

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

VILLAGE COUNCIL

MELANIE ROSE WHITE, *Mayor*

JOHN R. MERTENS, *Chairman*

MICHAEL J. DORSEY, *Vice Chairman*

PAULA DURBIN, *Secretary*

KATHLEEN COOPER, *Treasurer*

DAVID LEWIS, *Parliamentarian*

CLARA M. LOVETT, *Historian*

JULIAN P. MANSFIELD, *Village Manager*

LESLIE STRATHMANN, *Village Manager 1987-1996*

4433 SOUTH PARK AVENUE
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND 20815

Phone: 301-656-2797

Fax: 301-907-3922

Email: info@friendshipheightsmd.gov

Website: www.friendshipheightsmd.gov



APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2016

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; John R. Mertens, Chairman; Michael J. Dorsey, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; David Lewis, Parliamentarian; Clara M. Lovett, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 15 Residents.

ABSENT:

Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Mertens called the Village Council Meeting to order. A moment of silence was observed in memory of three residents who recently passed away: Dorothy Mudd, Bill Cooper, and Robert Schwarzbart.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS TO AND FROM COUNCIL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. White made the following announcement:

All residents are invited to attend the annual New Year's Day Open House at the Village Center on Sunday, January 1, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin recommended approval of the minutes of the closed session and the Council's public session of November 14.

Ms. Durbin moved to approve the minutes of the closed session and the Council meeting of November 14. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Mertens presented the financial summaries for the period November 30, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Program Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Program Advisory Committee had met on December 7. Her report is attached and is incorporated into these minutes. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Mr. Lewis reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on December 7. His report is attached and is incorporated into these minutes. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 4 at 5:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Council attendance at a meeting with officials of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on the County-owned property at 5320 Willard Avenue bordering Willard Avenue Park: Mr. Mertens announced the meeting scheduled for December 13 to discuss the status of the property. A discussion followed on the role of the three Council members who had confirmed their attendance at the meeting.

The Council approved by unanimous consent the attendance of Paula Durbin, Michael Dorsey, and Melanie White at the meeting in their capacity as Council members to gather information and report to the Council.

Review of proposed strategic plan recommended by Community Advisory Committee: Mr. Mertens presented the revised draft of the proposed strategic plan, incorporating the modification of the first strategic goal. The original had been submitted to the Council at last month's meeting.

The Council approved the document by unanimous consent as guidance to the Council and staff going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

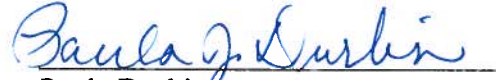
Discussion/vote on nomination of Nadja Ruzica, resident of 4615 North Park, to serve on Community Advisory Committee:

The Council approved by unanimous consent the nomination of Nadja Ruzica to serve on Community Advisory Committee

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Durbin
Secretary