

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees WebEx Call in Meeting Minutes

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June 14, 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: Michelle Gimbert, Christina Kposowa, Andy Reeves, Chris Tarbrake, and Lisa Smith

Others called into the meeting: Jerri Jones, Constituent Services Aide to Councilmember Thomas E. Dernoga, District One.

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 May 5, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Fazio 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.
- Donations from the community to the Marlins Swim Team, totaling \$1,590, have been sent to Allison Kerns, Treasurer of the swim team.
- This period we collected an additional \$3,600 in assessments.
- We are still owed \$15,800; \$9,950 from previous years; \$5,850 from this year (18 homeowners).
- Michelle has sent out the final notices for payment. If they are not received by the end of June, our attorney will pursue the debt and put liens on their property.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio, Chairperson

- Unfortunately, Gina Oliva, our pickleball advocate is leaving our community. Other pickleball players are in the process of scheduling future gatherings on social media.

Welcoming Committee: Vermel Taylor, Chairperson

- No visits were made this past month. A new list was provided, and Christina Kposowa will be helping with these visits. With Trustee Taylor moving from the community soon Christina Kposowa has volunteered to take over the Chair position of the Welcoming Committee. Trustee Taylor nominated Christina Kposowa to take over as chairperson of the welcoming committee. Trustee Fazio seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus, Chairperson

- Regarding the "No thru trucks" signs Trustee Arzayus wants to request that the signs be moved prior to turning on the streets of our neighborhood on Muirkirk.
- A homeowner inquired about opening a better path to walkers and strollers to enter the park off Raven Way. Trustee Arzayus asked about investigating this matter with the County to see if it is possible.

- The Montpelier 5K – there were a total of 76 runners/walkers. Total for all registrations was \$757.84.
- Items purchased for 5K included a timer clock, gift cards, tape, ice, food and various other items totaling \$694.64 leaving a profit of \$63.20.
- There was also a \$500 sponsor check pledged from Chris Tarbrake
- Thanks go out to Trustee Brad Gimbert the co-chair, Paul Buehler for being the DJ, Mary Derrick for purchasing and overseeing the refreshments.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason, Chairperson

Crimes in the Community

- No reported crimes were called into 911 in the community. Thanks to the Montpelier residents for their positive action to reduce and eliminate crime.
- P.G. County placed the speed indicator on the north side of Montpelier Drive near Oxwell on 6/11/22. The speed limit is 25 mph.
- Neighborhood parties with loud noise and other suspicious activities on private residences, especially on Gramercy and Oxwell. More preventive action can be taken if you call 911. Police state: “IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING” and call 911.
- A parked car was hit at the intersection of Cedarbrook and Churchfield in the early morning on 6/5/22. The police were notified.
- Please follow all traffic laws and be a courteous driver.
- Two community emails were sent to our MCA group emails. First the P.G. Police Report that was about changes in Juvenile Law and the second described ways to protect your computer from scams and other illegal actions.
- Thanks to Nancy Stakem for her years of service as our Deputy Security Chairperson. She and her husband are moving to Ryderwood.

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

- Police representative, Sgt. Erica Monroe, reported that theft of autos continues to increase in P.G. County. The best way to prevent auto crimes is to park in your garage or in a lighted driveway and be sure to lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables inside your vehicle. Also be aware that catalytic converters are still popular theft items. Do not make it easy for criminals.
- Sgt. Monroe emphasized that all suspicious activities should be reported to 911. Police have discovered that illegal child incidents in the county have not been reported to the police. The only time to use the non-emergency police number is if the incident is not in progress.
- Deputy Commander named Captain Philip Martin is the new Deputy Commander of Division 6.

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), Beltsville, MD

- Chris Tarbrake, MCA Deputy Security Chairman, is now a member in good standing with the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC). A vote will be held in October to elect our new CAC President. Former President, Karen Coakley has resigned from the organization.

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

- Councilman Tom Dernoga's office sent a policy report for the following actions to improve our way of life:
 - County Bill 15-2022 accelerates the transition of green technology.
 - County Resolution 32-2022 ensures their Climate Action Plan is adopted by the Council.
 - Council Bill 5-2022 and County Bill 29-2022 is moving forward to help seniors reduce taxes.
 - Council Bill 21-2022 states the beginning in 2024, the Police Accountability Board (PAB) will have an annual allocation of one percent of the Police Department budget.

The complete "Policy Report" has been published in both MCA group emails.

Swim Team Committee: Chairperson – Andy Reeves

- The team has 107 team members.
- The team is working on a 3–4-year plan.
- Practices on Wednesday will end this week, if more are needed, they will work through Mary D.
- Time trails were successfully held.
- This weekend will be the first home meet of the season.
- Trustee Keating inquired about having the team provide financials as part of their monthly report. It was agreed they would after a format for the report was agreed to with the MCA Treasurer.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith, Chairperson

- Thanks to Trustees Derrick, Gimbert and Fazio for all their help for the Memorial Day cookout. The total cost was about \$600-\$700. We gave away 200 hamburgers and 150 hotdogs.
- The next event will be Independence Day and will be held on Monday, July 4th.
- We have food trucks scheduled for four Wednesday nights so far for this summer.
- Looking to do a paint night on a Wednesday Night at some point.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pavers at the entrance and exit were leveled.
- Caulking was done around the pool deck.
- The electric problem at the baby pool was repaired.
- The main relay in the pump house went bad and was replaced.
- The men's room drain line from the sinks was rusted through and was leaking into the office was repaired.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Gimbert, Chairperson - absent

- The LED bulb in the center light in the parking lot had failed has been replaced.
- Limbs at the exit of the pool have been trimmed for better visibility.
- Looking into placing a mirror at the exit of the pool parking lot to better view Cedarbrook upon exiting the pool.
- The dumpster is on lock down for the summer and is going well.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- No report.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver, Chairperson

- Looking for input on revisions of Governing Documents. Please submit them to Trustee Beaver.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- There was a meeting this past Thursday, June 2nd.
- A few issues were closed out.
- There were six new requests.
- There was one irate homeowner who does not think he needs to follow the HOA rules and can do as he pleases to his home. The ACCC is following up on this member's violations.
- Jerri Jones, from Councilman Tom Dernoga's office spoke regarding a home on Crystal Rock with complaints about it be used as a rooming house and a possible business being run from there as well as unapproved construction going on. The Enforcement and Inspection Divisions have investigated and given them two citations. One for a multifamily facility without a license and a second for open storage on and around the property, loose and damaged siding. Also, a stop order was issued for illegal construction, and they were fined.

Old Business:

- The Engineering Reserve Fund study is in progress on the method we will use to determine and appropriate amount for the reserve fund we should have.
- There are currently 3 grills and 1 flat top for the community but one of the grills need to be retired and disposed of.
- Trustee Arzayus received a quote for a 3x6 foot electronic sign for the common grounds to keep the neighborhood apprised of events. A two-sided sign would cost between \$28,000 and \$33,000 and for one sided would be between \$17,000-\$23,000. This would need to have P.G. County approval and would need a permit (this is part of the quote). Trustee Keating feels this is a very high quote and could get quotes from other vendors.

New Business:

- September 13th we will start face to face meetings again back at Deerfield Run Community Center. This will be put in the upcoming newsletter to notify the community.
- Trustee Nomination forms will also be in the upcoming newsletter for anyone wanting to be on the Board.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM online. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 PM and it was seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously.