

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes
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May 11, 2021

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

Trustees absent with cause: Richard Mason

Community Members Present: Sterling Spangler, Nancy Stakem, Chris Tarbrake, 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 April 2021 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the minutes, 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.
- The Certificate of Deposit with Sandy Spring is up for renewal. Current rate is 0.5%. Current rate at Capital One Savings is 0.10%. Current rate at CapOne Checking is .05%. Based on these figures, I chose to renew with Sandy Spring for two years.
- A list of Lot Numbers of who have not paid the assessment was updated and shared with the Board. There are currently 42, including nine from previous years.
- Lot 1's latest bid for bankruptcy relief was dismissed by the Court. The house is believed to be up for sale.
- A call was placed to MNCCP about using Deerfield Recreation Center for our meetings and yet there is no plan to reopen their facility.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- Workers came to take care of the areas missed during the first washing on courts and they damaged the surface on Courts 3 and 4. Trustees Derrick, Keating, Gimbert and Fazio are currently working with Mid-Atlantic to fix the problem.
- Trustees Derrick and Beaver and M. Gimbert had a conference call with our attorney.
 - She said she will notify members with long term debt to the Community that if they do not pay, then liens will be placed on their homes.
 - Those who only owe for one year will only get stern reminders from the lawyer. M. Gimbert will provide the necessary information to the attorney.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting last Thursday.
- There are 12 open complaints in different stages.
- There are 11 new requests for maintenance items, siding, new roof, garage doors, etc... over the last month.
- Cease & Desist letters were sent out to 3 homeowners.
- There were 4 closed out from the previous month.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- The website is running without incident.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Trustee Beaver is looking for any recommendations for changes or updates to the documents. It has been 19 years (since 2002) since the cap was put on the Assessment. The average increase since that time was \$5.00 per year.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson

- Trustee Gimbert met with the teen that is taking care of the trash and recycling on the Common Grounds to discuss the scope of work and clarifications. He will be submitting invoices to Trustee Gimbert.
- We have not received any invoices from M&J Landscaping yet.
- We will look into having M&J Landscaping blow off the tennis courts.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool is on track to open on May 29th. We have not heard anything from Prince George's County regarding COVID restrictions yet. The Board will be notified when the rules are published.
- Ordering new slide is still in progress. \$32,591.20 will include the options of stainless steel hardware and wheels for the small slide. We will save a lot on shipping since we are ordering them together. M. Derrick reviewed the paperwork sent to us and found some errors. Vendor made the changes and resubmitted.
- We can save \$879 if we pay in full up front. We can pay in full, inspect it when we get it and have Lighthouse install it according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- We need to purchase more blue/white striped chairs and this cost will be taken out of the Pool Budget.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson – absent (notes from written report)

Crimes in the Community: We have had some minor incidents and noise problems in the community, 911 was called when appropriate. Continue to be vigilant since many nearby South Laurel communities experience house and vehicle burglaries.

There was a serious motorcycle accident on Contee Rd just East of Claxton Drive last week. The police believe a mechanical problem caused this accident where the motorcycle collided with a tree on the south side of Contee. Unfortunately, the driver was killed. No other vehicles were involved.

Montpelier Security Committee Update: Brindisi Chan has resigned as Montpelier Deputy Security Chairman. Her full time FEMA job and additional volunteer work keeps her rather busy. Both the Community, and the MCA Board of Trustees thank her for her years of service. Nancy Stakem, who helped the community as Deputy Security Chairman in the past, has agreed to resume this task. We are glad to have her back.

Prince George County District VI CAC Police: Our monthly zoom meeting featured a presentation by Lt. Jesse Ahmed of County Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Unit. The Domestic Violence Unit formed in 2012 handles all types of violence. The county extreme risk protective order prohibits weapons, and Judge's orders as handled by Hyattsville and Upper Marlboro courts. Major Brian Addis, District VI Commander, advised shortage of police patrol officers. COPS Unit will not be reinstated soon. New Prince George's County Police Chief, Mallick Aziz is from Dallas, TX. He started in P.G. County on May 9, 2021. He is a thirty-three-year police veteran who is a highly self-motivated, goal orientated individual with a passion for making a difference. Trustee Mason met with Capt. Susan Smith, to discuss COPS replacement program. She will continue her effort to keep our communities safe and share police information with the Citizens Advisory Council that pertains to police and community involvement. She will take on some of our COPS work by providing Trustee Mason with written and verbal guidance to keep our community safe.

