

# Montpelier Community Association, Inc.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Deerfield Community/Recreation Center, Preschool Room October 10, 2006

**Trustees in Attendance:** Suzanne Haversack, Julia Coldren-Walker, Susan Mathis, Paul McCullagh, Kendra Wagner and Lucy Young.

**Trustees absent with cause:** John Bertak and Maribeth Petit

**Community Members present:** Charley Obenschain, Sandy Martin, Minnie Clark Lamar, Ricky and Mary Ridgeway, John Martin, Jeri Witt and Mary Hughes.

Trustee McCullagh called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. A quorum was present for conducting business.

### **Secretary's Report, Kendra Wagner:**

The September minutes were read and amended to clarify that the board approved getting a corporate sponsor to offset the cost of renting the auditorium at Capitol College. Trustee McCullagh made a motion to accept the amended minutes. They were approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report, Julia Coldren-Walker:**

Trustee Coldren-Walker reported that the balance in the checking account is \$21,900 and that since moving the accounts to Chevy Chase the interest earned is already greater than the total received last year. Several fines were paid and that money goes directly to the Benevolent Fund. A letter is needed on letterhead for the new board signatories. ACTION NEEDED.

Trustee McCullagh reported that a letter needs to be sent to the pool company if the new board decides not to renew the contract with Community Pools. Mrs. Witt said that it must be done 30 days prior to the date of contract renewal. All business was concluded for the current board. The board thanked Trustee McCullagh for his contribution to the community over the years. Trustee McCullagh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM and Trustee Coldren-Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After a short recess, Trustee Wagner called the meeting of the new board of trustees to order at 7:10 PM.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Julia Coldren-Walker, David Hartley, Jeri Witt, Susan Mathis, Minnie Clark Lamar, Sandy Martin, Kendra Wagner and Charley Obenschain.

Officers were elected: Trustee Mathis nominated Trustee Wagner to be President of the board. Trustee Witt seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Coldren-Walker nominated Trustee Witt to be Vice President and the motion was seconded by Trustee Wagner. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Trustee Mathis nominated Trustee Coldren-Walker as treasurer which was seconded by Trustee Witt and passed unanimously. Trustee Witt nominated Minnie Clark Lamar as secretary. The motion passed unanimously. Trustee Mathis nominated Charley Obenschain to be on the executive board. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote. The following were elected unanimously as committee chairs:

Traffic Committee-Trustee Martin

Social Committee- Trustee Mathis

Pool Committee-Trustee Haversack

Web Committee-Trustee Hartley

Executive Committee-Trustee Wagner, Trustee Witt and Trustee Obenschain

### **Committee Reports:**

**POOL COMMITTEE, Suzanne Haversack, Chair**

Ms. Haversack reported that the manager of the pool was great and she hopes to retain her next year. Changing pool companies is not worth losing the manager. Various ways of expressing the appreciation of the board to the manager were discussed. Trustee Coldren-Walker made a motion to give the manager a \$200 bonus pending review of her contract to ensure that it is allowed. Trustee Witt seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There is a leak in the roof and estimates are being sought. Trustee Witt reported that the entire roof should probably be replaced. The pool computer is being transferred for storage to Ms. Hughes. The cover is on the pool. Ms. Haversack has had calls regarding easements not being cared for. Trustee Witt will investigate. ACTION REQUIRED. Ms. Haversack would like to get a dumpster to clean out the storage area at the pool. The board approved.

**TRAFFIC**  
No report.

ACCC, Jeri Witt, Chair

Three sheds were approved and a fine assessed for not getting prior approval. One committee member, Citrine Wimbush, resigned from the committee. A representative of one of the group homes attended the meeting. It turns out that there will not be two group homes on Churchfield. The group home that is there has purchased a home because the owner of the house they were in is not keeping it in good repair. They will submit plans to the ACCC prior to starting renovations.

GROUP HOMES, Robin Garber

No report.

#### FACILITIES

Ms. Hughes read Mr. Petit's report. He has contracted for the dead tree to be removed. The landscape company, Medina, asked for a report on the quality of their work. Trustee Witt said that she thought they were still mulching too close to the trunks of the trees. Ms. Haversack said that the trees and shrubs around the pool and common grounds need to be pruned. She will give a list to Mr. Petit. Trustee Mathis reported that a swing was broken.

ACTION REQUIRED.

SOCIAL, Susan Mathis, Chair

Trustee Mathis reported that the September 30 picnic had about 30 or 40 people attending. The holiday events have been arranged and the social committee has a new member, Ms. Eisenberg. Trustee Mathis would like to have a more substantial prize for the Holiday Decorations Contest. For the coming year Trustee Mathis would like to get a list of members together to provide help or food to neighbors in a time of need. The cookbook is still in the works.

SECURITY, Richard Dengler, Chair

No report.

WEB COMMITTEE, David Hartley, Chair

New board members contact information will be updated on the website. The web hosting bill is \$300 and now due. Trustee Coldren-Walker thought it was due in March and will check into it. ACTION REQUIRED. Trustee Hartley is trying to coordinate the 3 Montpelier "web sites."

BENEVOLENT FUND, Jeri Witt, Chair

Trustee Witt reported that Mrs. Beahr passed away recently and neighbors were complaining about uncut grass. The benevolent fund paid for the cutting and has arranged with a neighborhood teenager for future mowing. Trustee Witt asked that board members notice the house and pick up newspapers, etc. that might accumulate. The announcements sign was discussed and information will be put into the newsletter for feedback from residents. Mr. Soule has volunteered to keep up the Montpelier entrance sign on Montpelier Drive.

#### **New Business:**

Trustee Witt reported that Ms. Chatrnuck has had some health problems recently.

Trustee Witt asked the board to consider fencing in the basketball court. In addition, neighbors on Starling Lane are having a lot of problems with kids from the apartments coming through their property and a fence is needed there, too. The newsletter deadline is October 15, 2006. Ms. Hughes asked if there was any information on the streetlight and group home issues. Committee chairs will be contacted. ACTION REQUIRED. Trustee Witt asked if anyone will be writing about the poor attendance at the annual meeting. Trustee Mathis said that a committee could be formed to try to generate interest for next year. Trustee Witt said that it cannot be on a Redskins game night.

Trustee Mathis is asking for nominations for the Holiday Lighting Contest this year rather than just driving through the neighborhood. She will put something in the newsletter explaining the process.

Trustee Coldren-Walker recommended that the assessment not be increased this year and made a motion to that effect. Trustee Witt seconded. Trustee Hartley played "devil's advocate" and reported that most accountants feel that we are underfunded. The motion was tabled for another meeting.

The advertising rates for the newsletter for 2007 were discussed. Ms. Hughes noted that the advertising supports the newsletter and she recommended no increase. Trustee Witt made a motion that the rates remain the same. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### **Comments from Attending Members:**

A community member asked about submitting plans for an addition. Trustee Witt took the information and will present it to the ACCC committee.

A list of MCA property was distributed and Ms. Hughes asked that everyone look it over and supply information.  
ACTION REQUIRED.

The next meeting will be held on the second **Tuesday of November, November 14, 2005 at 6:45** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:09 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.