

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Deerfield Run Recreation Center
June 13, 2023

Trustees in Attendance: Sean Beaver, Bob Derrick, Lillian Fazio, Michael Flowe, Jack Keating, Richard Mason, Cindy Merrow, and Sterling Spangler

Trustees absent with cause: Felipe Arzayus

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

Others Present: Jerri Jones

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 9, 2023, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver 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.
- Status of 2023 Assessments: The unpaid assessment total is down to \$19,129.33; 13 are unpaid for this year while the rest are long term.
- The Certificate of Deposit has matured, and Sandy Springs Bank is offering a seven-month CD at 4%. Since we do not need that money right now, the Trustees agreed to roll it over.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson

- No report.

ACC Committee: Trustee Flowe – Chairperson

- The June meeting was held last week, there were seven new complaints. Letters sent: three complaints received second letters and one Cease & Desist letter was sent. We are monitoring three matters and five issues were closed.
- We approved three requests, two are pending permits. We received ten notifications and are working on an issue with a squatter who is also letting their dogs run off leash and looking into a homeowner advertising a room for rent.
- We received a Kudos letter from a homeowner who has seen many improvements in the appearance of the neighborhood.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson

- We are still testing a group communications service for Montpelier Members for \$200 a year. It would operate like our old Yahoo group and would be monitored by the Trustees.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson

- The plan is to announce up to five meetings to reach a quorum to remove the upper limit cap on the annual assessment.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Keating - Chairperson

- The piping, showerheads, handles in the pool showers and the hose bibs in the Men's room need all to be replaced. It was suggested that we add a shut off valve for the bathrooms only that wouldn't

interfere with the rest of the pool. The Trustees discussed the cost to replace all the shower heads/handles and add two shut off valves. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the proposal for replacement in the bathrooms and Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- We are still waiting for the new swings and chains for the playground to arrive.
- We received a quote for \$13,335 for new security cameras and a Wi-Fi booster. Trustee Merrow made a motion to approve this if it does not exceed \$16,000. Trustee Flowe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick – Chairperson

- The pool is now open, the slide is up, and they did a great job.
- Water aerobics is underway every Monday at 7 pm and every Thursday at 12:30 pm.
- Morning adult lap swim has begun along with morning swim lessons.
- There are a couple of parties already scheduled for the pavilion area.
- This past week we had two emergencies at the pool. Both were handled well by the lifeguard staff.
- Bricks were placed along the fence in the baby pool on the playground side.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith – Chairperson - absent

- The Community Yard sale and the Memorial Day Picnic were a success.
- Mary Derrick will coordinate the July 4th Community Picnic.

Swim Team Committee: Chairperson – Andy Reeves - absent

- The swim team has settled at about 65-70 swimmers so far and conducted time trials last weekend on June 10th. Thank you to the pool committee for opening the gate early. The guards were helpful and the facility looks sharp!
- We have our first of three meets (in a row) this weekend on June 17th at 8:30 am.
- We will be hosting the Laurel Invitational Meet (5 Laurel Teams) this year. We have begun plans to coordinate that. The Laurel Invitation has been held at Fairland in the past but could be held at an outdoor pool as well.
- Thanks to the Pool and Executive Committee for their work on the facility. It looks wonderful!
- I hope all the members of the Board and committees will come and attend a home meet on June 17, Jun 24 and July 1 at 8:30 am. It's always a great way to see the positive impact our team and pool have on the community. The enthusiasm is inspiring and palpable.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason – Chairperson

CRIMES IN MONTPELIER:

- Montpelier Community Association respects communications privacy and requires resident approval to receive Montpelier Security Committee and Prince George's County security criminal important information, PG Police crime reports, and MCA security criminal guidelines. Our Prince George's County Police and your MCA Security Committee strongly feel that these communications are important and necessary for continuing to maintain a safe community. Please send your approval to opt-in for these future e-mail notifications to: security@montpelieronline.org.
- Fortunately, there were no reported crimes in Montpelier since our last Board Meeting.
- There have been reports of dogs attacking walking residents. P.G. Police and the P.G. Humane Society have emphasized that all Montpelier resident owned dogs must be on a leash or on a "dog line" when outside.
- Pepco is behind in their schedule to mow their fields under the power lines, they will mow by mid-June 2023. I have also requested that they repair or replace the gate on the west side of Cedarbrook Lane.

REPORT OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE, DIVISION 6, BELTSVILLE, MD:

- Cpl. Chris Nalinick is our new P.G. Police COPS representative to MCA, and we still have Cpl. Jason Fisher helping. Cpl. Michael Fraser emails weekly crime reports. Capt. Danielle Selway, COPS Supervisor and Capt. Philip Martin, Patrol Supervisor, both take great interest in Montpelier.
- Division 6 police support our Security Committee emphasis on courteous driving, in addition to following the laws of the road. It's always important to watch out for the other driver. DRIVE SAFELY.

P.G. COUNTY POLICE, CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING:

- P.G. County Police Command Staff discussed crime stats, community events, coffee with COPS, and National Night Out.
- Capt. Martin presented Mental Health Awareness Month for May. Major emphasis was placed on communications. Topics discussed were crimes, suicides, catalytic converter program, and neighborhood watch program.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEMBER TOM DERNOGA'S OFFICE:

- Montpelier is in an excellent position to ask Mr. Dernoga's office for assistance with County services. As President of the Council, he is in a good position to have an impact.
- Jerri Jones from Councilman Tom Dernoga's office was in attendance and spoke about different meetings that are held and links were included in emails for these meetings.
- Saturday June 17th there will be a Juneteenth celebration at Granville Gude Park.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus – Chairperson - absent

- On the traffic end, I have not been able to get a hold of anyone at the DPW&T but will keep trying.

Welcoming Committee – Christina Kposowa - absent

- We completed ten new homeowner visits this month. (Met six in person and left four packets on doors.)
- All homeowners that I met with in person were aware that they joined the MCA HOA upon the purchase of their home. They also generally reported having a positive experience settling into their homes and interacting with neighbors.
- I am awaiting feedback from the Board on the revised Welcome packet as well as the embroidered dish towel gifts for the new residents. I'd like to emphasize that the Welcome packet can be formatted in a way that is cost-effective, but the first goal is to finalize the content. From some of the questions new homeowners asked, it will be a valuable resource.

New Business:

- Trustee Derrick and Beaver will reach out to the resident on Ethan Court about grass cutting and reach out to Social Services to help her.
- Trustee Spangler proposed that the Board host a volunteer members breakfast at the pool.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Deerfield Run Community Center. Trustee Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM and was seconded by Trustee Merrow. The motion passed unanimously.