

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes

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April 13, 2021

Trustees in Attendance: Felipe Arzayus, Sean Beaver, Bob Derrick, Jack Keating, Richard Mason, Cindy Merrow, and Vermel Taylor

Trustees absent with cause: Lillian Fazio and Brad Gimbert

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

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Trustee Merrow – Chairperson

- The minutes of the March 2021 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson - Absent

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly financial statements, which were distributed online and reviewed.
- \$50,000 was transferred from checking to Savings for the better interest rate on 3/10/21.
- Nationwide insurance was paid. It increased by \$112.00.
- Our income taxes have been done. There is no state or federal tax due.
- Delinquent Assessments as of April 2 are at \$47,465.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- Mid-Atlantic came and 'power washed' our courts. They did not do a good job. There are a lot of moldy areas surrounding the playing area. Trustees Derrick, Keating, Gimbert and Fazio met with Cesar of Mid-Atlantic to discuss the next steps. As of 4/5/21 we still have not heard from them.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting last Thursday, April 1st.
- There are 13 open complaints in different stages.
- There are 5 requests for maintenance items, siding, new roof, garage doors, etc...
- The Executive Committee reviewed a request from the Mahoney's regarding the lot on Pleasant Court. They have submitted another request for approval on building a house. The committee agreed that it does not follow the guidelines laid out in the covenants. Trustee Beaver has uploaded the request for the entire ACC Committee to review. Once they have decided it will be forwarded to the Board and Trustee Derrick can forward it to the attorney to send a letter on the decision.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- The website was down over the last month and a half. On 2/25 they found 99 fake accounts added as admins. On 3/9 the site was suspended again due to malware. Trustee Beaver engaged Toni Fleming for help. On 3/17 the service was restored and brought back up; plug-ins that were not active were removed. Security software was installed. The only two admins are Trustee Beaver and Tony.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson - absent

- Trustee Gimbert & Trustee Derrick purchased some LED lamps and installed one near the benches at the corner of the tennis courts. The lighting in this area has greatly improved the experience for the path and benches.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool has been drained, power washed, and acid washed and is being refilled.
- There are no updates from the County on Covid issues and guidelines for pool operations. We are waiting for more information before reopening.

- A meeting was held at the pool after the last Board Meeting and several Board members were in attendance. The options for slides were reviewed and everyone agreed on the same style slide. The slide will be 3-feet higher, and 8-feet longer ride and 8-10 feet longer on the deck. You can position the platform in any position so the steps can go down in any direction.
- It was also discussed about the possibility of getting a smaller movable slide for the shallow areas (this slide will not need to be hooked up to running water) for the younger children.
- Lighthouse measured and okayed the slides and the Health Department okayed them if they are installed as per the manufacturer's instructions.
- The cost will be \$25,765 for the larger slide, \$7,304 for the smaller movable slide for a total of \$33,069, keeping it under the \$35,000 discussed.
- Trustee Keating made a motion to approve up the \$35,000 to purchase both slides. Trustee Beaver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- The cost for installation by the company selling us the slide is \$10,000, Lighthouse has said they could install it and will get back with us on what they will charge. It is possible that some of the board members also might be able to install it.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in the Community – Police and Emergency P.G. County services since last meeting:

- 911 ambulance service on 3/22/21 on Crystal Rock Lane was very professional service.
- Hit and run incident on 3/23/21 between 2 am and 4 am in the 12000 block of Shadetree. A vehicle parked on the street was damaged. This was reported to the police. If possible, park all vehicles in the driveway. Park in lighted areas on the street.
- There is an increase on vehicle traffic on Cedarbrook Lane. There is a "NO THRU TRUCKS" sign at Muirkirk. We can discuss adding cars to this message.

Report from P.G. County Community Police Officer Cpl. Michael Velasquez – Cpl. Velasquez is temporarily assigned to Police Patrol duty starting 4/14/21. Brindisi and Trustee Mason have direct contact with the COPS supervising officers in charge. Cpl. Velasquez will be on patrol duty in the Northern District VI for at least two to three months.

