APPROVED: Meeting No. 16-86

ATTEST: Helen McKeneghan

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 13-86

March 31, 1986

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in work session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Monday, March 31, 1986, at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Steven Van Grack

Councilman Steve Abrams
(arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

Councilman James F. Coyle

Councilman Douglas Duncan
(at Retirement Bd. Meeting
arrived at 8:40 p.m.)

Councilman Peter Hartogensis

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Manager Richard V. Robinson; Secretary to the City Clerk Patricia A. Rager

Re: Work Session with Rockville Seniors, Inc.

Present at the work session with the Mayor and Council were Rosalie Campbell, Chairman of the RSI, Board of Directors, and members Bill Miller, Bessie Frank, Estelle Beberian, Lewis Rhodes, Ira Walters, Bernie Shannon, Fred Wells, May Beeley, and staff members Judy Beck, Karen Lumpkin, Burt Hall, and Greg Bayor.

A. Improvements & Furnishings to Senior Center

Mrs. Campbell gave the Mayor and Council a brief summary of improvements, furnishings and other contributions Rockville Seniors, Inc., has made at the

Senior Center. The following is a list of improvements and maintenance made to the Senior Center with funds raised by RSI from 1983 to 1986:

$2,578	Copy Machine	$2,300	Fire System
2,921	Carnation Room Drapes & Paint	3,367	Carpeting for entrance way
9,400	Electric Doors	1,852	Smokeaters - Carnation Room
1,500	Bob Mateer Memorial Desk	1,663	Replacement of Ceiling tile
1,412	Bingo tables	149	Drapes - Lounge
54	Drapes - Office	140	Ceiling Fans
142	Window Lenses - Carnation Room	110	Remodel Lavatories
46	Racks for Thrift Shop	33	Tablecloths
270	Installation of Office Carpet	350	Room Signs
104	Kitchen Repairs	814	Kiln - Ceramic Room
375	Office Safe	1,723	TV Antenna and VCR
45	Saw for Woodshop	146	Phone and Lock
120	Refrigerator for Health Room	474	Sound System
15	Radio for Gift Shop	93	Seeds - Greenhouse
233	Lumber for improvements	233	Lumber for improvements
317	Greenhouse Repair	720	Greenhouse Fans
1,000	Design for Center by Montgomery College	599	1/3 Deposit for Vestibule floor covering, remainder due at time of installation
100	Phonemate	11	Flowering Plants
114	Bingo Microphone	165	Scales
282	Exhaust for Ceramic Kiln	125	Curtains - Flame-Proofed
65	Curtain Rods	39	Hot Plates
50	Scales	300	Card Tables
767	Bingo Equipment	41	Tablecloths
73	Coffee Pot		

GRAND TOTAL - $37,197

RSI has developed a five-year plan in which a cash contribution is made to the City each year in addition to the above expenditures.

FY 85	$6,400
FY 86	6,400
FY 87	8,000
FY 88	8,000
FY 89	9,600

B. Adult Day Care Center

The Council discussed the proposed idea of an Adult Day Care Center being placed at the Senior Center. Mrs. Campbell told the Mayor and Council that the Board of Directors voted in favor of the idea of an adult day care facility but not at the Senior Center. Mrs. Campbell stressed that this was not a unanimous

vote but a majority vote. Each member present, gave the Mayor and Council their opinions and ideas concerning this proposal. Councilman Coyle asked the difference between a day care center and the Rockville Senior Center. Mrs. Beck said in the day care there are people who have memory lost, are ambulatory and are generally one step away from entering a nursing home. The amount of rooms available was discussed. Mr. Walters said there are currently four rooms that are not being used by KAT or the preschool program. He said the programs at the Senior Center are growing and there is a need to look forward for expansion. In many cases, there is a doubling up on classes.

C. Non Resident/Resident Membership Fees

Mr. Miller said the majority of the 10 - 11 senior clubs were in favor of non residents paying a fee for privileges to join and/or use the Senior Center. It was felt that those who live in the City pay taxes and should not have to pay more. It was felt that the Senior Center would lose people if there was a fee. He also mentioned the added administrative load that would be involved for collecting the dues and checking the membership cards.

