

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

March 10, 2020

Trustees in Attendance: Bob Derrick, Brad Gimbert, Jack Keating, Lillian Fazio, Cindy Merrow, Paul Buehler, Sean Beaver and Felipe Arzayus

Trustees Absent: Richard Mason

Community Members Present: Michele Einolf, Ivan & Francis Bush, Margaret Larkin, Bob Olson, Marie Gatti, Vermel Taylor, 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 Merrow – Chairperson

- The minutes of the February 2020 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gimbert 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.
- We have received 117 assessments.
- Trustee Fazio purchased the 2020 version of QuickBooks because the 2017 version was not compatible with the new computer. The cost was \$299.95.
- We need to speak to Corinne regarding liens on homes with multi-year delinquencies.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- Mid Atlantic is planning to inspect courts on Monday, March 16th to make a plan to fix any issues IAW our maintenance contract.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday.
- A few items were closed and just a few items remain.
- The ACCC online data storage site has reached its capacity and needs to be upgraded. The Board approved the additional expense and Trustee Beaver will provide payment information to Trustee Fazio.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson - absent

- No report.

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

- No Report

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson

- Items for Spring – bench for walking trail, table repair on playground, soccer nets
- Grounds contract will be the same as last year's, but we will be adding the front entrance sign and maybe watering new trees that will be planted. Trustee Gimbert made a motion to sign the groundskeeping contract as written for no more than \$14,950 and the ala cart items will be broken out and managed by Trustee Gimbert. Trustee Fazio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- M. Derrick. has been in touch with Lighthouse be they have not planned the exact dates for the pool-opening work.
- We will be focusing on extra cleaning this year considering the Corona Virus.
- We are in the third of three years with our contract with Lighthouse.
- M. Derrick and Trustee Fazio will be meeting with the director of customer service at WSSC on March 19th in hopes of resolving the ongoing MCA water billing problem.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- V. Taylor is waiting for warmer weather and will use the latest list of new homeowners to restart welcoming visits.

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

Crimes in Community:

February 27, 2020 - A vehicle was stolen with unknown means from the driveway of a Montpelier home on the block of 9200 Lawnview Lane between the hours of 7:00pm on February 26 to 3:30pm the next day. The victims say they have the only access to the vehicle. There is no suspect information currently as detectives are still working on the case. The victims did not identify themselves to the Security Committee.

Report from the Chief of Police:

- The new PGPD Headquarters in Upper Marlboro is almost complete. After completion, most central police functions will move to the new building. Bureaus also will have a re-alignment by April 2020.
- Citizen's Police Academy is open for new applicants. Classes are 6-9pm at the FOP Lodge in Upper Marlboro. Scheduled start date is March 30. Graduation is June 29, 2020. This is a great behind-the-scenes look at your local police department, with presentations from each department including the Medical Examiner's Office. Please contact your local COPs officer for an application. It is an educational and enlightening look into the County's Finest.
- Save the Dates: September 18-20- PGPD is hosting the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference at National Harbor. They will need tons of volunteers to help as the host committee for this event. It will be exciting as thousands of cops and top Special Olympics LEO runners and fundraisers will come to learn and network in our backyard. http://www.letconference.org/2020_Conference/index.html
- VIP (Volunteers in Policing) is on hold as they are revamping the program. This is a program that allows vetted volunteers to work in non-sensitive projects with PGPD.
- Deputy Chief Murtha in Bureau of Patrol has retired. Acting Deputy Chief Shartner has taken his place. PGPD spokesperson Jen Donelan has moved over to be PGFD PIO. She is replaced by Christina "C.C." Cotterman.

Prince George's County Police Department District VI:

- In 2019, violent crime was down 12%, property crime is down 4%, overall, 5% in District VI.
- So far in 2020, violent crime is down 20%, about 3 less incidents than last year currently.
- Auto break-ins and rim thefts have slowed, mostly because of the colder weather. They expect these crimes to uptick in the spring as the weather warms, especially with criminals looking for big ticket items left in vehicles like laptops, tools, etc., and money (loose change).
- Two local criminals responsible for a bulk of the crimes have been picked up.
- The District continues to be short-staffed. COPs officers will continue to supplement the midnight shift. Sgt. Muletide have been promoted and will be leaving the District.
- Prince George's County Crime Solver's Detective/Deputies of the Year Banquet will be on Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 11:30am-2:00pm at Colony South Hotel, 7401 Surratts Rd, Clinton, MD. \$30/person. Contact Carol Brown for more info, 301-518-5437.
- Daniel of the District VI Post 600 Explorers who joined the Marines has finished his tour duty. He will be joining a police department in North Carolina. This at-risk youth who was asked to leave home, lived at PGPD Station 31 until his deployment, was saved by the Explorer program to be a functioning member of society. Support the Explorers through their fundraising dinners this year.
- Coffee with COPs - Every 3rd Wednesday at McDonalds, 4000 Powder Mill Rd (Calverton).
- COPs Coffee with Seniors - Every 1st Thursday at Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Rd.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson - absent

- No Report.

Swim Team Committee: Marie Gatti, Chairperson

- The committee had its first meeting of the season.
- They are looking to recruit more swimmers
- Bob Olson oversees storage of swim team equipment and plans to make a recommendation on a proposal for a new multipurpose pool sound system. He said the old lane lines can be thrown away or donated. M. Derrick will check with Lighthouse to see if they know a pool that could use them.
- They will have several pages for the upcoming newsletter. M. Gatti will submit these to Michelle.
- M. Gatti will work with Trustee Beaver to get some swim team information on our community website.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- Trustee Arzayus did a drive through the neighborhood and found two street signs down. They have been called in and the county will come out and fix them.
- Montpelier Drive Project
 - o The contractor has been approved and it is now in the procurement section and this should take a couple more months.
 - o It is a \$3.5 million contract
 - o It should take 365 days from beginning to end.
 - o Trustee Arzayus is looking into traffic management and to work with the contractor.
 - o May 2020 is the scheduled start date.

Old Business

- A community member was asking about the Street Lights that have been discussed in the past. The Board has decided to wait until the Montpelier Drive Project is complete. Streetlights will be part of this project. This way homeowners can see how the street looks and with the lights and get a better idea if this is something the community wants to pursue further. The community would need 51% or more of the homeowners to be in favor of the streetlights before they will consider approaching the County to start the multi-year process of installing streetlights.

New Business:

- A community member reached out to the Board suggesting we utilize the large open space next to Montpelier Elementary School to build a park/playground for the community, the school and the public. Unfortunately, this land is owned by a private developer and the community does not have any legal access to use this property.
- A homeowner suggested having someone come in and paint house numbers on the curbs for all the houses. She has a contact that could do the job. Trustee Beaver will get this information and find out more.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Deerfield Run Community Center, preschool room. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Beaver. The motion passed unanimously.