

## VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

### VILLAGE COUNCIL

CLARA M. LOVETT, *Mayor*  
JOHN R. MERTENS, *Chairman*  
MICHAEL J. DORSEY, *Vice Chairman*  
PAULA DURBIN, *Secretary*  
KATHLEEN COOPER, *Treasurer*  
DAVID LEWIS, *Parliamentarian*  
MELANIE ROSE WHITE, *Historian*  
JULIAN P. MANSFIELD, *Village Manager*  
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### APPROVED MINUTES

### PUBLIC SESSION FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING May 19, 2015

#### ATTENDEES:

Clara M. Lovett, Mayor; John R. Mertens, Chairman; Michael J. Dorsey, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; David Lewis, Parliamentarian; Melanie Rose White, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 50 residents.

#### CALL TO ORDER

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Dorsey called the Village Council Meeting to order. Mr. Dorsey introduced the other newly elected Council members: John Mertens, Paula Durbin, Kathleen Cooper, David Lewis, Melanie Rose White, and Clara Lovett.

#### Election of Council Officers:

- (R) Ms. Cooper moved to nominate Mr. John Mertens as Chairman. The motion carried. (7-0-0)
- (R) Ms. Durbin moved to nominate Mr. Michael Dorsey as Vice Chairman. The motion carried. (7-0-0)
- (R) Mr. Dorsey moved to nominate Ms. Paula Durbin as Secretary. The motion carried. (7-0-0)
- (R) Mr. Mertens moved to nominate Ms. Kathleen Cooper as Treasurer. The motion carried. (7-0-0)
- (R) Ms. Cooper moved to nominate Ms. Melanie Rose White as Historian. The motion carried. (7-0-0)

- (R) Ms. Lovett moved to nominate Mr. David Lewis as Parliamentarian. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**
- (R) Mr. Dorsey moved to nominate Ms. Clara M. Lovett as Mayor. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNCIL:**

Mr. Mertens opened the floor for comments from the audience. He stated that persons representing organizations will have five minutes to speak; individuals will have three minutes to speak. No one may cede time to another speaker.

Members of the audience congratulated the new Council on their nominations and spoke of other concerns, some of which were appropriate for staff response.

Ms. Barbara Tauben (Highland House West) read a press release from the Traffic Division of the Montgomery County Department of Transportation indicating that parking meters were being installed on Wisconsin and Willard Avenues at the request of the Village of Friendship Heights. She objected to this. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Mansfield stated that the press release is inaccurate. He noted that the Council expressed in writing to the TMD its opposition to the installation of meters on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue. Mr. Mertens stated that the County Department of Transportation would be notified of the inaccurate reporting. Ms. Tauben presented a copy of the press release which is hereby made a part of these minutes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Lovett made the following announcements:

Plans will be made later to honor former Council members for their dedication and service to the Friendship Heights community. Dr. Morris resigned from the Council earlier this year and was honored at our Community Day in April.

The Capital Improvements Committee will meet at the Village Center on Tuesday, June 2, at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be open to the public. Mr. Mertens has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Capital Improvements Committee until a new Chairman is named.

GEICO and Goodwill will host a donation drive on Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the GEICO parking lot. See the June newsletter for a list of items that will be accepted.

The next Village Council meeting will be Monday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Mertens stated that all Council members had received copies of the minutes for the Council public session held on April 14, 2015, and asked for corrections. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Mertens presented the financial summary for the period ending April 30, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion/vote on the reappointment of Program Advisory and Community Advisory Committee members:** Ms. White presented a brief description of the Program Advisory and Community Advisory Committees.

The Council appointed the following standing Council Committees:

- (R) Ms. Lovett moved; Ms. Cooper seconded, to approve the reappointment of the Program Advisory Committee members. The Council reserves the right to appoint additional members to the Program Advisory Committee. Mr. Mertens submitted the written names of the members of the Program Advisory Committee which is hereby made a part of these minutes. Motion carried. (7-0-0)**
  
- (R) Ms. Lovett moved; Ms. Lewis seconded, to approve the reappointment of the Community Advisory Committee members. The Council reserves the right to appoint additional members to the Community Advisory Committee. Discussion Ensued. Mr. Mertens submitted the written names of the members of the Community Advisory Committee which is hereby made a part of these minutes. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

- (R) Ms. Lovett moved; Mr. Lewis seconded, that the Council reserves the right to rewrite the charge of the Community Advisory Committee. The motion carried. (7-0-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Mertons asked if there was any other business. There being none, he adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Paula Durbin  
Secretary