

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Run Recreation Center

August 8, 2023

Trustees in Attendance: Felipe Arzayus, Sean Beaver, Lillian Fazio, Michael Flowe, Jack Keating, Richard Mason, and Sterling Spangler

Trustees absent with cause: Bob Derrick and Cindy Merrow

Community Members Present: Mary Derrick, Michelle Gimbert, Christina Kposowa and Lisa Smith

Others Present: Jerri Jones and Daija Yisrael (both from Councilman Tom Dernoga's office)

Vice President Jack Keating 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 July 11, 2023, Board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Beaver made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Trustee Arzayus 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 \$16,218; 8 are unpaid for this year while 10 are long term.
- Michelle G has asked our attorney, Corinne Rosen, to place liens on ten properties owing more than one year and letters will be sent to the eight properties owing for this year.
- PG County property tax bills for our two parcels have been paid: \$252.57 and \$766.71.

Tennis Committee: Trustee Fazio - Chairperson

- No report.

ACC Committee: Trustee Flowe – Chairperson

- The July meeting was held last week, ten items were closed, we are monitoring five, seven letters are being sent. Three complaints we are opening tickets with the County, and we had three notifications.
- We had a homeowner inquire about getting speed humps on Mount Pleasant Drive or maybe some stop signs and a few intersections. Trustee Arzayus will investigate this matter.
- The overgrown yard on Ethan Court will receive a notice that their yard will be mowed and billed for the work.
- The homeowner with the large stacks of firewood attended the meeting and said he will put in a request for a six-foot fence with the ACCC and a permit request with the County.

Communications Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson

- The trial of the new Social Media forum will start again soon.

Governing Documents Committee: Trustee Beaver – Chairperson

- We are waiting for the results of the Engineering Report.

Facilities Committee: Trustees Keating - Chairperson

- All summer projects are complete. The cameras are up, the lights are up, and we are just waiting for the sim card and Wi-Fi extender to be installed and running soon. We will have hi-resolution and zooming capabilities.
- The new soccer nets are being custom made and should be in soon.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick – Chairperson

- The pool is running smoothly and will close on Sunday, September 10th.
- The annual dog day will be on Saturday September 16th.
- The annual meeting will be held at the pool on Sunday September 17th.

Social Committee: Lisa Smith – Chairperson

- Happy Hour at the pool will be on Saturday August 26th at 5:30 pm. Adult beverages are permitted but absolutely no glass containers. Hopefully we will have a food truck, but if it doesn't work out, we will have pizza and subs.
- The Labor Day picnic will be held on Sunday, September 3rd at 5 pm.
- The Fall Festival and Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 21st from 1-3 pm. More details to come.

Swim Team Committee: Chairperson – Andy Reeves - absent

- No Report.

Security Committee: Trustee Mason – ChairpersonCRIMES IN MONTPELIER:

- There were no reported crimes in Montpelier since our last Board meeting in July. Thanks to the police and our residents for doing the right thing and keeping us safe.
- There continues to be a problem with dogs roaming off leash, especially on Orwood Lane. P.G. County has a law forbidding dogs off leash. The police warn that the dogs can be taken if the police must return a second time.
- There was a recent house fire in Montpelier. The residents were not home, it is believed that the fire started in the kitchen. A neighbor that lives behind them called 911 to save the house from extensive damage.

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

- The Prince George's County Community Neighborhood Walk at 4:30 pm on 8/2/23 was an enjoyable success. Division 6, Major Fisher, Captain Sullivan and four COPS officers were in attendance. Major Fisher apologized for the late decision to have the walk. Montpelier was the first community this season to have the walk. Their message is that we want to work together and be friends.

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

- There was no CAC meeting this month.
- MCA members who wish to receive email communications regarding police matters or crimes that impact our community may enroll by sending an email to Security@montpelieronline.org. Richard Mason, Security Chairman, will only send important crime and Montpelier security related information to those who enroll.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEMBER TOM DERNOGA'S OFFICE:

- Two representatives from Councilman Dernoga's office attended the neighborhood walk on August 2nd.

Traffic Committee: Trustee Arzayus – Chairperson

- Shadetree and cut through for Montpelier Elementary traffic may pick up. Due to redistricting the entire community will be attending Montpelier Elementary. We need a plan to help with the Shadetree traffic.
- Inquiries were made to investigate getting stop signs or traffic calming devices on West Montpelier (not our neighborhood). Trustee Arzayus will write Councilman Dernoga's office to ask about a radar apparatus or changing the road designation for the County.

Welcoming Committee – Christina Kposowa

- We have received monogrammed dishtowels.
- The updated Welcoming packet was received from Trustee Derrick. Michelle can provide our printer's information to have packets printed.

New Business:

- Jerri Jones, Special Assistant to Councilman Tom Dernoga introduced Daija Tisrael, Constituent Services Specialist in Tom Dernoga's office.
- Elderly Senior Tax Credit end date is October 31st.
- There is a Job fair on Thursday 9/7 from 10-1 at the DiPietro Center.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Deerfield Run Community Center. Trustee Beaver made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM and was seconded by Trustee Mason. The motion passed unanimously.