

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

October 15, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael J. Dorsey, Chairman; John R. Mertens, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; Carolina Zumaran-Jones, Parliamentarian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and 7 residents.

ABSENT:

Alexandra Kielty, Historian.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNCIL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. White made the following announcements:

A shredding truck will return to the Village on Wednesday, October 17, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The truck will park on Friendship Boulevard by the Village Center.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, October 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Drop off your unwanted prescription drugs at the Village Center.

The Village is hosting a Montgomery County Executive Candidates Forum on Thursday, November 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Village Center.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6. Polls will be open at the Village Center from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be Monday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m., due to the Veterans Day holiday on November 12.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve, with corrections, the minutes of the Council's public session of September 17; minutes of joint meeting of Capital Improvements and Communications Committees of September 13; and minutes of special Council meeting of October 5. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending September 30, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from the Program Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Program Advisory Committee met on October 10 and discussed the following:

- (1) Trees: The condition of trees in the Village; whether it is worthwhile to go back to the city tree program.
 - (2) The need for the Council to present a clear vision of plans for Page Park.
 - (3) Street lights: Replacement of fixtures and bulbs and matching of existing lights.
 - (4) The upcoming County election and the impact on the Village.
- The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Report from Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights: Ms. White reported that the CCCFH met on September 20 and discussed the following:

- (1) The revised preliminary and sketch plans for the Westbard project will be submitted to the County Planning Board between mid-September and January 2019.
- (2) CCCFH submitted a letter to the County Council expressing support for moderately priced dwelling units, emphasizing the impact of increased density. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 17, at 8:00 at the little house in Westmoreland Hills in Bethesda. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Page Park: Ms. Durbin gave a brief update on the boundary survey just completed by our engineer. Boundary markers have been placed along three sides of the park. She shared additional information received from Village arborist Kevin Clair after the last Council meeting. A brief discussion followed.

Ms. Durbin moved, Mr. Mertens seconded, to approve the proposal from ArborCare to plant three 3-inch Honey locust trees at the southeast corner of Page Park at a cost of \$2,100. The motion carried. (4-2-0)

Ms. Durbin moved, Mr. Mertens seconded, to defer further action on the London planetree until the next Council meeting when the Village arborist, Kevin Clair would be present. The motion failed. (3-3-0)

Mr. Dorsey moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve the proposal from ArborCare to plant one 5-inch London planetree in the center of the stone wall at a cost of \$2,400 plus other associated costs stated on page 3 of the proposal. The motion failed. (3-3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

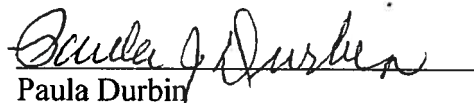
Discussion/vote on nominees for Program Advisory Committee:

Ms. White moved, Mr. Mertens seconded, to approve the nomination of Phyllis Meltzer (The Carleton), Asha Dees (The Carleton) and Alicia Gurrera (4620 North Park) as members of the Program Advisory Committee. The motion carried. 6-0-0

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Durbin
Secretary