

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING October 13, 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 15 residents.

ABSENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Mertens called the Village Council Meeting to order.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNCIL:

The Council heard questions and concerns from members of the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Lovett made the following announcements:

A shredding truck will be back in the Village on Wednesday, October 14, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This service is free to Village residents.

The Council's Communications Committee will meet on Monday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Center. This meeting will be open to the public.

At the next Council meeting, on Monday, November 9, our guest speaker will be architect Roger Lewis, a leading authority on “urban villages” in the Washington metropolitan area.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin presented the public and executive session minutes of the Council meetings held on September 15 and the minutes of the Capital Improvements Committee held on October 6 and recommended approval.

- (R) **Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. Cooper seconded, that the public and executive session minutes of the Council meetings held on September 15, and the minutes of the Capital Improvements Committee held on October 6 be approved. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending September 30, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion/vote on Reconsideration of plans for playground at Page Park:

Ms. Durbin stated that her interpretation of the results of the May election was a call for closure on the issue of a playground in Page Park.

- (R) **Ms. Durbin moved, Mr. Dorsey seconded, to rescind all motions passed by the Village Council during the 2013-2015 term that called for or authorized the installation of a playground in Page Park. Discussion ensued. The motion carried. (5-2-0)**
- (R) **Ms. Durbin moved, Mr. Dorsey seconded, to terminate the contract approved at the meeting of December 8, 2014, between the Village of Friendship Heights and A. Morton Thomas, with respect to future services by the contractor in connection with the installation of a playground in Page Park. The motion carried. (5-2-0)**

Mr. Mertens stated that the Capital Improvements Committee will discuss “how we will use our open space” at its next meeting. This meeting will be open to the public.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/vote on recommendation from Capital Improvements Committee for selection of project manager to coordinate Village Center improvements:

Mr. Mertens stated that the Capital Improvements Committee received three

proposals in response to its request for a project manager/designer for the planned improvements to the Village Center.

- (R) **Mr. Mertens moved, Mr. Lewis seconded, that the Council approve the proposal from Walton.Madden.Cooper.Robinson.Poness, Inc. (WMCRP). The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

Discussion/vote on revisions to the Village Public Information Policy recommended by the Village's attorney: Mr. Mansfield reported that Attorney Ron Bolt has advised that changes to the Open Meeting Act require the modification of our policy on sharing public information (originally adopted in 1997). Attorney Bolt has therefore drafted revisions to bring the policy into compliance with the new law.

- (R) **Mr. Mertens moved, Ms. Durbin seconded, to approve the revisions to the Village of Friendship Heights Rules and Regulations for Access to Public Records. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Lewis moved, Ms. Durbin seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. and move to Executive Session as provided under Section 3-305(b)(3) of the Maryland State Code. The motion carried. (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Durbin
Secretary