Report from P.G. County District VI Police Citizens Advisory Council (CAC 3/13/21):

- 3/13/21 meeting featured P.G. County Executive Angela Alsobrooks who discussed the status of our county. There are 150,000 unemployed and \$20 million needed for a county training center. The Transportation Department identifies 35 miles of County roads that need resurfacing. County Executive Alsobrooks would also like to start an ambassador program that would report public violations.
- District VI Councilmember Tom Dernoga emphasized the virtual "Budget town hall meeting: planned for 4/7/21. Valerie, DPIE Director discussed permits, dumping on private property, and tax assessments. Mike Brown, Director of DPW & T encouraged communications with his office. He also discussed dumping on private property. Britani Garner of DOE discussed 311 service. She said the responses are at "normal" levels.
- P.G. County Police, represented by Major Brian Addis and Capt. Susan Smith said there are not enough patrol officers, and the academy is not producing adequate number of officer candidates. Officers are continuing to retire and resign.

County Councilman Tom Dernoga's Town Hall Meeting 4/7/21: Highlights from the virtual meeting

- We should call appropriate P.G. County Department when assistance is needed.
- Trustee Mason has reminded residents not to put recycling, garbage, and yard waste until the night before pickup. Please follow county and community guidelines.
- If residents witness speeding or loud noised, residents should immediately call 911. The Police must witness the incidents before issuing tickets.

Other Topics:

- MCA Transportation Chairman, Felipe Arzayus, is keeping our community informed with the Montpelier Drive project. The project should be completed in September 2021. Please update Councilman Tom Dernoga with all future updates.
- P.G. County Community Police Officer, Cpl. Michael Velasquez, has been a wonderful representative for the District VI COPS Unit to our community. He has been reassigned to patrol duty effective 4/14/21. Trustee Mason and Brindisi will have contact with COPS Supervising Officer Hibbert. We hope Cpl. Velasquez returns soon.
- Thanks to Capt. Susan Smith for her information about safety and crime prevention in the community. We appreciate the police attention to Montpelier.
- Special thanks to Michelle Garcia for her communication and guidance skills.
- The Prince George's County Agency heads headlined by P.G. County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, were highly informative.
- We are grateful for Councilman Tom Dernoga and Michelle Garcia and their regular newsletters.

Parking Guidelines for Montpelier:

- It is okay to park your vehicle (72-hour limit) across from a driveway in a legal parking spot on the road. As a gesture for respect for you neighbor, please try to not park opposite a driveway.
- The “breakdown lane” on Cedarbrook is only 6 feet 6 inches wide. Trustee Mason has requested clarification from P.G. Parking Authority. Not all vehicles can park within the solid white line. Cpl. Velasquez brought this to our attention.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson - absent

- The Spring Fling at the pool parking lot was a huge success.
- There may be an upcoming Community Yard Sale on May 15th, details to come.

Swim Team Committee: Marie Gatti, Chairperson - absent

- No Report

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- Montpelier Drive Project: They are still on target to finish the project by September 2021. The last thing to be done would be planting trees, shrubs, etc... which would be best to wait until cooler weather for best results.
- They are still working around WSSC’s repairs.
- The lights are on backorder, but the posts may be put in when the time comes with the lights to be added when they arrive.
- We are still requesting the 5 truck loads of milling for our walking path around the Common Grounds.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- Trustee Taylor has delivered some brochures and gotten a thank you for the Welcome section in the newsletter,
- A new list was provided, and she will continue to make welcome visits with information and small gifts.

Old Business

- The Green Team is working with the County to enhance the sustainability of our Montpelier community.
 - They have provided us with 5 ‘scoop the poos’ signs to be put around the Common Grounds area.
 - Community member, Joe Smith has some experience with the Green Teams in College Park and has agreed to help us with a tree management plan for the Common Grounds.
 - Another item on the Green Team’s list would be to plant more trees on the common grounds to sustain the tree canopy well into the future.
 - Community member Gloria Hynes has put a lot of work into a butterfly garden. She and Trustee Derrick met with M&J to discuss the requirements, mulch bed garden, butterfly plants and bushes and benches. They gave us a quote of \$6000 which would not include the cost of the plants and bushes or steppingstones. More information will be gathered before bringing it back to the Board for a vote.
 - The committee is looking for more volunteers. They have been meeting online. The next call-in meeting will be on Monday, May 10th. Trustee Derrick will send out the information for anyone who wants to join in.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.