

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Deerfield Run Recreation Center
January 10, 2023

Trustees in Attendance: Felipe Arzayus, Bob Derrick, Lillian Fazio, Michael Flowe, Jack Keating, Richard Mason and Cindy Merrow

Trustees Absent with cause: Sean Beaver and Sterling Spangler

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

Others Present: Jerri Jones from Constituent Services from Councilman Tom Dernoga's office.

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 December 13, 2022, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Fazio made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Fazio – Chairperson

- Monthly financial statements have been sent out to the Trustees.
- There were two payments from delinquents last month. There are still 13 delinquents owing \$12,573 in assessment and charges.
- Mary Derrick has generously donated to MCA all the proceeds from the concessions at the pool (\$4,014.57)
- M&J Landscaping has not sent a bill for the last 5 months. The work has been done. A letter will be sent to M&J requesting an invoice by the end of January to close the books.
- There is \$58K in our savings account, \$26,900 in checking. Trustee Fazio would like to add \$50K to our Reserve Fund.
- All requests from homeowners concerning any financial and/or requesting payment plans must be referred to the Treasurer and the Administrative Assistant. Board members should not attempt to establish any alternate payment plans independently.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson

- No report.

ACC Committee: Trustee Flowe – Chairperson – absent but notes provided.

- In the January meeting the committee closed 7 items, 9 are being monitored, 2 have requested permits and 2 more have received permits. One owner has misled the ACCC about running a business when public platforms advertise to the contrary. This will continue to be monitored for any nuisance to the neighbors or community.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson - absent

- No Report

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson - absent

- No Report

Facilities Committee: Trustees Keating - Chairperson

- We received a proposal for the pool compound LED light wall packs and LED flood lights.
- We also received a proposal for updating the camera systems. This will be discussed with the committee, and will likely require 3 bids. Cost can be reduced if volunteers do the installation.
- Purchasing new soccer nets was discussed.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick – Chairperson - absent

- Lighthouse Pool Management Company is looking into options for a new slide. Information will be provided at a later meeting.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith - Chairperson -absent

- No Report.

Swim Team Committee: Chairperson – Andy Reeves – absent.

- No Report

Security Committee: Trustee Mason - Chairperson

Crimes in the Community

- There were no crimes in our community since our last meeting. P.G. County Division 6, Beltsville Police Commander Fisher announced that the Montpelier Community had the fewest reported crimes in his Division. Major Fisher, his staff and the 7 other South Laurel communities were thanked for sharing their experiences. Also, a thank you goes out to the Montpelier Community residents for taking the necessary action to prevent and reduce crimes.
- The Security Committee is looking for ways to improve community communications. The Montpelier pool online group is closed. Montpelier Nextdoor site is available to all. You have to open the APP to read the entries. Also, you can set the option to have Nextdoor entries sent automatically to your personal e-mail. Any suggestions for other means of sharing information would be appreciated.

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

- P.G. Police continue to be shorthanded. Command staff says that traffic patrol is minimized so police patrol units can concentrate on crimes. Major Fisher reminds us to be aware of mental health issues as we perform our security work. He also reminds us of the Victim Rights Organization and the National Safety Council.
- Currently there are no COPS Units available for guidance, but we continue to get updates from Captain Danielle Selway, Assistant Commander, on residential security issues.

Citizens Advisory Council (CAC), Beltsville, MD:

- The P.G. Citizens Advisory met at the McDonald's on Route 197 at Contee Road. All residents are invited to attend the CAC Meetings. The next meeting was posted on Nextdoor. It will be on Thursday, 1/12/23 at 10am at the McDonald's oat 4000 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. You can come and discuss our community, crime statistics and community relations and development.

Report of Council Member Tom Dernoga's Office, P.G. County District 1:

- P.G. Councilman Tom Dernoga was voted in as Chairman of the P.G. County Council. Their primary agenda for 2023 is:
 - Cutting taxes for seniors and working families.
 - Stopping health insurance price hikes.
 - Fighting climate change.
 - Cracking down on drag racing and investing state budget surplus in local schools.
 - Boosting funds for community policing and victims of crimes.
 - Supporting our community: \$400,000 for St. Vincent Pallotti High School, \$1 million to

help restore the Dam ruins on the Patuxent River in Laurel, \$750,000 for the Hope House Addiction Treatment Center in Laurel.

- Jerri Jones from Councilman Tom Dernoga's office was in attendance. She is the representative for our area. She provided a list of bills they are trying to get repealed. She said to call their office for things like fallen trees, missed trash collection, illegal renting, own livestock and other items on the 311 app.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus – Chairperson

- The center island closest to Route 197 needs to have the reflector sign replaced again. The bump outs will not be getting reflectors according to the county.
- An inquiry will be made to the county about getting "walk on the left facing traffic" signs.

Welcoming Committee – Christina Kposowa – absent but notes provided.

- Working with Michelle to revise Welcome handout documents and continuing to research the costs to purchase embroidered dish towels. Will follow up at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Collecting repair dates on major components at common grounds to determine their wear out date with an engineering firm to be sure the reserve fund is saving enough to handle future needs.
- Drainage issues around the walking path is being monitored to determine if drainage issues are serious enough to install a drainage pipe.

New Business:

- ACCC Guidelines will be sent with Governing Documents and Resale Package going forward.
- The hole in the wall from last year's repairs in the pool office will be closed in with wood and painted.
- Discussing replacing the countertops in the bathhouse.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Deerfield Run Community Center. Trustee Mason made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM and was seconded by Trustee Merrow. The motion passed unanimously.