

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.  
**Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting**  
**Minutes 202-860-2110, PIN: 126 909 1700#,**  
**Attendee ID '#'**  
March 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, Sterling Spangler, Christina Kposowa, Mary Derrick, and Michelle Gimbert

Jerri Jones from Councilman, Tom Dernoga's office was in 'attendance' also (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 February 8, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Trustee Merrow 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.
- Assessments are coming in steadily. So far about 418 of the homeowners have paid.
- Insurance from Lines Insurance has come in. It is \$13 lower than last year.
- Federal and state taxes are being worked on.
- PGC personal property tax came in. It amounts to \$289.57. Last year it was \$39.16. The increase is due to the purchase of six tables for the pool at a cost of \$5,517.39.
- There has been some difficulty getting in touch with the accountant. A meeting has been set up to speak with him.

**Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson**

- The tennis contract with Mid-Atlantic Asphalt has been renewed for \$2,342.

**ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson**

- There was a meeting this past Thursday, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.
- Three issues were closed.
- There are five old issues.
- There are eight new issues.
- There are four new requests the committee is answering a lot of questions regarding basic repairs.

**Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson**

- We are looking at comparative pricing for moving to full color newsletters.

**Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson**

- We are still looking for suggestions on changes or amendments.
- The Board will consider and discuss revised language. It will need to be published in the newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting where it will be voted on.

**Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson**

- The bracket for the playground finally came in and the repair was made.
- The dumpster is being used as intended (not abused by contractors).
- The drain under the walking trail at the backstop has been completed and looks good.

**Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson**

- Lighthouse will be doing the leak detection on the baby pool the first part of April.
- At the next meeting a proposal for a new slide will be provided.
- Prices for a replacement diving board are being researched as well.

**Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson - absent**

- The Spring Fling/Easter celebration will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Common Grounds. Details are in the newsletter and social media.

**Swim Team Committee: TBD, Chairperson –**

- No report

**Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson**

Crimes in the Community:

- There were no reported crimes in Montpelier in the past four weeks. Our neighboring communities are still experiencing stolen cars, car break-ins, valuables being stolen from vehicles and stolen wheels/rims. Police are encouraging all to call 911 if you see suspicious activity. This will get the police patrol involved, and in our community more frequently. The US Postal Service has advised us that criminals are stealing mail from residences. It is recommended against putting outgoing mail in your mailbox.

MCA Security Committee:

- We continue to work closely with our community residents, PG County Division 6 Police, and Councilman, Tom Dernoga's of District 1.
- Community member Chris Tarbrake has decided to join Trustee Mason and Nancy Stakem on the committee to help maintain a safe and attractive community.

Citizens Advisory Council, (CAC) Beltsville, MD:

- Trustee Mason and Chris participated in the CAC Zoom on 2/24/22. Major Fisher, Pg Police Division 6 Commander, reported a spike in crime in Southern PG County. There continues to be theft from vehicles, car thefts, theft of tires and rims, and fraud (Grand Parent Schemes). Captain Tyson, Assistant Commander, emphasized his motto "SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING". Sgt. Monroe reminded us of Police National Night Out on 8/2/22. Community

representatives report that open fires are illegal. The next PG Citizens Police Academy starts again in the Fall of 2022.

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

- County Police are short 200 police and civilian positions and are hiring. Command staff is going around to neighborhoods to help residents to put crime prevention priorities in order.

Report from Council Member Tom Dernoga District #1:

- Jerri Jones, Constituent Services Representative, will continue to request a radar speed camera be placed on Montpelier Drive again.
- A Shredding Dumpster will be on-hand on 3/26/22 at Montpelier Elementary School from 7:45 – 11:45am.
- 3/30/22 there will be a District 1 Town Hall Meeting. The topic will be Budget and priorities.
- The Court of Appeals has upheld the lower court decision of the PG County redistricting map.

**Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson**

- A call has been placed to the County to see when they are going to start maintenance work to fix tire ruts in the choker islands on Montpelier Drive.
- The 5K walk/run registration is open online. It will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. An email will be sent to the community via Nextdoor, on the MCA website, and in the newsletter. Trustees Arzayus and Gimbert are co-chairs for this event. The cost is \$10 per person and is free for kids 12 and under for the fun run. To keep the cost down there will not be professional timers or t-shirts.

**Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson**

- Due to the cold weather no visits were made in February. A new list has been provided and visits will resume soon.

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Police Night out will be decentralized. We need to think about if we want to sponsor one in our neighborhood. Some of the logistics involved will be providing food servers, tables, setup and cleanup, etc.) The Police will come and give demonstrations and talk about what they do.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2022, at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Mason made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Fazio. The motion passed unanimously.