of Education for future buildings. Next on the agenda was to give notice of the Bond Issue meeting to be held on Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Board of Education. Discussion was had regarding the budget for teacher salaries. Dr. King stated that the Board of Education will not make any decisions with the Association. The final negotiating team will meet with the Board of Education to approve or disapprove according to its practicability. Mr. Kanowicz said that he and Mr. Donaldson have been working out the State Mandate Minimums. Mr. Burch requested that a study be made as to how many children attending public schools are living in trailers. Mr. Bowles suggested that each classroom teacher could make this count

and report the number to the principal. Dr. King stated that he would do this and report to the Commissioners as soon as possible. Dr. King informed the Commissioners that as of 1968 it costs \$658.00 per pupil for public education.

Courthouse Grounds Survey

Mr. Hugh Wilkerson was requested to make a complete survey including the meets and bounds, water and sewerage, location of all building and a topo map of the courthouse grounds. Mr. Wilkerson said that he was not able to do it at the present time due to the fact that he had committed himself to work out the approaches to the new Bay bridge. He suggested that we get someone else. It was suggested that he give a price on it to which he agreed.

Shore Erosion-Bradley

Mr. Pantaleo requested that the Commissioners write a letter to the Dept. of Waterway Improvements regarding the shoreline erosion on Lots 2 and 3 belonging to Mr. R. H. Bradley of Half-Pone Point bordering on the Patuxent River. The Commissioners agreed to the request.

The Commissioners requested Mr. Pantaleo to inspect the site and check the plans of Dean and Beavers and confirm the completed work done on the Great Mills School.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. at which time the Commissioners left to attend a meeting with the Commissioners of Tri-County area.

Approved,



F. Elliott Burch