

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

January 8, 2019

Trustees in Attendance: Bob Derrick, Brad Gimbert, Jack Keating, Rachel Howard, Felipe Arzayus and Lillian Fazio

Trustees Absent: Sean Beaver, Paul Buehler and Richard Mason

Community Members Present: Mary Derrick, Jean Sorrentino, Brindisi Chan, Tricia Douville and Michelle Gimbert

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Rachel Howard Chairperson

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

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio - Chairperson

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed and reviewed.
- The water bill has been read by WSSC. No bill has been received yet.
- 1099s are ready to go the accountant.
- \$40,000.00 transferred to the Reserve Fund. It will not show up in January statements. Remaining in the checking account is \$17.5 K, remaining in the Savings is \$7.5K.
- It was requested that we keep a running balance of what we have and what we have committed for the Reserve Fund.
- Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the 2019 Budget, Trustee Gimbert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

- Mid-Atlantic Asphalt has been paid for routine annual maintenance of tennis courts.

ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday. The Committee lost one member so there is more of a workload on everyone.
- The Residential Parking Program is being enforced on Montpelier Drive.
- There were a few requests from Members that are being processed, but it is mostly quiet in terms of issues and complaints.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool repairs, new white coat, lights, fixtures, tile and coping stones, are ongoing. Now that the white coat is off there was not as much damage as our contractor was expecting from a pool over 50 years old. The work of chipping off the white coat will continue and, once completed, they will give the Board an estimate for the few areas needing repair.
- The contractor will scope the main pool drain pipes with a camera in an attempt to determine the condition of the old cast iron pipes. Replacement of the main drain lines was not part of the original proposal which could cost an additional \$25,000 - \$30,000. Once they have 'scoped' the drain, they will give the Board a recommendation with a specific price to do the work, if necessary.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- No updates

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson - absent

- Updates continue on the MCA website.

Security Committee Richard Mason, Chairperson – absent, Trustee Mason's written report presented by Brindisi Chan

- Crimes in Community – No reported crimes in the community since the December 2018 Meeting. Two attempted thefts were stopped by residents. PG Police South Laurel crime reports were sent to community since there are thefts from vehicles and homes in the nearby area.
- Prince George's Police:
 - Cpl. Velasquez continues to run radar on Montpelier Drive. He issues approximately 3 tickets per hour and about half are Montpelier residents.
 - Cpl. Velasquez is closely watching the park on Montpelier Drive. There has been an increase in suspicious drug activity.

- Meeting with Tom Dernoga
 - Brindisi and Trustee Mason are meeting with District 1 Councilman, Tom Dernoga on January 18, 2019. They will discuss the “State of Montpelier” to include traffic and security issues. Many issues are related to the lack of response from Prince George's County Dept of Public Works. Request MCA Board Members to email Trustee Mason if you have any county issues related to our community.
 - Councilman Dernoga and Major Addis, District VI Commander started discussion on the possibility of reorganizing the PGPD Citizens Advisory Council for District VI. We will be updated and will have the opportunity to express our views.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Right Tree, Right Place Bradford Pear Program: All selected Bradford pear trees have been removed and stumps have been ground down. The crews are diligently cleaning debris from road and gutters. New trees will be planted later in January. Look for a flier on how to care for and water your new trees in Jan/Feb Montpelier Today Magazine.
- Traffic Speed Display Products: Starting preliminary research on traffic speed displays. Suggested products emailed to Bob, Jack, Sean, Brad and Brindisi. Will set up meeting in next week.
- Prince George's County Dept of Public Works: Having difficulty with the following services. Mark Middlebusher assists with these projects. Have requested pot holes be filled three times. 311 operators assured this would be completed by 1-8-19.
- County will not remove fallen tree on north side of Montpelier Drive near Oxwell Lane. Resident sawed up tree that was blocking sidewalk and parking lane and removed debris beyond the right of way. Pepco contractor that trimmed trees on the NE grid going through our community has not removed trimmed branches.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson

- Tricia Douville was thanked for her years of service to the Social Committee and the Board. She will be handing over the Social Committee to a new volunteer and will stay on board to assist for a while.

Facilities Committee: Brad Gimbert and Paul Buehler, Co-Chairpersons

- We will not be closing the dumpster this winter.
- The locks for the front gate and playground gates are being worked on and currently all keys should still fit.
- Trustee Keating suggested that we put plastic in the loft area at the pool to keep things warmer for the security equipment.

Trustee Fazio made a motion to put off the elections for officers and committee chairs until the next meeting when most or all the Board members will be in attendance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Arzayus and passed unanimously. The motion was amended to state that “if there is a quorum, the elections will be held no matter how many Board members are present”.

Old Business:

- Brindisi mentioned the Little Free Library idea that she is working on and is going to reach out to the Marlins swim coach. She is hoping the library will be located on the common grounds by the pool and is hoping swim team members could help maintain it.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Fazio made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm and it was seconded by Trustee Arzayus. The motion passed unanimously.