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Minutes

Friendship Heights Village Council Capital Improvements Committee Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Council members present: John Mertens; David Lewis; Paula Durbin; Kathleen Cooper.

Staff members present: Betty Ardizzone; Julian Mansfield; Robert Shapiro.

Village residents present: Lynne Heilbrunn; Henry Heilbrunn; James Jones; Robert Joseph; Alfred Muller; Cleo Tavani; Barbara Tauben.

At 5:30 p.m., the Capital Improvements Committee met in public session at the Friendship Heights Village Center.

Mr. Mertens announced that there would be a special meeting of the committee on January 12, 2016, at 4 p.m., with the firm overseeing the renovation of the Village Center.

Mr. Mertens gave a short summary of the report by the lighting consultant, Scott Watson. The recommendations of the lighting consultant were to change the bulbs in all the streetlights on a rotating cycle, to clean the lenses, and to replace the lenses that cannot be adequately cleaned.

Mr. Mertens discussed the specifications for the landscape maintenance contract. Cleo Tavani raised the condition of the grass in Willoughby Park. The staff will include an option in the specifications to replace the grass in the affected area. Ms. Tavani then expressed some concern that over time the various parks have deviated from their initial designs. She also expressed concern about the state of the village trees and the quantity of flowers being planted. She also complained about the current landscaping contractor and requested that additional vendors be sought out to submit a proposal for the maintenance contract for the coming year. Mr. Mertens said that he had offered up the name of one vendor to the Village Manager and asked others to do the same. The invitation for bids for the contract will be advertised next week.

Barbara Tauben discussed storm drain maintenance. She has two main concerns. The first is to limit the pollutants that go into the drains. The second is to ensure compliance with existing requirements for maintaining the storm drains and to determine future

responsibility for storm drain maintenance. She distributed written comments to each Council member.

No action was taken by the Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mertens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

John Mertens
Chairman