

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

August 14, 2012

Trustees in Attendance: Bob Derrick, David Eisenberg, Lillian Fazio, Jack Keating, Richard Mason, and Jean Sorrentino.

Trustees Absent with Cause: Paul Buehler and Patricia Douville

Community Members Present: M. Boddie, P. Collman, M. Derrick, D. Gibson, and M. Hughes

Guests: Krista Gronlund and Susan Burke Harrison, Ardmore Enterprises

President B. Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Krista Gronlund and Susan Burke of Ardmore Enterprises, which owns a group home on Boxford Court, discussed their residential services program for developmentally disabled adults and their desire to be good neighbors in Montpelier.

Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville (absent)

- The minutes of the July 2012 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Sorrentino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio distributed the monthly statements and a delinquent assessment payment report.
- Our legal efforts continue and several court appearances are on the docket. Once delinquent accounts are turned over to the attorney, the Board members should have no further contact with the delinquent member. If contacted respond by telling them to contact the attorney as indicated in the letter.
- Trustee Fazio asked if a compilation or an audit was needed this year. Compilations were done for 2009 and 2010. Trustee Derrick asked Trustee Fazio to find out the cost of an audit versus a compilation and when the last full audit was done.

ACCC: Michael Boddie, Chairperson

- Mr. Boddie reported that there was no meeting in August because of lack of quorum. He reported that the group home on 12506 Silverbirch took care of the gutters in a very timely manner.
- There are two new issues: complaints about cars being repaired in a driveway on Shadetree and a large, work truck parked on a curve on Silverbirch.
- The home on Churchfield was cleaned up by the owners and looks good.

Communications Committee: Tim Jacobs, Chairperson

- The "bounce-back" problem on the List Serv has been fixed.
- Approximately 247 users are on the yahoo list serv. He estimates that there are about 125 homes represented.
- Trustee Jacobs reported that he might be receiving a bill for the website but he will get with the treasurer to find out what it is for and to turn it over for payment by MCA.
- The domain name will need to be renewed for three years for approximately \$30. Trustee Jacobs is to get with the Treasurer to get the domain bill sent to the Association's Treasurer so it can be tracked, budgeted for and paid.

Facilities Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- No change to pending projects.

Pool Committee: Paul Buehler, Chairperson (absent)

- Trustee Sorrentino and a community member reported there have been incidents with people using the pool late at night after closing. Members were encouraged to call Trustee Derrick or Trustee Mason if it happens again.
- The bees were sprayed and the problem is much better.
- The Board was reminded that our Pool Management contract included School hours (2:00-7:00 pm Sept. 4-7 and 10-14) and the extended season for two weeks after Labor Day. Dog Day will be September 22.

Social Committee: Carla Bowen, Chairperson (absent)

The Labor Day Luau is scheduled for Saturday, September 1 at the pool, with games around 3:00 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Trustee Mason thanked those who attended the Police Night Out. There was good attendance from our community.
- Peter Brown and Trustee Mason toured the Beltsville station. It is an old station and they hope to have a new building in about four years.
- The Commander of the Beltsville Police Station, Kevin Putnam has been invited to the annual meeting. Councilwoman Mary Lehman has also been invited. Delegate Valentino-Smith confirmed that she will attend. Written invitations will be sent and Ms. Lehman's office will be called.
- Since a resident asked about rules for noise and quiet hours, the noise ordinance was put on the list serv and will be reprinted in the newsletter.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

- Trustee Fazio will call to get a date for fixing the tennis court cracks.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Trustee Keating has two bids for repairing the parking lot and the lowest bid is \$114,000. He will get a third bid.
- The legal requirement of how the gypsy fund can be used was discussed. Trustee Keating suggested that there is now an increased risk of West Nile Virus which is spread by mosquitoes and possibly the fund should be used for spraying. Trustee Jacobs discussed the costs of a survey for gypsy moths and he was told that the amount now in the account has more than enough if spraying for gypsy moths was required again. P. Collman who was on the board at the time the account was created explained that it was derived from a special, voluntary assessment and was to be kept separate from other funds. The attorney or accountant may have to determine if the money can be used for anything other than gypsy moths.
- The purchase of some new items of playground equipment is on hold for the new board.

NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Meeting is Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 pm. There are seven nominees. One current board member missed the deadline and would like to be on the board again, but his name cannot be on the ballot. The two vacant positions will be filled by the new board as interested individuals come forward.
- Refreshments will be provided by Trustees Fazio and Sorrentino.
- Neighbors continue to complain about the vulture nuisance and have provided proof of a member feeding them. A cease and desist was already served on the member who denied feeding them. Trustee Keating made a motion to turn the matter over to the attorney. Trustee Eisenberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Professional community management services were discussed if the community cannot get members interested in volunteering to be a Trustee. The bylaws would have to be amended if this became necessary. Trustee Derrick will look into the cost of management services.
- Trustee Mason asked if there were any deer mitigation services available to the community. The deer population in the neighborhood has increased, but no one was aware of any way to limit damage to landscaping on a community level.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:33 pm. The motion passed unanimously.