

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes

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May 5, 2022

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: Mary Derrick, Michelle Gimbert, Christina Kposowa, Andy Reeves, Lisa Smith, Sterling Spangler and Chris Tarbrake

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 April 12, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Trustee Keating 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 latest list of homeowners with delinquent accounts was sent out; Invoices have been sent out to those in arrears. If they are not paid by July 1 they will be forwarded to the attorney.
- The PreK room at Deerfield Run is now open for rental.
- MCA has received a check for the amount inadvertently charged for doing the 1099s from our accountant. He did not do a Compilation last year; he will do one this year covering 2021.
- An *Audit* which is the most stringent financial investigation now costs \$12-15K, a *Review* costs \$5-8K; a *Compilation* costs \$2-3K. All of these require an additional CPA peer review which adds to the cost. A new category, a *Preparation* costs \$750-1K. Each of these is a little less thorough but still provides the client some degree of certainty in the financial soundness of the Association. For all levels we would be notified of any irregularities, should something come to the attention of the reviewer.
- When our bylaws were written, an Audit was a reasonably priced option. Since we are collecting potential revisions to the Bylaws, we should consider adding these additional options.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- It has been reported that a group of about eight will learn to play pickleball and play every Wednesday.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday, May 5th.
- Three issues were closed out, nine remain open and three were sent to our attorney.
- Ten new requests are in different phases of review by the Committee.
- Six notifications of maintenance issues were issued that do not need approval.
- The Committee is considering changing the language on the ACCC Request Form stating the neighbor's signatures are *optional*. The Committee merely uses the neighbor's entry as one of the considerations when voting.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Upon researching what it would cost to have a fully color Newsletter it was estimated that to fund it all through the advertising we sell in the Newsletter we would need to double the rates. An alternative is to only run selected color pages for special events i.e., Holiday Decorations winners, Swim Team activities, etc.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- No report.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson

- Still working with our landscaper on the quote for maintenance of the islands on Montpelier Drive.
- Volunteers have ordered new bulbs for the parking lot and will get them replaced soon.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool has been filled and the entire deck has been pressure washed.
- 25 umbrellas have been ordered and delivered.
- New tables have been assembled and protective PVC pipes installed on the table legs for protection.
- Trustee Keating and his crew have done caulking and smoothing of the transitions at the joints of the concrete deck and are working on leveling the pavers at the entrance.
- June 6 – July 29 there will be adult lap swimming in the morning, M-W-F, 6am – 7 am.
- Mary D and Michelle G have gone through all 695 pool access cards and sent results to Members that still need to provide information before gaining access to the pool.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- Memorial Day Cookout will be held but it will not be a potluck. It will be on Memorial Day (Monday). Trustees Gimbert, Keating, Fazio and Derrick have volunteered to help. There will be free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, and cookies.
- Mary D has been helping find food trucks interested in coming to the pool parking lot. Most food trucks are booked well in advance, but we are still sending out emails and trying to book those that show interest.
- If successful advertisement will include signs at the pool, social media and the Newsletter.

Swim Team Committee: Chairperson – Andy Reeves

- It was requested that Andy Reeves be voted in as the new Swim Team Chairperson. Trustee Beaver made a motion nominating Andy Reeves as the Chairperson for the Swim Team. The motion was seconded by Trustee Keating and passed unanimously.
- A coach had been selected but backed out prior to signing a contract.
- 25 new families have expressed interest in joining.
- June 5th is the first parents' meeting. May 31st is the first practice.
- The scheduling of swim team activities has been finalized and is posted at the pool.
- The Marlins are requesting use of the pool for a team party on July 23rd until 10pm Marlins. The Team will pay for the additional salaries for the lifeguards.
- The Swim Team submitted a proposal for adding an additional night for practice making it three nights a week. Mary D said we always offer three nights a week for the first couple of weeks until swim team registration is complete, and we can gauge who will be coming to practices and when.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in the Community

- The only reported crime in the community since the last meeting was an out-of-control automobile knocking down a tree on the County right-of-way in front of a house on west corner of Cedarbrook and Montpelier. The driver reported the incident to their insurance and the tree cut off near the ground. The homeowner will contact P.G. County Environmental Services to have a new tree planted.

Report from P.G. County Police, Division 6, Beltsville, MD

- The speed camera on Montpelier Drive is delayed due to the new P.G. County Council plan. We are working with Sgt. Monroe of the police and Jerri Jones of Councilman Dernoga's office to have our community eligible for speed cameras with ticket-issue capability.
- Current scams that the Beltsville Police want us to know about were sent out to the community via *Nextdoor* social media last week.
 - Grandparents/grandchild or lawyer phone call with an 'emergency' of some kind. Hang up.
 - Publishers Clearinghouse Scam - Hang up.
 - Arrest Warrant Scam. Hang up and call 911.
 - Romance Scam / Dating sites with request for money. Hang up.
 - You owe Tax Scam - The IRS will never call for money. Hang up.
- Police report South Laurel communities experiencing stealing of catalytic converters. Fortunately, this has not happened in Montpelier. The Commander also reported items stolen from the entrance of homes. Most popular items stolen are stamped envelopes that indicate there might be a check enclosed. It is recommended that payments be made by credit card or electronically.
- Sgt. Monroe reports that the proposals for tougher laws against drag racing and loud mufflers passed and will soon be law. Report all potential violation to 911. Unfortunately, prohibitions on spectator participation did not pass.
- The police invite all neighbors to join P.G. County Police Officers for virtual coffee and conversations about our community, crime statistics, community relations & development. An email was received from Commander Fisher announcing virtual COFFEE WITH COPS at 1pm on 5/11/22. Details on Nextdoor and an email sent to the community.

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), Beltsville, MD

- Community Member Chris Tarbrake is officially a member of the CAC. There will soon be a new CAC President to replace Karen Coakley, who has served for many years. Karen will continue to be her community representative.

Report of Council Member Tom Dernoga's Office, District 1

- On 5/14/22 we have a meeting will Jerri Jones to introduce Trustee Beaver. He is going to collaborate with Councilman Dernoga's office to help improve the community. Jerri Jones has been regularly active in our community and calls in to many of our MCA Board Meetings.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- A few of the islands on Montpelier have had the yellow diamond signs taken out by drivers. A request has been put in to replace them.
- WSSC is marking up yards and the road for upcoming work.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- There are three new homeowners on the newest list, and we will be making visits in the coming weeks.

Old Business:

- The Montpelier 5K is this Saturday, we have 48 people already signed up and expect more by the end of the week. We are seeking about ten more volunteers for a variety of tasks. Please reach out to Trustee Arzayus or Trustee Gimbert to volunteer.
- Chris Tarbrake has signed up to be a sponsor for the 5K. We will be putting his logo on a variety of things, and he will be manning a water table. He is willing to cover the cost of a variety of items needed for the day.

New Business:

- The information about a local engineering firm that did a nearby neighborhood's Engineering Reserve Fund Study was sent to Facilities Chairman and the Treasurer. We are considering hiring them to help us assess our property and run the calculations of how much is needed in the Reserve Fund each year. Once a quote is obtained, we will bring it back to the Board to discuss and potentially vote on.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Arzayus. The motion passed unanimously.