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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

May 20, 2019

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael Mezey, Chairman; Carolina Zumarán-Jones, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; Michael Dorsey, Council Member; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 20 residents.

ABSENT:

Bruce Pirnie, Parliamentarian.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Election of Council Officers:

Ms. Melanie Rose White, nominated by Ms. Cooper, was elected Mayor (6-0-0).

Mr. Michael Mezey, nominated by Ms. White, was elected Chairman (6-0-0).

Ms. Carolina Zumarán-Jones was nominated by Ms. Cooper to be Vice Chairman.
Mr. Bruce Pirnie was nominated by Mr. Dorsey to be Vice Chairman. Ms. Carolina Zumarán-Jones was elected Vice Chairman (5-1-0).

Ms. Paula Durbin, nominated by Ms. Cooper, was elected Secretary (5-0-1).

Ms. Kathleen Cooper, nominated by Ms. Durbin, was elected Treasurer (6-0-0).

Mr. Bruce Pirnie, nominated by Ms. White, was elected Parliamentarian (6-0-0).

Mr. Michael Dorsey, nominated as Historian by Ms. White, declined the nomination/position.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNCIL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. White announced the following:

The next Council meeting on Monday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Center, with Delegate Marc Korman present;

The annual Independence Day celebration on Thursday, July 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Village Center.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of April 8. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending April 30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from the Community Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee had met on May 16 and discussed the following:

- (1) The condition of the grass strips in the Village. Since the meeting, staff has scheduled partial refurbishment by GreenSweep.
 - (2) The replacement of trees that are in decline with the tallest possible new trees; renewed participation by the Village in the program Tree City USA.
 - (3) The problem of glass on the sidewalk behind the Carleton, which has been reported to the appropriate party.
 - (4) The collapse in the storm drain at North Park and Willard Avenues.
- The Community Advisory Committee will meet next on June 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Report from the Program Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Program Advisory Committee met on May 8 and discussed the following:

- (1) The sold-out Glenstone/Normandy Farm trip.
- (2) The sold out trip to Hello Dolly at the Kennedy Center.

- (3) Suggestions for trips to Cape May and Asheville, which would require 24 participants.
- (4) A suggestion for exhibits of art by children and seniors.
The Program Advisory Committee will meet again in September.

Report from Citizens Coordinating Committee of Friendship Heights

(CCCFH): Ms. White reported that the CCCFH met on May 15 and discussed the following:

- (1) The update on the Regency Westbard plan.
- (2) The update on the Capital Crescent Trail crossings.
- (3) The zoning text amendment before the County Council that would permit accessory dwelling units in residential areas, which would not affect Friendship Heights and is opposed by the CCCFH.
- (4) Her election as Chairman of the CCCFH for the period 2019-2020.
The CCCFH will next meet on June 19 at 8:00 p.m. at the little house in Westmoreland Hills in Bethesda. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of trees and grass: Mr. Dorsey observed that (1) the grass strips along Village sidewalks need attention and (2) bids should be solicited to replace dying trees.


NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey moved, Ms. White seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Durbin