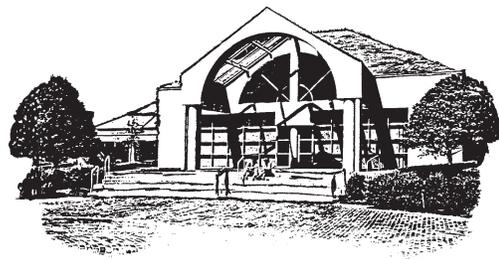


The Council Report

JUNE 2002

News from the Friendship Heights Village Council—
the elected governing body of the Special Tax District
of the Village of Friendship Heights



Council Approves Capital Improvements Guideline

At its meeting on Monday, June 10, the Council accepted the infrastructure study prepared by A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc., as a guideline for future contributions to the Capital Improvements Fund.

The study estimates future expenditures for streets, curbs and sidewalks, Hubert Humphrey Park reconstruction, Village Center mechanical systems, street light improvements, and utility undergrounding.

Including engineering fees (12%), the estimates summarize as follows:

1-3 years:	\$1,054,536
3-5 years:	204,910
5-7 years:	108,746
Beyond 7:	<u>175,840</u>
Total:	\$1,544,032

As can be seen, most of the expected expenditures are estimated to occur within the next three years. Two of the major ones are already underway. Undergrounding of the last section of overhead wires in the Village (allowing remaining utility poles to be removed) has already started with Comcast just having completed burying cable TV lines. Pepco and Verizon are next with costs still to be determined. The study contemplates \$112,000 for this project.

In addition, the Council approved (also at the June 10 meeting) \$14,250 for engineering fees to create concept drawings for the reconstruction of Hubert

Humphrey Park. Drawings are expected to be presented at the July 8 Council meeting, with funding approval of the next phase of the project to follow. It is anticipated that the Council would award the construction contract at the September Council meeting, with construction beginning shortly thereafter.

The brick pavers, the fountain, and the lighting system have all reached the point of being beyond normal repair. The reconstruction will essentially rebuild all of the park infrastructure. Our mature landscaping will, of course, remain. The estimate in the study for this project is \$638,000.

There was \$598,750 in the Capital Improvements Fund as of May 31, 2002 which, with interest, should be just short of \$600,000 at the end of the fiscal year. At the July meeting, the Treasurer will recommend a transfer of additional money to this fund in light of the new study.

Copies of the summary page of the Infrastructure Assessment are available at the Village Center free of charge. For a copy of the full study, the copying cost is \$6.20. You may review the study at the Center free of charge; ask for it at the front desk.

Census Data Available

For the 2000 Census, our Village was named a Census Designated Place. We now have a wealth of statistical information for our community, which is available on the Park & Planning website,

www.mncppc.org. Some excerpts are highlighted below:

Total Population	4,512
Male	39.9%
Female	60.1%
Total # of Housing Units	2,995
Median Age	51.3
Median Income	\$61,532

Chipotle's Opening

As this goes to press, we are pleased to report that the newest restaurant in Friendship Heights is open for business. Chipotle's, a Mexican grill, is located at the corner of Friendship Boulevard and Willard Avenue, on the first floor of the new retail building.

Another first floor tenant, Eye Doctor, is opening imminently. The remaining two spaces, Panera Bread and Georgetown Valet, are expected to open in late August. The second floor is expected to be occupied by a restaurant, but it will likely not open until the end of the year.

New County Voting Machines to be on display

The County will be using new touch-screen voting machines for the elections this fall. One of the machines will be on display in the Village Center lobby on Thursday, July 4, during our annual celebration. Feel free to come in and give the machine a try.

—Melanie Rose White
Mayor

The Council took the following actions at the June 10, 2002, meeting:

- Confirmed audit proposal from Bond Beebe for FY 2002 audit;
- Approved guideline for Capital Improvements expenditures (see front page);
- Awarded Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award to **Isiah Leggett**, Montgomery County Council member, to be distributed during July 4 ceremony;
- Approved request from Highland House West to remove two English Oak trees;
- Approved proposal from CRH Concrete Services for sidewalk repair and replacement in Village;
- Approved proposal from Walton, Madden, Cooper, Robinson, Pones, Inc. (WMCRP), to prepare conceptual design of Hubert Humphrey Park improvements (see front page).



Monday, July 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Friendship Boulevard and North Park Ave.



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