

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

February 11, 2020

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

Trustees Absent: Cindy Merrow, Paul Buehler, Richard Mason and Sean Beaver

Community Members Present: Vermel Taylor, Lisa Smith, Mary Derrick, and Michelle Gimbert

Visiting Guests Present: Carole Jenkins, PG County Community Liaison for Council District 1

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

Secretary's Report: Trustee Merrow – Chairperson - absent

- The minutes of the January 2020 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Trustee Fazio 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.
- Annual assessments have start to come in.
- 1099's have been sent out.
- Trustee Fazio met with the accountant on February 6, 2020.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- The Certificate of Insurance was received from Mid-Atlantic Tennis.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday.
- There are several unpaid fines that need to be pursued through the lawyer and liens put into place.
- One owner with issues is in a nursing home. Trustee Beaver is working with him.
- There is a house for sale and some nurses want to buy it and make it a nursing home. The Board will respond with information on the covenants regarding it being for single family homes. Carol Jenkins with the City Council was in attendance and will ask if there are any related County rules. Are there a maximum number of group homes that are allowed to be in any community? Trustee Beaver will follow up with Ms. Jenkins.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- We are in our third year of a three-year contract. The amount remains the same at \$69,100 or \$71,100 with an extra week.
- The Saturday before Memorial Day is opening day.
- We are still considering a new slide so the Board was asked to think about what dollar amount they would support.
- Activity to open the pool should start in March. Lighthouse will continue the search for the cause of the leak in the baby pool.
- Ideas for possible 2020 projects:
 - o Concrete replacement around the baby pool.
 - o Re-shingle the bathhouse and food court.
- WSSC still has not responded. M. Derrick has researched all the bills is ready to recommend to WSSC what we will pay.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- Four families have been visited this past month. Cookies were left with three families.
- V. Taylor is ready for a new list and as the names come in, M. Gimbert will pass their names/address along.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson - absent

- No report.

Governing Documents and Bylaws Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson - absent

- No Report

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson – absent but sent in report

Crimes in Community:

- There have been no reported crimes since the 1/14/20 Meeting.

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

- Laurel City Police recommend a speed reader board by Traffic Logix. This board has an improved batter life and has LED lighting. The Security Committee will make a recommendation in the future.
- The County plans to put a speed reader board on Montpelier Drive in early February.
- Officer Velasquez will conduct speed radar surveillance on Montpelier Drive at unannounced times.
- There is an ongoing request to PGPD to patrol Route 197 where there have been increased accidents.
- There is a new trailer mounted speed camera on the East side of Muirkirk Road in front of Montpelier Elementary School.
- Officer Velasquez recommended interested Montpelier residents tour PG County 911 Center. Brindisi will make arrangements and announce to community.
- Discussed new product called "HD MirrorCam" that provides auto dash cam capabilities.
- Police recommend removing the handicap tag off rear view mirror before driving.
- Police are looking for candidates to attend the PGPD Citizens Police Academy. See *Nextdoor* e-mail or contact Brindisi if interested. This in an excellent program as attested to by the many Montpelier residents that have attended.

Prince George's County District 1 Councilman Tom Dernoga

Meeting with Michelle Garcia, Chief of Staff for Councilman Tom Dernoga. Prince George's County District 1

- MCA has been asked for one representative to District 1 Council for US Census Bureau.
- Councilman will stay in touch with PG Transportation concerning the Montpelier Drive construction project.
- Councilman will insist that PG Transportation correct flooding on Montpelier Driver at Route 197.
- Councilman will alert both PGPD and PG Transportation of accidents at Muirkirk Road and Route 197.
- Garcia requests participation with PGPD COPS Coffee at Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center.
- Garcia wants to participate in PGPD District 6 Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) meetings.
- Councilman will include F. Arzayus, MCA Traffic Cmty Chair, in emails concerning all road and transportation issues.
- Asked Councilman's Office to encourage PGPD to have cameras for all patrol officers.

Report of District 1 Community Partners Breakfast:

Meeting on 1/24/20 attended by Bob Derrick, Brindisi Chan and Richard Mason, discussed the following topics.

- Learned about Prince George's County District 1 and its policies.
- Discussed best practices on effective advocacy on behalf of our community.
- Emphasized the Census 2020 and the importance for an accurate count.
- Learned about a new countywide zoning plan and the associated re-zoning ordinance.

Report from Senior COPS Coffee:

Cpl. Brown conducted COPS Coffee at Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center on Thursday, 2/06/20. He introduced Ashley Greer of the Prince George's County Family Justice Center. They have partnership with over a dozen partners and provide many services to the county. Some of the more popular services are legal, housing, jobs, community provide many services to the county. You can get more information by calling 301-780-8008.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- 40 potholes were called in and withing 24 hours the county was out filling them.
- Trustee Arzayus spoke with Mr. Patel and bids will close 1/20/20. The bidder's selection is being reviewed by the committee.
- Bradford Pear trees will start coming down in March.
- Mid-April to May for potential start dates.
- Information will be put in the newsletter regarding the Montpelier Drive Project.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- April 4th is the date for the Easter Egg Hunt. A flier will be put in the newsletter.
- The Community Yard Sale will be on May 16th and will also be put in the newsletter.
- Looking to recruit volunteers to help with events.

Swim Team Committee: Marie Gatti, Chairperson - absent

- No report.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson

- LED light over the dumpster in the Parking lot will be addressed.
- Replacement nets for the soccer goals are being assessed for replacement for the spring.
- Skateboard equipment has been removed and sign restricting unsupervised skateboarding has been ordered and installed.
- Trustee Gimbert requested M&J Construction add the Rt197 entrance sign and the area where the drainage work was done. That scope will be added to the annual contract.

Old Business/New Business:

- Carole Jenkins, PG County Community Liaison for Council District 1, shared the information about the County's efforts to make sure the Census 2020 was a success for PG County. Every person NOT COUNTED will mean the County will NOT get over \$18,000. Funding that pays for the services we all enjoy. Ms. Jenkins shared:
 - o We will get an opportunity to do the census on-line first, if not done, a paper copy will be mailed and finally, IF NOT DONE, we will get the chance to give our information to a census taker AT OUR FRONT DOORS.
 - o The online survey is supposed to be able to be done in 10 minutes.
 - o There is NO question about citizenship on the survey.
 - o There is a law stating that the information provided is private and will not be shared with anyone.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Arzayus. The motion passed unanimously.