Mayor Van Grack thanked the members of the RSI, Board of Directors for coming this evening and asked that the seniors keep writing to the Mayor and Council expressing their thoughts on a senior day care center facility.

Re: Work Session with Cultural Arts Commission

Mayor Van Grack welcomed the members of the Cultural Arts Commission and thanked them for coming. Present were Eileen Mader, Beverly Nelson, John Moser, Ken Lechter, Marilyn Scott, Don Thalacker, Betty Wisda, Burt Hall, and Greg Bayor.

1. Further Review of the "Art In Public Places" Master Plan

The Cultural Arts Commission expressed their desire to have one member of the Mayor and Council involved in working with the Cultural Arts Commission on

the Art in Public Places Master Plan. It is felt that once the plan is adopted, that Council member could report back to keep the rest of the Council informed. The Cultural Arts Commission asked that the Master Plan be brought before the Mayor and Council for approval as soon as possible. Mayor Van Grack asked that the City Clerk place the Plan on an upcoming agenda.

2. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

Mr. Moser updated the Mayor and Council on the Bills that are before the General Assembly in Annapolis. He told the Council that the Senate Bill was killed in the subcommittee. It is expected that the House Bill will get out of the Appropriations Committee but then it has to go over to the Senate for a vote. He said he will be staying on top of this. Mayor Van Grack said he will be in Annapolis tomorrow and will check into this matter.

Re: Approval of Testimony for Public Hearing on Montgomery County Bills 11-86 & 12-86

The Mayor and Council reviewed the draft testimony before them for the public hearing on Montgomery County Bills 11-86 and 12-86. It was the consensus of the Council to approve the testimony with amendments. A new closing paragraph was added to read as follows:

> We also believe that if the impact fees raise insufficient revenues to address the problems of inadequate public facilities this obligation should be borne by all Montgomery County taxpayers through an adjustment to the general property tax rate rather than through an excise tax on new development.

Mayor Van Grack said that he would give the testimony and asked for a show of support from the rest of the Council by them accompanying him to the hearing. Councilman Hartogensis said he has a previous commitment and will not be present.

Re: Work Session:
Recreation and Park
Advisory Board

Present from the Recreation and Park Board were Chairman Stephen Edwards and members Charles Carroccio and Terry Harris.

1. Fee structuring for residents/non-residents

Mr. Edwards said the Board has finally come to an agreement on the fee structure and it is ready to come before the Mayor and Council for approval.

2. Eligibility for recreational programs

This was discussed at the last Board meeting and a recommendation has been made. It was agreed that this shall always be an ongoing problem.

3. Discussion of Publicity

The Rockville Recreation Guide is the biggest promotion for classes and events. There is some mention in the newsletter and on cable tv.

4. Dogwood Park Plan

Staff has recommended and the Board has agreed to taking the open space funds set aside for the proposed recreational lake at the Westmont site and shifting them for improvements at Dogwood Park. Councilman Duncan asked why other parks are not being upgraded. It was felt that Dogwood is a regional park and is used by all citizens of Rockville.

5. Broome Athletic Field Lights

The Mayor and Council mentioned that they are still getting complaints about the lights being left on past 11 p.m. Mr. Bayor said there is a very capable field supervisor who is aware of the concerns of the neighborhood and turns the lights off promptly. Mr. Bayor added that more trees have been planted.

6. Improvements to Redgate

Councilman Abrams asked what improvements, if any, have been made at the golf course. Mr. Edwards said more trees have been planted and there is a new fee structure proposed.

Mayor Van Grack thanked Mr. Edwards, Mr. Carroccio and Mr. Harris for coming this evening.

Re: Executive Session

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in work session, the meeting was closed for executive session for consultation with legal counsel and property negotiations.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council in executive session, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. to convene again in work session on Monday, April 7, 1986, at 7:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.