Community Leaders of South Laurel, MD:

Trustee Mason has accepted a new position "A Community Leader of South Laurel". Some projects he will be working on are listed below. He will report on these projects when there is an impact on Montpelier.

1. FDA Muirkirk Road Campus Master Plan. This campus is ¼ mile east of Cedarbrook and Muirkirk Rd. Their campus will stay the same size. There will be 3 new buildings, garages and parking lots built in the next 5 years. Employees will double to 1800 employees by 2026. The Odell Rd. entrance will open for trucks and cars. The project manager assures us that it will not affect our community traffic.
2. Prince Georges County Town Meeting was on April 7, 2021. There was minimum county growth this past year. Major emphasis is on addiction and mental health. Our county is now providing 8700 vaccines per week. P.G. County is fiscally sound with a 12.4% rainy day balance.
3. Council Member Tom Dernoga and his chief of Staff, Michelle Garcia provide much needed assistance to help people in need. They provide food, money for rent, and counseling where needed.
4. SCMagLevTrain from Washington DC to Baltimore MD. Gerard Stone heads a group of "SCMagLev StopThisTrain.org". His group strongly does not want this project to proceed since Prince George's County will not benefit since there are no stations in our county.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson - absent

- May 15th will be the Community Yard Sale. Trustee Beaver will make up maps to post online and distribute.
- There will not be a Memorial Day Potluck this year.

Swim Team Committee: Marie Gatti, Chairperson - absent

- The Montpelier Marlins will be having a 2021 Swim Season! The season will be slightly abbreviated. There will be three in-person meets against three other teams. Practices will start the week of June 7th if everything is in place with the County and the Health Department.
- We are working in conjunction with Mary Derrick on entrance/exit and pool deck procedures for practices and meets to be in adherence with MCA and PG County guidelines. Covid-protocols will be in place to address distancing and all MCA, P.G. and CDC safety guidelines.
- The Marlins have hired a new Head Coach, Jake Rosenzweig-Stein. He comes highly recommended and was the head coach at P.G. Pool last year. The Assistant Coaches are two former Marlins – Amanda Hong and Danielle Collman.
- The Committee has ordered signs to promote the season and will be placing those in the community as soon as they arrive. A flyer was put together and will be distributed to the neighborhood. Information will be posted to the Montpelier website about the season and directing folks to the site for more information and to register.
- Registration will be online this year. Registration fees will be accepted through Venmo or check. A Virtual Open House will be held via Zoom on two different dates for families to find out more about the Swim Team. The Parents' meeting for the Season will be held via Zoom.
- The Swim Team needs a new sound system. They have been borrowing from the neighborhood for years but need to be sure we have a system. We are looking at a system that would cost \$2,000-\$4,000 depending on features (wired vs wireless, etc.) and inquiring if the MCA would like to share the equipment and the cost. Bob Olson is the contact on this to discuss further. The Board had previously agreed to make some contribution towards this going back a couple of years.
- In the past, the swim team has practiced at night on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer. We are inquiring if the Board would consider a third night for evening practice to make participation easier for working families and families that send their children to summer day camps.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- The Contractor for the Montpelier Drive Project is ready to go but Comcast is doing work on the Montpelier, so they are waiting for Comcast to finish. WSSC is laying 1500 linear feet of lines and are still holding things up.
- BG&E is starting to install the street light posts. Hopefully, work will resume on the islands in a couple of weeks. They are still on target to complete the project by late August or early September of this year.
- The contractor agreed to give us five truck loads of milling. They will dump it where we designate but we need to be careful to manage the storm water runoff once it is dumped.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- No updates. Trustee Taylor will begin in person visits again soon.

Old Business

- The Butterfly Garden will require a start up cost of \$1,800.00. The question was posed as to who would maintain it. It will become part of the mulch beds maintained by the Common Grounds contracted landscaper. Trustee Arzayus made a motion to approve the \$1,800.00 for the start up the garden. Trustee Keating seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Gimbert. The motion passed unanimously.