

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes
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October 12, 2021

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

Community Members Present: Chris Tarbrake, Sterling Spangler, Lisa Smith, Mary Derrick, and Michelle Gimbert

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Trustee Merrow

- The minutes of the September 14, 2021, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Fazio requested a reordering of the sentences in the section about Mr. Patel, DPW&T to improve clarity. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Trustee Arzayus 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.
- There has not been much in the way of additional late assessment collections. One homeowner is paying by monthly installments.
- Total amount still outstanding from Members is currently \$10,743.76.
- Our attorney, Corinne Rosen has filed liens against the six homeowner that owe over \$500.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- Mid Atlantic is not responding to e-mails concerning finishing the annual maintenance, nor repairing the damage they caused this past year. Options include discussing with our attorney should we sue for breach of contract. It rained on the date they last offered to repair the courts and they did not reschedule.
- Trustee Fazio will reach out to them, again, to reschedule.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- The committee met on the first Thursday of the month. All committee members agreed to return for the next year.
- The committee advanced the actions on the repeat Members with out of tolerance lawns, etc. [Lot numbers and or street addresses were enumerated, and status of actions can be found in the ACCC Meeting Minutes.]
- We are waiting on permits on a few building requests before issuing final approvals.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- No report

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- No report

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson

- A new Norway Spruce tree has been planted on the common grounds and is being watered by volunteers.
- There will be a holiday celebration around the tree on 28 November, at 4:30 pm. Plans are being made for tree ornaments and lights.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool is 90% winterized. Some furniture still needs to be put away and final water shut off.
- Trustee Keating facilitated the plumbing repairs, and three new urinals were put in. The actual cost of the repairs came in under budget.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- The Fall Festival will be on Sunday, October 24th from 2 - 4pm. The Science Performer costs \$250 and has offered to do a hands-on booth for an extra \$200 if we want. The Board agreed not to do the hands on.
- There will be a scavenger hunt like last year, where kids will look for specific Halloween decorations around the neighborhood. There will be six crafters and vendors.
- Like last year 100 pumpkins, treat bags and craft bags will be prepared and handed out.
- There will be a Montpelier yard Halloween Decoration contests. Trustee Fazio made a motion to increase the gift card awards for both the Halloween Decorating contest and Christmas Holiday Decorating contest to \$50. It was seconded by Trustee Beaver and passed unanimously.
- It will be advertised often online.

Swim Team Committee: Marie Gatti, Chairperson – absent

- No report

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, ChairpersonCrimes in the Community:

- There were very few reported crimes in Montpelier since the last report. There was one report of illegal entry into a parked vehicle. Please make sure your vehicle is locked. Remove any items of value and park it in the driveway where there is light.
- Montpelier Drive has not been striped yet, so please follow the temporary white dot guidelines going into the opposite lane. Read Trustee Mason's police report on radar plans.
- Four wheels were stolen off a car on Gramcery. Trustee Mason will follow up on this matter.

Report from Prince George County Police Beltsville Division:

- Maryland has lifted the law that only allows radar on roads adjacent to public schools. Trustee Mason is working with Beltsville Police to have a radar unit placed, when available, for Montpelier Drive. All drivers on Montpelier Drive must be extra cautious since the road has not been striped yet.
- Beltsville Assistant Commander, Capt. Susan Smith, reports that there is an increase in car jackings, stealing converters, and breaking into vehicles. Please take all precautions to prevent these crimes. Call 911 if you see a person looking closely at a vehicle.
- Laurel Towne Center now has off duty P.G. Police patrolling the shopping center seven days a week for 10 daylight hours each day. I have noticed that the gangs are not hanging out as frequently.

Report from Council Member Tom Dernoga, P.G. County District 1:

- Council Member Tom Dernoga’s office continues to show an interest in Montpelier. Chief of Staff, Michelle Garcia, has taken a personal interest in helping us. Their representative for Northern Prince George’s County, Jerri Jones, has been interested in our community, too. She called into our last MCA Board of Trustees meeting. She then asked me if I would give her a tour of Montpelier. We spent 90 minutes discussing our community and touring the major roads. She has a special interest in the Montpelier Drive project because she now knows that Councilman Dernoga helped us get funding for the project. She also showed interest in our houses and yards that are neglected. While at the dead end of Mount Pleasant Drive, we ran into Trustee Beaver who spent time describing many of our problems with unkempt houses. She offered to have her office investigate our situation. Hopefully, she will find a way for the County to respond to our open ‘tickets’ and enforce the standards.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- The Pavement striping on Montpelier Drive should be completed soon.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- No report.

The Present adjourned the meeting, and then the Administrative Assistant reconvened the meeting and announced the results of the recent election:

New 2021 Board Members

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| • Felipe Arzayus | • Lillian Fazio | • Richard Mason |
| • Sean Beaver | • Brad Gimbert | • Cindy Merrow |
| • Bob Derrick | • Jack Keating | • Vermel Taylor |

The Administrative Assistant asked for nominations for President.

- Bob Derrick was nominated and voted in as President.

The President took nominations for all other officers and Committee Chairpersons.

- Jack Keating was voted in as Vice President
- Cindy Merrow was voted in as Secretary
- Lillian Fazio was voted in as Treasurer
- ACC Committee Chair – Jack Keating
- Election Committee Chair – (Lynne Collman will be asked if she would do it again)
- Executive Committee (third member) – Sean Beaver, in addition to President and Vice President
- Financial Committee Chair – Lillian Fazio
- Nominating Committee Chair – Michelle Gimbert
- Communications Committee Chair – Sean Beaver
- Facilities Committee Chair – Brad Gimbert
- Governing Documents Committee Chair – Sean Beaver
- Pool Committee Chair – Mary Derrick
- Security Committee Chair – Richard Mason
- Social Committee Chair – Lisa Smith
- Swim Team Committee Chair – TBD
- Tennis Committee Chair – Lillian Fazio
- Traffic Committee Chair – Felipe Arzayus
- Welcoming Committee Chair – Vermel Taylor

All nominations were unopposed and passed unanimously.

New Business:

- It was requested, and agreed to, that the Executive Committee provide a report of any actions taken in-between regular scheduled Board meetings.
- Trustee Fazio inquired what we could do about too many people living in houses that are unrelated, since the Governing Documents designate our homes as single-family dwellings. This was an issue that Trustees Mason and Beaver spoke with Jerri Jones about since it is also a PG County rule. The Board could seek someone in the community to be a liaison with the County to work on this issue.
- The Executive Committee got three bids to spread the asphalt millings on the nature trail and picked the best value vendor for \$9,900.
- Trustee Arzayus inquired about revamping the Montpelier 5K in the Spring or late Summer. Trustee Gimbert suggested April or early May and he volunteered to be on the committee.
- Trustee Keating reminded that the Administrative Assistant and any other contracts need to be renewed.
- Trustee Mason said that the police might put something out for the County guidelines regarding trick or treating/trunk or treating this year in light of the lingering COVID-19 events.
- Trustee Derrick thanked everyone for another year of volunteering!

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Beaver. The motion passed unanimously.