

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING November 9, 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 13 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:

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin presented the public and executive session minutes of the Council meetings held on October 13 and the minutes of the Communications Committee meeting held on October 26 and recommended approval.

- (R) **Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. White seconded, that the public and executive session minutes of the Council meetings held on October 13 and the minutes of the Communications Committee meeting held on October 26 be approved. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending October 31, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update from Council Communications Committee on plans to redesign website: Ms. Durbin reported that responses to the request for proposals for the redesign of the website were under review and additional information has been requested from the prospective designers.

Update from Council Capital Improvements Committee on Village Center improvements: Mr. Mertens reported that he attended a meeting with the staff and Mike Poness and Art Robinson from WMCRP to discuss the scope of work for the improvements to the Village Center. Mike will prepare plans and design options to be reviewed by the Capital Improvements Committee at its meeting on January 12 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Mertens also stated that the street lighting report from the lighting consultant and the landscaping contract will be discussed at the December meeting of the Capital Improvements Committee.

Mr. Mansfield noted that the consultant has recommended cleaning the lenses in the street light fixtures and maintaining a schedule for replacing all Village street light bulbs over a five-year period instead of waiting for a bulb to burn out. The staff is in the process of implementing these two recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Council member to Communications Committee: Ms. Lovett stated that to facilitate the work of the Communications Committee additional members are needed.

- (R) **Ms. Lovett moved, Mr. Mertens seconded, to approve the appointment of Kathleen Cooper as member of the Council Communications Committee. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

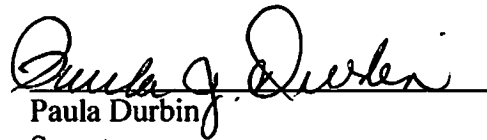
Presentation by Roger Lewis, architect/planner, Washington Post columnist: Roger Lewis discussed "urban villages" and transit-oriented development in

the Washington metropolitan area.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Durbin
Secretary