

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes
202-860-2110, PIN: 126 909 1700#, Attendee ID ‘#’
January 11, 2022

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

Trustees Absent with cause: Brad Gimbert and Cindy Merrow

Community Members Present: Chris Tarbrake, Lisa Smith, Kposowa & Christina Musa, 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 - Absent

- The minutes of the December 14, 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 year ended with \$7,330 in unpaid assessments.
- \$4,685 in prepaid assessments for 2022 has been collected.
- We ended the year in good shape financially with \$105K in Reserve, \$68K in Savings and \$29K in Checking.
- All bills have been paid except for M&J which have been debited to 2021.
- Trustee Fazio made a motion to add \$50K to our Reserve Fund from Savings. Trustee Beaver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- In the future, since costs are increasing, we should think about increasing our annual assessment.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- No report.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday on the 6th.
- There are six open issues.
- One issue was sent to the attorney.
- There are eleven violations of trailers, jet skis and motorhomes still sitting in their driveways or on the street.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Looking into the cost to print the entire newsletter in color. We could consider increasing the costs of advertising, (ours is on the low end among other newsletters) to offset the costs.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Recommended language is being drafted to remove the upper cap on assessments. This proposal would have to be voted on by the Members.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson - absent

- Last year the renewal for the Grounds Contract was renewed for 3 years. We need an updated Certificate of Insurance.
- The contract for the Common Grounds Trash removal person needs to be renewed.
- We are waiting to hear back from M&J on additional costs for maintaining the new islands and bump-outs on Montpelier Drive. This will be brought to the Board when received.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- Last year's Contract with Lighthouse was renewed for three years so there will be no increase.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Tree Lighting (Trustees Gimbert, Keating, Arzayus and family, Gloria Hynes and all the others who chipped in.)
- The next event will be the Spring Fling on Saturday, April 9th. We are looking into a performer again since this has been successful in the past.
- Trustee Gimbert has spoken with a few food trucks that may support the Spring Fling as well.
- Chairperson is considering new signs since the old ones are falling apart.
- We are looking at Saturday, May 14th as a possible date for the Montpelier 5K.

Swim Team Committee: TBD, Chairperson – absent

- No report – No word on who will be heading up the committee.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in the Community:

- There were a couple of events in Montpelier since our last meeting. After the violation was pointed out a resident voluntarily removed an unlicensed vehicle from the street and put it in their garage. A woman parked her car on the street but left her wallet in full view in the front seat. The car was broken in to and the wallet was stolen, and the car was ransacked.
- P.G. Police from Division 6 in Beltsville reminded Montpelier residents to shovel their sidewalk within 48 hours after the snow stops falling. Police will fine \$100 if it is not done. They also request residents to park on one side of the street when it snows. The Highway Dept. encourages residents to park in their driveway when possible.

Report from Prince George County Police Beltsville Division:

- Beltsville Assistant Commander Capt. Susan Smith has been promoted to Major. Her new assignment is Director of P.G. County Personnel Division effective 1/3/22. The new Assistant Commander in Beltsville is Captain Calvin Tyson.
- The COPS Unit personnel are still being diverted to patrol. Cpl. Hibbert is the only officer working the area. Major Smith has recommended that Trustee Mason work closely with Sgt. Erica Monroe, COPS Supervisor. Cpl. Frasier is temporarily on COPS assignment while Cpl. Hibbert is on leave.

Report from Council Member Tom Dernoga District #1:

- Councilman Dernoga and his staff work diligently behind the scenes to make sure all roads are plowed in his District. They also stay involved with loss of electricity and natural gas issues.

Baltimore Gas and Electric:

- Trustees Beaver and Mason were successful in communicating with BG&E when the electricity to our community was out.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- There was no damage to the islands on Montpelier Drive from the plowing of snow. Trustee Keating asked about getting reflectors for the choker islands.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- No report – new names have been received; visits will resume soon.

Old Business:

- The contractors are aware of the Nature Trail drainage issue and will get it done weather permitting.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously.