

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes
202-860-2110, PIN: 126 909 1700#, Attendee ID '#'
June 8, 2021

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

Trustees absent with cause: Cindy Merrow, and Vermel Taylor

Community Members Present: Marie Gatti, Lisa Smith, Nancy Stakem 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 - absent

- The minutes of the May 2021 Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the minutes as written, 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 Bank renewed for 18 months at 0.15%.
- Current assets are \$25,711.68.
- A check for \$1,270.00 was sent to the swim team for the donations they received with Assessments.
- Donations for the Benevolent fund totaled \$1,890.00. This was transferred to the appropriate account.
- Total funds owed as of 6/6/21 totals \$17,758. Of this amount there are 19 unpaid assessments from this year which totals \$8,265.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- Trustees Derrick, Fazio, Gimbert & Keating met with Mid-Atlantic Asphalt on May 18, 2021, to try and resolve the damage to the courts. The courts are unplayable, and they need to fix the damage. They had said at one point they would make the repairs at their cost and now they are backing out.
- Trustee Gimbert has arranged for another company to come out and look at the tennis courts to see what they think. They will be here next Monday at 10am.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting last Thursday.
- Of the previous 13 open issues 5 were closed during the meeting and 4 new ones were opened.
- There were 4 new requests approved that were mostly maintenance items.
- A notice will go in the next newsletter regarding placing yard waste at the curb the night before and not sooner, this is something that the County is requesting. Trustee Mason will provide the ordinance when he finds it.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- No report.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Trustee Beaver is working on changing some of the language and will put something in the newsletter.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson

- The dumpster is locked except for Grounds and Pool use.
- We have now received all the invoices for the Landscaping and are up to date.
- Invoices have also been received for the trash cleanup and this is being monitored more closely.
- The playground table has been repaired.
- The Butterfly Garden has marked, and bricks have been received. The plants will require a lot of

watering. Trustee Gimbert will look at the fountain by the tennis courts to see if there is a hose bib that is usable. If it does not have one, he can investigate the cost of a new fountain with a hose bib and will report back to the Board.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson - absent

- Opening weekend was slow due to the cold weather. Once the weather warmed up, the attendance has increased. The only complaints have been about the cicadas.
- We are still waiting for the drawings to approve the slide.

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

Crimes in the Community: There were no crimes reported in our community since the last report on 5/11/21. There appears to be more traffic on all the roads and there seems to be a lot of speeding and aggressive driving so be on the lookout. There were a few loud party complaints and of course the noise of the cicadas. On 4/29/21 at approximately 12pm, P.G. County Police Officers responded to Brockbridge Road near the Route 197 intersection for a single vehicle crash. The driver crossed the center line and hit a tree. He was transported to a hospital for treatment and dies of his injuries on 5/9/21.

MCA Deputy Security Chairman, Nancy Stakem: The MCA Board welcomes Nancy Stakem back to the Security Committee. She is up and running with both community needs and our Prince George's County Citizens Advisory Council (CAC).

Prince George County District VI CAC Police: The ZOOM meeting on 6/3/21 featured speakers Kent Alford and James Drake of the University of Maryland, Capital Health Safe Patient Care. They move to the new Largo Hospital Campus on 6/12/21. Their Psychiatric Ward on the 4th floor emphasizes safe patient care. Their inpatient mental health deals with disorders, depression, geriatric care, and aggressive and violent behavior. They also highlighted the Hope Center in Greenbelt and the Hope House in Laurel. Major Addis and Capt. Smith reported that police patrol is still understaffed. The COPS Unit is not coming back anytime soon. Violent crimes are down 12 incidents from 2020. Property crimes and stolen vehicles are up. Capt. Smith said that if vehicle owners would take their keys, leave nothing visible in the care and lock the doors then these crimes would be reduced by at least 25%. Community reports did not reveal any major problems. Loud party noise, speeding vehicles were mentioned. The next CAC meeting will be "live" on 9/23/21.

Pepco NE Grid Electric Right of Way: Pepco's Vegetation Management, Washington DC now manages the grass cutting on the Pepco NE Grid right of way. I have contacted Miss Perdue and Miss Jackson, supervisor, to request grass cutting service in our community. The fields should be cut in 5-10 working days.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- Thanks to Trustees Gimbert & Beaver and team for hosting the movie night on the lawn just before Memorial Day.
- Looking into resuming social activities at the pool when guidelines of the pool company allow it. L. Smith will check with M. Derrick.
- Hoping to do an Independence Day Celebration with hamburgers & hotdogs and chips, not a potluck. Details will be discussed, and information will be put in the newsletter.

Swim Team Committee: Marie Gatti, Chairperson

- Team practices have started this week. We have 63 swimmers as compared to 38 that we had last week.
- The meet schedule has not yet been solidified.
- Masks will be required for the swim meet.
- Jake is the new team coach. Assistant coaches are former Marlins, Amanda Hong & Danielle Collman.
- The team is in Division D with 3 other teams, there will be three regular season meets, one at home and then Divisionals and All Stars meets.
 - 6/19 - Time Trials
 - 6/26 – Home meet vs. West Arundel
 - 7/3 – no meets

- 7/10 – away at Roger Carter in Ellicott City
- 7/17 – away at Chevery
- 7/24 – Divisionals at West Arundel
- 7/31 – All Star Meet

• We have an adopted swimmer program and if anyone wants to sponsor a swimmer let us know. You do not need a swimmer to do so.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- The WSSC and Comcast projects that had been holding up progress on the Montpelier Drive Project are now completed. The contractor has resumed their work. There are several larger capacity water/sewer structures being installed. They will begin the layout of the new islands in the next few weeks. The contractor is also spot-patching areas of the road with thick underlayment and hot asphalt in preparation for the end of summer paving. They will mill down to a thin layer of grooved pavement and repave it with 3 inches of new asphalt. This should all be completed by September of this year. In early Fall about 190 trees will be planted along Montpelier Drive.
- Lights are currently being installed by BG&E. They are the ones who have made the decisions on the type of structure (post & light head) based on the requirements of the project and the location as well as the availability of the hardware.
- As the contractor ramps up the work, more construction workers will be present on Montpelier Drive, please slow down and give them a 'brake'. Several workers have complained of drivers driving well above the posted 25 mph speed limit while they are working on our road.
- Potholes are continuing to be filled around our neighborhood. Contact 311 if you see any that need to be filled.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- Eight families were visited in June. Seven received welcome info and a package of cookies. One was not home so the welcome information was left for them.

New Business

- Trustee Mason said the American Legion has rooms we could look into using for meeting.
- The Capstones by the dumpster are for the butterfly garden donated by Trustee Keating.
- There have been ongoing talks for a new sound system for the swim team and could be used by the community for various events. Trustee Gimbert made a motion to split the cost with the swim team. Each would pay approximately \$400. Trustee Fazio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Gimbert made a motion to adjourn at 8:18PM and it was seconded by Trustee Beaver. The motion passed unanimously.