

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

May 8, 2018

Trustees in Attendance: Bob Derrick, Jack Keating, Brad Gimbert, Felipe Arzayus, Richard Mason, Lillian Fazio & Sean Beaver

Trustees Absent: Paul Buehler and Rachel Howard

Community Members Present: Mary Derrick, Diana McConnell, Tricia Douville and Michelle Gimbert.

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Rachel Howard - absent

- The minutes of the April 2018 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and Trustee Gimbert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements which were distributed and reviewed.
- As of 5/06/18, outstanding assessments amount to \$30.5 K. Michelle Gimbert will issue notices those who are delinquent with the warning that MCA will turn them over to our attorney for collections.
- Trustee Fazio has met with our accountant and he has compiled a detailed list of treasurer duties and more efficient ways of handling them. She will review them for accuracy and a hard copy will be printed for the Treasurers transition book as well as saved electronically. This will be useful for future treasurers.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

- Some of the windscreens clips broke off from the strong winds but Trustee Fazio installed some new ones. They are like safety clips that are designed to snap rather than allow the screens to tear.
- The chain link fence above the gate needs to be repaired as people climbing the fences to retrieve soccer balls most likely damaged it. Facilities will look into getting it repaired.
- There have been a lot of water bottles strewn around the soccer goals. Someone should speak with the players about cleaning up after they are done playing. M. Derrick has spoken with some of the players and has addressed these issues.

ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday and the ACCC reviewed some requests for fences, new roofs, windows and siding.
- A few items have been reported to the County
- There are no major issues.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool has not been open yet but the pool management company is coming soon to do everything that is needed.
- A request was made regarding parties. In the past MCA did not charge for guest passes if they weren't using the pool but this is difficult to monitor. Can MCA make a policy that anyone 4 and over would need to purchase a guest pass no matter the circumstances? Mega passes can be purchased and they do not expire.
- After some pro's and con's discussion, Trustee Keating made a motion that all parties held at the pool and/or food pavilion would require guest passes for any non-residents ages 4 and older whether they are going to swim or not. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mason and passed unanimously.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- Nothing new to report. Welcoming should start back up with the arrival of warmer weather.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- Updated website to show changes for resale packages.
- Advertising rates – can we offer different rates for advertising or is Board approval needed? It was decided that the Executive Committee should be contacted for a decision on an as needed basis.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Crimes in Community:
 - No reported crimes in the community.
 - Excessive speeding in Montpelier. Officer Velasquez continues to shoot radar on Montpelier Drive, Oxwell Lane, Cedarbrook Lane and Silverbirch Lane.
- Police:
 - We welcome Officer Velasquez to our meeting tonight.
 - Prince George's County District VI (Beltsville) Police Command presented the following information to the CAC:
 - Total crime in District VI is down 10% compared to first quarter 2017.
 - Violent crimes are down 20% compared to first quarter 2017.

- Property crimes are down 7.5% compared to first quarter 2017.
 - Two homicides in first quarter of 2018 were both solved and closed the same day as the event.
- Additional police information
 - Eighteen new police officers just graduated from the Police Academy.
 - Cpl. Woody, District VI COPS supervisor is retiring June 1 2018. Cpl. Hibbert will replace Cpl. Woody as working supervisor of COPS unit.
 - Four COPS Officers serve the South Laurel communities. We continue to have Officer Velasquez as Montpelier Community Officer.
 - Prince George's County Police 2018 34th National Night Out planning for August 7, 2018 from 6 to 8 pm at 4321 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. More to follow when specifics are available.
 - Walk with Officer Velasquez on May 10th at 6 pm. Meet at common grounds parking lot.
 - Next COPS Coffee on 6/7/18 at 1pm at the Laurel Senior Center will be led by Officer Brown.
 - Guest speaker, Michelle Lyons, supervisor of Nuisance Abatement Board, Dept. of Permitting Enforcement, Prince George's County, presented county services that help improve the quality of life in all Prince George's County residential areas. Specifics presented to MCA Board of Trustees and the Architectural Control Committee as another means to address nuisances.
 - COPS Coffee Report: CPL. "V" of PG County Police Training & Education presented a program about "Active Threat Mitigation". Their objective is to mitigate threats, enhance safety, and develop emergency plans. Emphasis for families is to develop emergency plans, improve safety, and better understand threats.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Driveway Pole Lights: There is a renewed interest to install or get electricity to the pole lights. Thompson Electric and Agres Electrical, both in Laurel, are offering group rates for installation or conversion of electric pole lamps. We also encourage all resident to illuminate driveway lamp and garage lights at night.
- Bradford Pear Tree Program: Meeting with Ossana Wolff of **Right Tree, Right Place Program** provided the following information:
 - All remaining stumps will be removed in the next month.
 - New trees in first phase will be planted in the next two months.
 - Remaining Bradford pear trees across the Community to be removed are marked with white paint.
 - Remaining trees will be removed and new trees planted starting in the Fall of 2018.
- Montpelier Drive Project: The County indicated that selecting contractors for the Montpelier Drive Project would begin in Spring 2018. They also forecasted that the physical start of the project would begin in August 2018. The plan calls for sidewalks, median strips and lighting to be done before the milling and repaving of the road. The project is projected to take six to nine months to complete.
- MD Route 197 Parking: The no parking signs are working. Officer Hibbert, PG County Policeman, will request the State to place no parking signs on the east side of Route 197 north of Contee Road. The county police will enforce the no parking.
 - The parking on Montpelier Drive can be addressed by getting 60% of the residents affected to okay "Residential Parking" signs. Trustee Keating made a motion to survey the affected neighbors on Montpelier Drive and move forward if enough neighbors are on board with this. The motion was second by Trustee Mason and passed.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson – Tricia Douville

- The community yard sale was a success.
- The Memorial Day Potluck is scheduled for Memorial day with food being served starting at 5:30 pm.

Facilities Committee: Brad Gimbert, Co-Chairperson

- A few of the lights are out. They will check to see if it is a breaker. A new light over the kitchen door has been requested.

Old Business:

- We were not awarded the grant money for the upgrade to the pool bathrooms from the State. We now have ideas on how to improve accessibility of the bathrooms at the pool if and when we choose to upgrade. A community member inquired about the need for the upgrade and was told we have not had any requests as of yet. If we decide to pursue this project at a later date more research will need to be done.
- A survey of all the MCA Homeowners to see if there is an interest in the County installed streetlights has not been created yet, but one is planned.

New Business:

- Montpelier Marlins are hosting two home meets this summer as well as the Divisional meet.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm and it was seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously.