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Bowers had been planning to resell the current weapons. However, after further consideration and input from council, he now believes that it would be best to destroy them.

There was no discussion of the resolution to purchase new weapons, though several councilmembers expressed approval of the decision on the disposition of the current weapons. The resolution will be presented at the Tuesday, April 23 regular council meeting for second reading and final passage.

Victim Assistance

Council unanimously approved the police department's plans to partner with the Community Advocates for Family and Youth (CAFY). This organization already has partnership with police forces in Laurel, Bowie and Bladensburg. CAFY staff and neighborhood volunteers advocate and provide support services to crime victims. Bowers said that the police do not currently offer robust support to crime victims. CAFY will help fill this need.

Acting Captain Seung Lee said the partnership with CAFY will allow the city's police force to focus on investigating crimes. CAFY will take over providing services to crime victims, especially victims of violent crimes such as homicides, sexual assault and robbery.

The program will be funded through grant funds with no matching city funds required.

Crime Intelligence

Lee also briefed council on

another partnership, this time with other local law enforcement agencies in Maryland. The Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN) seeks to develop a robust information structure that will enable cross-jurisdictional sharing of actionable intelligence to identify criminal networks. The program will be funded through state grant funds and no matching city funds are required.

Bowers informed council that the program also allows police forces to provide assistance to other jurisdictions. That means that Greenbelt would be able to use officers from other jurisdictions when appropriate.

Lee told council that this network will focus on gangs and violent crimes but will also share information on human trafficking and robberies. Greenbelt Police are asking for council support to take part in this program. The first step is to become part of the memorandum of understanding. Though the police are spearheading the program for Greenbelt, a variety of local government agencies would participate.

WMATA Trail

The promised trail from Greenbelt Station to the Greenbelt Metro station is once again stalled. Director of Planning and Community Development Terri Hruby told council that it is about three months behind schedule.

Hruby said that the permits for the work will not be approved until the fall of 2020. The top

priority, she said, is to get the electricity issues resolved. Until then, the site development plan cannot be submitted to the county and the state Department of the Environment for approval. She estimated that the trail would be completed in mid-2021, but hedged, "Don't quote me on this."

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) provided a cost estimate to provide power to the entire length of the trail. But according to the agenda comments, the cost was exorbitant. Woodlawn, the developer of Greenbelt Station, is now exploring other options.

Greenbelt Cleanup

Councilmember Colin Byrd recounted his dismay over the amount of trash encountered during the recent Help Unite Greenbelt Walk. He noted that Howard County does an annual cleanup. Byrd motioned that the city should encourage residents to pick up litter anytime in April and it was unanimously approved.

The county will sponsor an event Growing Green with Pride on May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a picnic with the county executive. Participants must register by Friday, April 19. Mayor Emmett Jordan said he would like to see a city program for trash cleanup around that date. Councilmember Judith Davis requested that the issue be referred to the GreenACES.

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the space into an education and visitor center to support the museum's programs and activities.

Meanwhile, FOGM and Young have begun a fund drive to raise needed money to pay for the improvements. This includes \$37,500 to match a \$50,000 grant from the Maryland Heritage Area Authority. Efforts are also ongoing to obtain community investment tax credits issued by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Other grants previously awarded include a Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Operating Assistance Grant for \$10,000 to support planning and design work for the education and visitor center interior; a Greenbelt Community Foundation grant for \$5,000; and a grant for \$2,500 from Prince George's County Councilmember Todd Turner. FOGM and staff have also applied for a \$50,000 Prince George's County Community Impact Grant.

Budget

The proposed city budget for the museum is \$14,500, an increase of \$4,200 over the current budget. The increase is primarily due to increased personnel costs. In addition, FOGM, through its fund-raising, has a budget of \$48,600 to support the museum's operation. While the director is a city employee, FOGM funds a part-time volunteer coordinator and an office assistant.

Council reviewed with Young activities and accomplishments during the past year. Some of those discussed were: special exhibits at the Community Center, the current one being on Lenore Thomas Straus who sculpted the Community Center façade reliefs and the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center; special activity programs for a Recreation Department summer camp program; participation in the city's 80th anniversary celebration; free tours and the Retro Town Fair during the Labor Day Festival;

holiday decorations for the Deco the Hall annual event; sponsored quarterly lectures and a special talk on the Greenbelt theater; on-going research on African Americans who lived on the land before Greenbelt was built for its archive on the African American experience; developing a much-needed digital preservation policy with the aid of University of Maryland student Patricia Glaser; and acquiring several important artifacts this year which included holiday items, vintage clothing, photographs and household items.

For 2018, the city reports 4,800 hours of volunteer/intern time; 1,225 museum visitors; 1,171 special programs attendees; 2,400 estimated Community Center exhibit visitors; 32 special tours and 124 FOGM memberships.

Auction April 18 2019 8 a.m.

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Gaining Skills and Nurturing Talent Workshop Series

by Aileen Kroll

The first of a three workshop series entitled Growing Skills & Nurturing Talent was offered by the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) on Saturday, April 13 at the Greenbelt Community Center. New ways of dealing with challenging group issues were discussed and demonstrated throughout the day. At the same time, one-on-one sessions were conducted by co-director and author, John Buck, with community organization representatives and local business people. Individualized follow-up will be provided during the next

month.

The next workshop will be held at the Franklin Park/Springhill Lake Community Center on Saturday, September 21. Contact Aileen at aileen@dynamic-governance.org for more information.

A big thank you to the Greenbelt Community Foundation for their support of this year-long project. Also, many thanks to Donna Hoffmeister, LeeAnn Irwin and Angeline Butler, Greenbelt TimeBank members who assisted throughout the day.



PHOTO BY DONNA HOFFMEISTER

From left: Councilmember Colin Byrd, Susan Walker, Oscar Gregory, Pat Wickersty, Mary Ernsberger and Loryne Joyce Bowen. At the welcome table is LeeAnn Irwin, from Greenbelt TimeBank.

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as "Mr. MRPA," and someone who can be considered a de facto member of any committee within the association. Purkins said Parks regularly photographs and provides tech assistance for association meetings and conferences and is known for being a strong mentor to other members of the association.

Purkins said members can be nominated for the Retired Life Award if they have worked with the association for at least 20 years, and selection is based on their level of involvement within the association. According to Purkins, Haseley has been actively involved in the TR branch, including service as chair, and will be the Profession Certification Board chair for 2019-20. "[The award] makes me feel more tied to [the MRPA] and more appreciative and wanting to contrib-

ute more to help the association move forward," said Haseley.

Committee of the Year is determined by the association's president who, at the time of the conference, was Carolyn Ryan. She said one reason she selected the Professional Certification Board was that members of the branch developed the association's continuing education unit (CEU) application to be electronically submitted, as opposed to being submitted by paper. Ryan said this transition into a more modern approach for CEU applications was a significant jump for the association.

The MRPA is composed of roughly 3,500 members and provides services for professionals in various fields across Maryland.

Jack Hogan is a journalism student at UMD and a reporter for the News Review.



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