

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

December 10, 2019

Trustees in Attendance: Sean Beaver, Lillian Fazio, Brad Gimbert, Jack Keating, Richard Mason and Cindy Merrow

Trustees Absent: Felipe Arzayus, Paul Buehler, and Bob Derrick

Community Members Present: Sterling Spangler, Mary Derrick, and Michelle Gimbert

Vice President Jack Keating called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Trustee Merrow - Chairperson

- The minutes of the November 2019 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gimbert made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Trustee Mason 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.
- We have received two more assessments totaling this month. There are still thirteen delinquents outstanding totalling \$9,624.
- We received a bill from WSSC. Mary Derrick and Trustee Fazio don't agree with their accounts, so they are hoping to have a meeting with them in January.
- The 2020 Budget was been finalized after some discussion and changes to tennis and the common grounds.
- Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the budget as amended. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- The yearly maintenance charge of \$2,343 has been received.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday. A long-term fence issue has been resolved.
- Address numbers on the houses are being reviewed. The committee is working with the Laurel Rescue Squad to do this. Letters will be sent out to address home without displayed numbers.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool has been winterized.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- No updates

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Trustee Beaver is working on the proposed survey to go out with the Assessment in January.

Governing Documents and Bylaws Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Still in the process of setting up the committee.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in Community:

- No reported crimes in community since 11/12/19. There have been suspicious persons that have been reported via 911 to police. No arrests were made.

Prince George's County Community Officer, Cpl. Michael Velasquez Report

Discussed following topics at meeting on 12/4/19:

1. The two Northern PG County radar speed boards are again working. We will have one on Montpelier Drive again in late December.

2. Emphasized that delivered packages must be handled responsibly by residents ordering goods.
3. Request updated list of vacant houses in community so Officer Velasquez can periodically check on status.
4. Discussed Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) for District VI. Only Police Command Staff attends meetings. COPS Officers are getting more communities to join the CAC.
5. Again, emphasized the importance to call 911 for all suspicious activities and actual crimes.
6. Residents are to follow up with investigating officer when asking for update. Do not call or email our Community Officer. He will just refer you to officer handling case.

Meeting with Tom Dernoga's Chief of Staff, Michelle Garcia

Discussed the following MCA and county projects. Michelle Garcia will support these projects.

1. Discussed various radar speed signs.
2. Updated status on Montpelier Drive Project.
3. Discussed flooding at corner of Montpelier Drive and Rte 197.
4. Talked about community streetlights and our plan to fulfill PG County Dept of Transportation approval process.
5. Talked about PG Countywide Sectional Map being revised.
6. We talked about small wireless facilities coming to the County. Antennas difficult to place when all utilities underground.
7. There will soon be a finance and taxation property tax credit for qualified residents.
8. The 2020 US Census will begin in early Spring 2020. It is important to get an accurate count.
9. Public school officials and teachers are losing control with parents and students gaining power.

Update on Radar Reader Board for Community:

- With the County requesting we wait until Montpelier Drive project is completed and the increased availability of the County radar reader boards, Trustee Mason has decided to get additional information about this device. Originally, we were told that the City of Laurel recommended the board we voted on. Trustee Mason is now told it was a Montpelier resident that recommended the reader board without professional guidance or information. Trustee Mason will update the community should there be a better plan. He has a friend who has a close relationship with the City Transportation Department.

COPS Coffee Meeting

- There was no COPS Coffee meeting in December 2019, nor is one planned for January 2020.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson – absent

- The potholes on Montpelier will be filled in.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson - absent

- We have a team for judging the holiday lights contest. An e-mail was published soliciting votes for winners.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert and Buehler, Co-Chairpersons

- A check was sent for the repairs of the fence around the tennis courts and it was cashed but no work has been done. Trustee Gimbert will reach out to find out what is going on.
- The LED light over the dumpster is out.
- There are now two ramps and two platforms for skateboarding. Trustee Gimbert will talk to one of the families who use this regularly about removing it.
- Trustee Gimbert will talk to Manny of M&J about maintain the entrance way Montpelier sign.
- Trustee Gimbert talked with Manny regarding their contract and will forward invoices to Trustee Fazio.
- Spring repairs are being assessed and Trustee Gimbert will determine what needs to be done.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously.