

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes

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February 08, 2022

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

Trustees Absent with cause:

Community Members Present: Chris Tarbrake, Andy Reeves, Mary Derrick, and Michelle Gimbert

Sgt. Monroe from Beltsville Division and Jerri Jones from Councilman, Tom Dernoga's office were in 'attendance' (dialed in).

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Trustee Merrow

- The minutes of the January 11, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Gimbert made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Trustee Taylor 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.
- \$50K has been added to the Reserve Fund bringing our Reserve up to \$245K.
- Assessments are coming in steadily. So far 115 homeowners have paid including the sale of one property which owed \$3,205.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- No report.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday, on the 3rd of February.
- There are seven open issues including a major one with fines up to \$45,000.
- We are sending out letters regarding mildew on houses.
- With the addition of a new volunteer, a revised assignment list was sent to the Committee members breaking up the neighborhood into sections for each member to cover.
- The next meeting will be on March 3rd.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Looking at cost comparisons to go full color on the newsletter.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Sent out proposed wording to the Board Members concerning how to remove the ‘cap’ (upper limit) on the annual assessment. Based on the discussion, the committee will continue to work on the proposed language for the changes.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson

- Trustee Gimbert spoke with Manny from M&J Landscaping regarding his outstanding invoices and getting us a copy of the current year Certificate of Insurance. He will get them to us as quickly as possible.
- M&J Landscaping will give us a quote to add maintenance of the Montpelier Drive islands and bump outs.
- Liam S has agreed to renew his contract for trash pickup around the common grounds for another season.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- 109 days until the pool opens.
- The baby pool has a major leak. Lighthouse has purchased sophisticated leak detection equipment and will work on finding our leak. The detection will cost \$2,220. Three years ago, a brand-new baby pool would have cost approximately \$93,000 so now it is likely over \$100,000.
- After some discussion Trustee Beaver made a motion to spend up to \$2,200 for leak detection. Trustee Keating seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson - absent

- The Spring Fling/Easter celebration will be held on April 9th at the Common Grounds. Details to be published.

Swim Team Committee: TBD, Chairperson – Andy Reeves attended to update the Board.

- There will be a swim team parent meeting on 2/27/22. We are hoping to define roles at this meeting.
- The committee will be working on ways to recruit more swimmers.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in the Community:

- There was only one security incident in Montpelier since our last Board Meeting. It occurred on Cedarbrook Lane on 1/23/22. A 30 something year old male threw a brick through a resident’s car windshield. He then went to the neighbor’s house across the street and was chased away. The neighbor attempted to follow him but lost him. The neighbor thought he might need mental help. To date he has not been located.
- We are working with PG County to have auto repair businesses in the neighborhood.

Citizens Advisory Council, (CAC) Beltsville, MD:

- Nancy Stakem, MCA Deputy Security Chairman, and Trustee Mason participated in a CAC zoom meeting 1/27/22. We honored Major Susan Smith for her service in Beltsville wished her well in her new position as Director of P.G. Personnel Division. We also met Captain Calvin Tyson, Assistant Commander at Beltsville. We discussed crime and violation trends in Northern P.G. County. He plans to devote time to public activities.

Report from Prince George County Police, Division 6, Beltsville, MD:

- Trustee Mason met with Sgt. Erica Monroe, supervisor of the COPS unit, and the new Division 6 Assistant Commander, Captain Calvin Tyson. She advised that there is an increase of car jackings in P.G. County. Robberies are high in Division 6. Five of the six were on Old Stagecoach Road across from Towne Center on Route 197 (in the Willow Lake apartment complex).
- Cars left running unattended are being stolen. The police are issuing citations of \$70 to owners leaving their unattended cars running.
- There is a new web-based portal for non-emergency issues.
- Update on the drag race issues: In December with the help of helicopters, 179 citations were issued, 4 arrest and 17 cars were towed.
- They are working with Towne Center to get better security. There is a police presence there from 12 noon to 10 pm.

Report from Council Member Tom Dernoga District #1:

- Thanks to Councilman Dernoga's office for the radar reading board on Montpelier Drive. It has been moved but we have requested it to be returned to Montpelier Drive when available.
- Jerri Jones, from Councilman Dernoga's office was in attendance. The P.G. Health Department is distributing KN95 masks at some locations. They will be giving out 2 per person with proof of residence.
- Covid test kits are being given away on various days and times at the County libraries while supplies last.
- 2/21/22 President's Day there will be reduced services.
- Bulky trash items will be picked up curbside on trash days. They will pick up 2 items that are too big for the trash cans, furniture, lawn mowers (drained of gas and oil), mattresses (wrapped in plastic) are some examples.
- On 2/23/22 Councilman Dernoga will hold his "Community Conversation", advertised on social media and requires pre-registration.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- The Montpelier Drive Project is complete, and the contractor has been released of all obligations with the County. Any issues will now be handled by the County transportation department. This includes the bump out islands.
- A 311 repair ticket has been submitted for the damaged island at Montpelier and Oxwell Drives
- The County will do a review of the bump out islands to determine if they need yellow diamonds flags for visibility. They will update Trustee Arzayus.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- 2 community members have joined the Welcoming Committee, Chris Tarbrake and Christine Kposowa. Thirteen visits were made this month.

Old Business:

- Weather permitting, the contractor will be on site tomorrow to take care of the drainage pipe under the

walking trail by the softball backstop.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Beaver. The motion passed unanimously.