

## VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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### APPROVED MINUTES

### PUBLIC SESSION

### FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING July 11, 2016

#### **ATTENDEES:**

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; John R. Mertens, Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; David Lewis, Parliamentarian; Clara M. Lovett, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 25 Residents.

#### **ABSENT:**

Michael J. Dorsey, Vice Chairman.

#### **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. Attached is Cleo Tavani's report on land use and the Council's history with the Citizens Coordinating Committee of Friendship Heights.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. White made the following announcements:

The Council thanks the Board of Directors and staff of 4620 North Park for offering it the space in which to meet while the Village Center is closed for renovations that began last week and will continue through the end of August.

There will be no Council meeting in August. The next Council meeting will be Monday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Center.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Ms. Durbin recommended approval of the minutes of the Council's public session of June 13 and of the meeting of the Council Personnel Committee June 13.

**Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. Lovett seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of June 13 and of the Council Personnel Committee meeting held on June 13. Both sets of minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending June 30, 2016.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Report from Community Advisory Committee:** Mr. Lewis reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on June 29. His attached report is incorporated into these minutes. The next CAC meeting is September 21 at 6:00 p.m. The Strategic Planning Subcommittee will meet July 19 at 5:00 p.m., at 4601 Willard Avenue.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion/vote on the renovation of the Village Center:** Mr. Mertens stated that last month the Council approved the architectural design for the Village Center renovation, which includes removing the fish tanks and adding shelving in the reading room.

**Ms. Lovett moved, Ms. Cooper seconded, not to amend the previously approved contract for the renovation of Village Center to accommodate fish tanks and reduce the shelving planned. The motion carried (5-1-0).**

**Discussion/vote on request from art curator Millie Shott for additional wall space allocated to art following the Village Center renovation:**

**The Council approved by unanimous consent the allocation of the wall space extending from first part of the hallway to the second door of the main hall**

**for the display of art upon completion of the Village Center renovation. The allocation of any additional space is deferred pending further discussion.**

**Discussion of Page Park barbecue grill area:** Mr. Mansfield reported, at the request of Ms. Cooper, the engineers' estimate of \$1,750 as the cost of renovating the barbecue grill area in Page Park. The renovation would include shoring up the structure with blue stones and converting the current wall into seating. The estimate did not include replacing the benches.

**The Council authorized staff to solicit bids for the renovation of the barbecue grill area of Page Park and then to proceed with the renovation. Staff was also asked to research the cost of new benches for a report to the Council.**

**Discussion/vote on Village membership in Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights:** Ms. Lovett summarized her research into the Council's history with the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights.

**Ms. White moved, Ms. Durbin seconded, that the Village Council become a member of the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights. The motion failed. (3-3-0)**

**The Council approved by unanimous consent the designation of nominees Melanie White and John Mertens to attend the monthly meetings of the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights.**

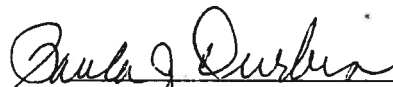
**Report on Maryland Municipal League's annual conference:** Mr. Mertens and Ms. White noted sessions for discussion from the conference: Open Meetings Law, Emergency Preparedness, Aging Population, and the Village Concept.

**The staff was asked to invite a representative of the Village concept group to a Council meeting.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Mertens moved, Mr. Lewis seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Paula Durbin  
Secretary