

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

July 9, 2019

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

Trustees Absent: Paul Buehler

Community Members Present: Carol Jenkins, Susanne Sutton, Mary Norton, Mary Saarinen, Tricia Douville, 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: Trustee Howard Chairperson - absent

- The minutes of the June 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Fazio made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Trustee Keating seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements, which were distributed and reviewed.
- Total collected to date is \$219,274. This includes collections from some previously delinquent community members.
- We have 19 delinquents and 4 long term delinquents and as of May 31st, they still owe \$12,963. Legal action is being pursued.
- Thanks to Trustee Gimbert, the dispute with Republic Services (dumpster in parking lot) has been resolved with removal of the charge for a new dumpster which we did not request.
- Trustee Fazio still has not been able to get Mr. Armando Ferrera of WSSC to provide an update on the incorrect bill.
- Payment to Sign-A-Rama has been resolved. The payment (reimbursement) was rerouted to Trustee Gimbert.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- Trustee Fazio has replaced two old Rol-Dris with new rollers. We now have four working Rol-Dris.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- The next meeting will not be held until this coming Thursday due to the July 4th holiday.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool is running smoothly. The plumbing issues in the men's room are being addressed (will call Mike Owens Plumbing). The port-a-john has been removed, Trustee Keating has taken care of the flagpole and it is looking much better.
- Water aerobics is underway.
- July 20th is the Swim Team Banquet and they would like to stay until 10:00 pm. Lighthouse has been asked if they can support it.
- A community member is unhappy that they must pay for their grandchild who lives with them part time but unfortunately, they must live there full time or they will have to purchase an extended family membership or use guest passes.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- Visits are still being made to the new members of the community.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- There has been an increase in members signing up for the social media site called *Nextdoor*.

Bylaws Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- No report.

Security Committee Trustee Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in Community:

- No reported crimes in community since the June 11, 2019 MCA Board Meeting.

Prince Georges Police Update:

- There was no Citizens Advisory Council Meeting or COPS Coffee Meeting this past month.
- Prince George's County District VI Police Night Out is August 6, 2019 in Beltsville District 6 Station. We are waiting for special instructions from police committee for volunteers.
- We are still working on a speed camera for Montpelier Drive on the south side, just west of Claxton.
- Cpl. Michael Velasquez, our Community Police Officer, continues his special assignment. Our current contact during the assignment is Cpl. Hibbert.

Solicitation in Montpelier:

- There is no solicitation in Montpelier per Prince George's County and **NO Solicitation Ordinance** and the MCA Covenants. A solicitor must have a County solicitor permit before soliciting in our community. Prince George's County Solicitation Permit Office says that NO groups, not even non-profit organizations or religious groups, are exempt from the permit requirement.

Prince George's County District VI Weekly Crime Reports:

- Look for weekly Police crime reports that Trustee Mason posts to Nextdoor and the Yahoo Group. We are fortunate to have very few crimes in Montpelier. Look at the other nearby communities and notice that property is stolen from vehicles, and vehicles are stolen. Thanks for protecting your property.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- Trustee Arzayus and Mark Middlebush are continuing to make 311 call on potholes and the County is responding.
- Calls to PG County Department of Public Works, Irv Becker and Mr. Patel, have been placed but there are no updates on the Montpelier Drive project.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- Thanks go out to the Tricia and John Douville and Trustee Derrick for volunteering to make the 4th of July celebration a success.
- Pizza night's have had 20-30 attendees.
- The teen/young adult pool party will be run by Vonnie Clement on July 16th. Advertising will be done online.
- Bingo nights have had a small turnout but have been a lot of fun. Bingo won't be held this Sunday due to the Laurel Invitationals for the Marlins.
- A new proposal was brought to the Social Committee by Mary Norton and Mary Saarinen. They would like to have a community wide Art Fair in the pool parking lot. They want to encourage community artists to come together to sell their art. They are proposing to hold it on Saturday, August 10th from 8 am – 12 pm. They are looking to have people sign up by August 3rd. Set up will be around 7:30 am. Advertising will be done at the pool and online. There will be no cost to the community. Trustee Beaver made a motion to approve this proposal. It was seconded by Trustee Howard and passed unanimously.
- LARS sent a thank you letter to the Board and community for the use of our neighborhood and help with the "Spring into Summer 5K".

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbart and Buehler, Co-Chairpersons

- No update.

Old Business:

- No updates on the idea of a Dog Park.

New Business:

- The Montpelier 5K will not be held this year.
- A proposal was brought to the Board by Susanne Sutton for a self-funded 12-hour Night Swim (9pm to 9am) on a Friday night to Saturday Morning. It would be for swimming laps only and maybe camping in the volleyball area in-between swimming. The Board seemed interested but will need more details. To be able to determine a budget for this event, with the lifeguards being the largest cost, Lighthouse Pool Management Company will need additional details on how many swimmers need to be covered, ages of swimmers, possible spectators, rules for leaving the pool and returning, etc. Finally, if the entry fees did not cover the cost of the event, the Board was asked if MCA would underwrite the event. With the proposed date (16-17 August) only three days after the August Board Meeting if a decision is required earlier (for advanced advertising) all the details, to include liability release forms, will need to be provided to the Executive Committee.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Beaver. The motion passed unanimously.