

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

May 14, 2019

Trustees in Attendance: Bob Derrick, Brad Gimbert, Jack Keating, Rachel Howard, Sean Beaver, Paul Buehler, Lillian Fazio, Felipe Arzayus and Richard Mason

Community Members Present: Corinne Remy, Vermel Taylor, Jean Sorrentino, Lisa Smith, Mary Derrick, 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 Chairperson

- The minutes of the April 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the minutes as amended 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.
- To date, we still have 48 delinquents and 4 long term delinquents. Total collected to date is \$211,246. This includes some delinquent collections.
- In May, \$895 was added to the Benevolent Fund from donations.
- WSSC has sent a notice threatening to shut off our water unless we pay them \$8400. Trustee Fazio talked to Mr. Ferrera and he said that the large 4" meter must be repaired before an accurate bill can be presented. He assured her that the water will not be cut off.
- Republic Services has sent a bill for \$200 for a new dumpster. Trustee Gimbert is investigating.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

- Dog walkers are using the tennis courts and allowing dogs to play in the court area. Trustee Fazio will reach out to the organizer of the small dog group and express that the courts are not for dogs.

ACC Committee: Jack Keating, Chairperson

- At the meeting last Thursday a few issues were resolved and several others were discussed.
- There are two major issues with members that are being addressed with more documentation.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- A budget update for the pool repairs was distributed. Payments totaling \$100,000 have been paid so far.
- Lighthouse repaired the slide but cannot guarantee how long it will last, as it was in bad shape.
- Twenty-five lounge chairs were restrapped. It saved approximately \$2,000 from purchasing new ones.
- The Floating Marlin mosaic tile inlay has been installed. The coping stones, water line tiles, racing lanes, cross targets & lane line anchor points have also been installed. The bond coat is on, new handrails are going in and the whitecoat is next.
- Painting of the outside trim on the office and guard shack, the kitchen door, the outside utility door, bathroom doorframes, diving board stand and the parking lot gate has been completed.
- The crack on the diving board platform has been welded and the handrails have been tightened with new bolts and washers.
- The deteriorating top cap boards on the parking lot planters have been removed.
- Power washing of the concrete deck will be done once the construction is completed.
- Several members of the Pool Committee requested that the Board of Trustees consider allocating \$300 of MCA funds for adult/children swimming lessons. The Chairman of the Swim Team was contacted about funding free swimming lessons but after some discussion they declined. Those interested in the idea wanted to determine the Board's level of interest before developing the idea further. There did not seem to be sufficient interest in using MCA funds in this manner.
- It was brought up that the lane line anchor points might not all be exactly 7' apart. Trustees Derrick suggested that a 'task force' be formed to meet at the pool to do careful measurements to see if anything should be done.
- Trustee Buehler made a motion to paint former community member Caleb Heidel's version of the Marlin, the current Swim Team logo, in the men's room not to exceed 2½ feet in diameter at no cost to MCA. Trustee Howard seconded the motion. The motion was amended to include one in the ladies' room as well. This motion passed 6 to 2.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- A new list has been received and visits will resume soon now that the nice weather is arriving.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- No report.

Bylaws Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- No report.

Security Committee Richard Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in Community:

- No reported crimes in community since last Board Meeting. Solicitation is still a problem. Recommend residents not open door to strangers and/or purchase a video doorbell. Unauthorized opening of someone's front door was reported to police via 911. Recent vandalism happened at the park at end of Montpelier Drive. Police continue to report vehicles in South Laurel being stolen and vehicles being broken into. Thank you all for being vigilant and helping to prevent crimes.

Prince Georges Police District VI Commander's Crime Report for March 2019:

- Overall crime is down.
- Two shootings with arrests in District VI. Both parties to these shootings were known by one another. Statistics are down on numbers of rapes and murders.
- A bank robbery at private ATM was reported.
- There is a slight increase in commercial burglaries.
- Thefts from autos include backpacks, wallets and wheel rims. Police are looking for patterns of criminal activity.

PRINCIPAL MD STATE'S ATTORNEY JASON ABBOTT spoke about:

- Important project is juvenile prevention to prevent recidivism (work with families and schools).
- Created an Integrity Unit to work on: public integrity for corruption, police use of force, constitutional rights, hold people accountable for certain types of offenses.
- Community Outreach – Victims and families included in the beginning in the court process to keep the victims and families involved.
- Special Prosecution Unit – Economic crime, arson, elderly abuse, illegal dumping, scams to elderly.

MD STATE'S ATTORNEY BRAVEBOY spoke about:

- Safe driving campaign on Sober & Safe Driving.

Traffic Committee: Felipe Arzayus, Chairperson

- Potholes – Calls to 311 will continue if there are potholes to be filled.
- Unmesh Patel, project manager for the Montpelier Drive Project was in attendance. He explained that the plans are finished for the project and they are waiting for the legal team to work through and finalize the contract acquisition language, then it will be advertised for bidders. The money is still being held for this project according to Councilman Dernoga.
 - The bids are now performance based as opposed to going to the lowest bidder. Therefore, the language needs to be cleaned up before advertising for bidding.
 - Advertising will last thirty days before it closes then there will be another ten days to two weeks to decide. Then there will be bonding, insurance and actions by the Office of Finance that must be finalized. If everything went like clockwork it would still be approximately four months before the contractor breaks ground and they are estimating at least a year for project completion.
 - Sidewalks and driveway entrances will be fixed where they are needed.
 - The streetlights will be installed and maintained by the utility company (BG&E).

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- Thanks for all the help at the Easter Egg hunt. It was a huge success.
- A list of potential summer social events was handed out.
- The Memorial Day picnic is scheduled on Monday, May 27th.
- The Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 1st. There are already ten houses signed up and we anticipate many more. Signs will be put up around the neighborhood as well as online advertising.
- Trustee Keating made a motion to approve the three happy hours scheduled using the plan that was implemented last time this was organized. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mason and passed unanimously.
- Trustee Gimbert made a motion that the happy hour be held from 5-9 pm with a bouncer being hired to hand out 21 and older wristbands and this will be paid out of the social committee budget. Trustee Keating seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Trustee Keating made a motion to pass the two Teen Pool nights. Trustee Buehler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Trustee Howard made a motion to hold Bingo every Sunday evening starting June 9th which would include a Dessert Potluck. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beaver and passed 7-1.
- Wednesday Nights will continue with Family Night Pizza potluck dinner beginning June 19th. A suggested was made to have this as a Raft Night as well but no motion was made probably due to the number of evenings already filled with activities.
- The LARS 5K will be held this Saturday starting and finishing at the Common Grounds parking lot. Trustee Arzayus and Mark Middlebusher will be assisting with setting up the course.

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

- No report.

Old Business:

- Trustee Beaver made a motion to allow the homeowner that approached the Board at the last meeting to use the field on the common grounds for 45 minutes a week on Saturday to host an exercise class for children limiting the enrollment to 10 children. It is understood that there is no reserving the field, as it is on a 'first come first serve basis'. Trustee Keating seconded the motion and it passed 6-2.
- Trustee Derrick asked if anyone wanted to volunteer for the following Community action initiatives:
 - o Fight County Bill 20-2019 to allow medical cannabis laboratory at Pheasant Run Shopping Center without zoning hearing
 - o Start and lead a 'Stop the MAGLEV' action group within the Montpelier CommunityNo one volunteered.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Gimbert. The motion passed unanimously.