

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

October 10, 2019

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

Trustees Absent: Paul Buehler and Rachel Howard

Community Members Present: Sterling Spangler, Barbara Mahoney, Darryl Mahoney, Doris Humes, Shawnette Humes, Cindy Merrow, Mary Derrick, 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: Trustee Howard Chairperson - absent

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

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly financial statements, which were distributed and reviewed.
- There are no changes in the number of Community Members that are delinquent in paying their assessments.
- Mary Derrick and Trustee Fazio are working hard to resolve incorrect billing issues with WSSC.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- No report

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday. There were a few requests all addressed by the Committee.
- The committee members that were present agreed to serve another year.
- Most items have been closed out. There are a few ongoing items being addressed.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool cover was put on two days after doggie day and the pool management company is still working on final winterization.
- Lighthouse Pool Management indicated they would test the Baby Pool pipes before the water is turned off.
- Trustee Gimbert and Trustee Keating are looking into tarps to cover the baby pool. There were two found for \$100.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson - absent

- Visits will continue.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- The old community survey done in 1998 was sent out to the Board to review to get ideas for another survey to the community with guidelines for good survey construction.

Bylaws Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- No report.

Security Committee Trustee Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in Community:

- 9/8/19 - 8700 block Oxwell Lane, Motor vehicle theft.
- 9/9/19 - 12700 block of Silverbirch Lane, theft break in.
- 9/9/19 - 12400 block of Eastgate Lane, theft from auto.
- 9/9/19 - Silverbirch Lane, firewood stolen.
- 9/21/19 - 1200 block of Shadetree Lane, County police and postal police captured unstable woman stealing mail from mailboxes.

- 9/25/19 - Montpelier Drive, Auto @ 40 MPH hit doe. Doe injured and driver sped away.
- 9/26/19 - Shadetree Lane, Granite Lane, & Ivory Pass, cars opened and searched.
- 10/1/19 - 12400 block of Radnor Lane, bench stolen from front yard.

Radar Speed Sign:

After extensive research, MCA Security Committee recommends we purchase the RAI SafePace 100 Radar Speed Sign. Each Trustee was previously given a copy of the product. Here are highlights of this selection:

- Price is \$2399 + \$125 for universal mount + pole (approximately \$200, with tax + \$50 handling) = \$2724.
- High efficiency solar panels with low maintenance
- Anti-glare lens & automatic ambient light adjustment.
- Software to set parameters.
- Programming to display speed range and digital strobe, flashing threshold speed, programmed directly on sign with a convenient on-board switch.
- Vandalism resistant with ¼ inch durable aluminum protective cover & individual optical lenses shielding each LED. Sign is well protected against theft or vandalism.
- Stealth Mode to collect baseline traffic data while speed display appears blank to motorists.
- Speed violator strobe is programmable to alert speeding drivers.
- Community Police Officer Velasquez and MCA Security Committee recommend placement on Montpelier Drive where it is on straight of way with fewer trees for solar efficiency.

Prince George's County Police:

- Our community Police Officer, Cpl. Velasquez, continues his weekly radar patrol, when possible, on Montpelier Drive.
- Officer Frazier of PG County COPS Unit attended our annual meeting.
- COPS Coffee on 10/3/19 featured three important and interesting presentations:
 1. Michelle Lyons from DPIE discussed Nuisance Board (drug activity). Learned of Partners Meeting.
 2. Mercedes from MD Attorney General's Office discussed ways to avoid fraud.
 3. Eric Wolford of 2020 Census discussed importance of submitting electronic data. County loses funds when all residents are not counted.
- PG County Police are sponsoring a "Trunk and Treat" Halloween event at Beltsville Academy, Beltsville, MD on 10/24/19 from 6 to 7:30 PM. Please donate candy ahead of the event by emailing Richard Mason or Brindisi Chan and we will pick up. Make sure your children are safe on Halloween night. Look for detailed safety guidelines coming via our group emails.
- PG County District 6 Citizens Advisory Council. Brindisi and I attended September 2019 meeting.
- Major discussion was concerning increased crime in the South Laurel, Beltsville and Calverton areas.
- States attorney, Terry Bell discussed crime offenses and court hearings. She encourages our membership to attend the hearing and support the legal system.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- The contract language for the Montpelier Drive Project has been finalized and will be advertised mid to late November 2019 for contractors. The work should start around March or April 2020 if all goes well. Funding is still there and they said there is enough to complete the project.
- Crosswalks will be repainted this weekend.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- The Fall Festival will be held on October 19th from 12 – 2 pm in the pool parking lot.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert and Buehler, Co-Chairpersons

- Trustee Gimbert has scheduled two more appointments for quotes for the damaged fence at the tennis courts.

A Recess was taken to allow the administrative assistant to announce the new Board Members for the 2019-2020 Year:

Felipe Arzayus
Sean Beaver
Paul Buehler

Bob Derrick
Lillian Fazio
Brad Gimbert

Jack Keating
Richard Mason
Cindy Merrow

The Administrative Assistant reconvened the meeting and the new Board was seated.

Nominations were taken for President, Trustee Derrick was nominated, willing to serve, and there being no other nominations, elected President by unanimous vote. President Derrick, requested nominations for the remaining positions to the Board and Committee Chairs. All nominees were unopposed, and the following positions were filled:

Vice President of the Board of Trustees – Trustee Keating
Secretary – Trustee Merrow
Treasurer – Trustee Fazio (automatically Finance Committee Chairperson)
ACC Chairperson – Trustee Keating
Benevolent Committee Chairperson – Trustee Beaver
Communications Committee Chairperson – Trustee Beaver
Elections Committee Chairperson – Lynne Collman
Executive Committee Chairperson – Trustee Beaver
Facilities Committee Chairperson – Trustee Gimbert
Governing Documents Chairperson – Trustee Beaver
Nominating Committee Chairperson – Michelle Gimbert
Pool Committee Chairperson – Mary Derrick
Security Committee Chairperson – Trustee Mason
Social Committee Chairperson – Lisa Smith
Swim Team Committee Chairperson – Marie Gatti
Tennis Committee Chairperson – Trustee Fazio
Traffic Committee Chairperson – Trustee Arzayus
Welcoming Committee Chairperson – Vermel Taylor

New Business:

- ACCC – an empty lot in the community on Pleasant Court was purchased and the owners and their builder were in attendance. They had presented a plan and supporting document to the ACCC at the last meeting but the committee denied their request for building because it did not follow the Governing Document. They are in attendance to appeal to the Board and try and get approval to move forward with building their house. After much review and discussion Trustee Derrick said the Board would need 30 days to review the plans, study the Association Governing Documents and consult with the attorney. The builder will forward electronic copies of the plans so they can be shared with the Board. This will be addressed at the next meeting.
- Trustee Mason wants to propose that MCA purchase a SafeSpace Speed sign to help reduce speeding on Montpelier Drive. It collects information as well as shows the speed the cars are travelling. It would be placed by the curb within the County easement. We will need to get permission from the County to place it there and how it will be handled during the Montpelier Drive Project. Trustee Keating made a motion that the Board approve up to \$3,500.00 to purchase the SafeSpace Speed Sign based on obtaining written permission from the County and the homeowner where it will be installed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mason and passed unanimously.
- Some community members are looking to start a Neighborhood Watch Patrol. Considering this could be a liability and insurance will not likely cover this, the Board might not want to get involved. Trustee Derrick made a motion to not support or condone the citizens crime patrol and no Board member will be permitted to participate or be a liaison, Trustee Keating seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Gimbert. The motion passed unanimously.