

# MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes

202-860-2110, PIN: 126 909 1700#, #

March 9, 2021

**Trustees in Attendance:** Felipe Arzayus, Bob Derrick, Lillian Fazio, Brad Gimbert, Jack Keating, Richard Mason, Cindy Merrow, and Vermel Taylor

**Trustees absent with cause:** Sean Beaver

**Community Members Present:** Chris Tarbrake, Michele Einolf, Lisa Smith, 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 2021 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted 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 online and reviewed.
- We have received 150 assessments this month (\$48,750)
- Trustee Fazio transferred \$40,000 from checking to Savings for the better interest rate.
- Trustee Derrick has questioned the attorney on proceeding with liens. She would like account statements for all the delinquents.
- Trustee Fazio had a second meeting with the accountant regarding the income taxes. Everything looks good. We are still waiting for the final copy.

### **Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson**

- No report.

### **ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson**

- There was no meeting this past Thursday due to a lack of quorum.
- The committee is continuing to approve items and handle complaints online.
- There are currently twelve open issues.
- We are asking for updates from everyone on vacant homes. If you know of any vacant homes, please provide this information to Michelle. Maybe we can find a share file location to keep a list where the Board and ACCC could access and update it.

### **Governing Documents and Bylaws Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson – absent**

- No report.

### **Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson**

- No report.

### **Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson**

- The young man that has been taking care of the trash & recycling has agreed to continue his job. Trustee Gimbert will work on updating the contract.
- M&J Landscaping has continued to keep the pricing the same for this year, \$14,050. Trustee Gimbert made a motion to renew the contract with M&J for 2021. Lillian seconded the motions and it passed unanimously. M&J has agreed to address the weed problem in the ball field infield more closely.
- We can investigate contracted maintenance of the new Montpelier Drive Project islands once they are all completed.
- Trustee Gimbert is looking for more information from the State regarding opening of the basketball courts.

### **Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson**

- The community needs a new slide. The current one has been repaired many times over the last few years. \$25,000 was the cost of the slide that was recommended last year, that price does not include installation.

- A meeting is set for Saturday, 13 March, at the pool to review the different options, see various layouts for slides of different sizes and answer questions.

#### **Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson**

- Crimes in the Community – Reported crimes in our community since our meeting on 2/9/21.
  - o There was a theft from an auto on 2/19/21 at 7:09 am at the 9100 block of Montpelier Drive.
  - o There was a family disturbance on 2/24/21 in the afternoon in the 12700 block of Cedarbrook Lane. 911 was called and the family did not press charges.
  - o There were loud motorcycles in part of the community on 2/27/21. It was reported on Nextdoor, but no other action was taken.
  - o Continuous speeding and illegal passing on Montpelier Drive.
- Retired Police chief of Laurel, David Crawford has been arrested and charged with Arson and attempted murder. He served on the P.G. County Police Department for 20 years, retired and accepted the job as Laurel Police Chief where he served for 5 years.
- Report from P.G. County Community Police Officer Cpl. Michael Velasquez – Cpl. Velasquez will be reassigned to Patrol Duty starting April 8, 2021. Patrol Officers will still be in our community. We have a new COPS police contact for community events. If police are needed, please call 911. The Corporal reminds everyone that it is important to lock your car, park in lighted area, and never leave anything visible in your vehicle. He also said there are criminal problems at the Towne Center Shopping Center located at Contee and Route 197. There have been problems at the Dollar Store and to keep an eye out for gangs hanging out near the CVS.
- Report from 2/25/21 P.G. County District VI Police Citizens Advisory Council (CAC):
  - o More police Patrol Officers are either retiring or accepting police jobs in other counties.
  - o Police officers are being held more accountable in their day-to-day work.
  - o Emphasis is that it is the duty of police officers to report another officer for misconduct.
  - o Police body cameras will be universal in 2022.
- Report on Human Trafficking presented by MD State Delegate Joseline Pena Melnyk: – Delegate Pena-Melnyk serves P.G. and Anne Arundel Counties. She serves on the Health Committee. There is a MD Task force handling 187 criminal law cases. The P.G. County emphasis is for education of public awareness for victim of crimes. Emphasis is on being sensitive and humane.

#### **Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson**

- The Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, March 27th. We are looking at getting a magician (Illusions by Vick). It will be family friendly. There will be an egg hunt around the neighborhood for the week leading up to the Spring Fling. Neighbors will have Eggs in their windows and the kids can find them throughout the week. There will be goody bags after the entertainment. The events will be held at the pool parking lot. It will be announced online and on signs throughout the neighborhood.

#### **Swim Team Committee: Marie Gatti, Chairperson - absent**

- No Report

#### **Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson**

- Montpelier Drive Project – no updates, cold weather has slowed down work, but this was factored into the plan. WSSC is still working on the west end of Montpelier Drive.

#### **Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson**

- V. Taylor has visited everyone from the previous list and is ready for more newcomers. Michelle G has some to pass along to her.

#### **Old Business**

- The appeal on the Mahoney case was denied.
- The MCA Green Team is in the early stages of formulating a list of ‘green’ projects to make the Community more sustainable. These projects will hopefully be done through a combination of Grants, MCA funding and volunteer labor.
- Trustee Arzayus investigated lighting for the Montpelier Drive sign at Rt 197. MNCPPC owns the land where the sign sits. We would need permission from them since it is part of a historic site. If we get permission, then BG&E would need to be involved and we would need to source the power from across Montpelier Drive, requiring cutting open the road to install an underground conduit. This would involve permits as well. It would likely get very costly, maybe in the range 10’s of thousands of dollars, so the Board has put it on the back burner for now.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Masons made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Arzayus. The motion passed unanimously.