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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING July 10, 2017

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael J. Dorsey, Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; David Lewis, Historian, Carolina Zumaran-Jones; Parliamentarian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager and approximately 30 residents.

ABSENT:

John R. Mertens, Vice Chairman

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 comments from members of the audience.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. White announced that there would be no Council meeting in August. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11, at 7:30 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin recommended approval of the minutes of the Council's public session of June 12; and the Council Personnel Committee closed session of June 22.

Ms. Durbin moved to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of June 12 and the Council Personnel Committee closed session of June 22. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summaries for the period ending June 30, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Mr. Lewis reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on July 5. Discussions included (1) preparation of a questionnaire for a survey that the Council might consider in any development of a strategic plan; and (2) the need for Committee members from buildings not represented. A brief discussion followed. The Council will identify residents to serve on the Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Report from Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights: Ms. White reported that the CCCFH met on June 21. Discussions included (1) school overcrowding as a result of implementation if the Bethesda plan is approved and (2) proposed at 5550 Friendship Boulevard. The CCCFH supports the resolution passed by the Council at the June meeting; Somerset House II has passed a similar resolution and sent a letter from a resident to the owner of the property objecting to the fourth option proposed, a 90-foot building to replace the existing building. The next CCCFH meeting is scheduled for July 19 at 8:00 p.m. at Somerset. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on 5320 Willard Avenue Property: Ms. Durbin reported that a black metal fence has replaced the stockade fence, and Parks and Planning has not set aside any of the property for public use. She stated that Mr. Knopf has advised the Council to wait until the fall for additional progress before taking further action

Possible update on Page Park landscape design proposals: Mr. Mansfield reported that two of the three landscape designers/architects contacted were not interested and the third presented a proposal that would have triggered solicitation. He proposed as a simpler alternative that our current landscape maintenance contractor at GreenSweep could develop a plan that would include additional plantings and appropriate path surfaces. A brief discussion followed. The Council asked staff to obtain a proposal from GreenSweep.

Update on possible development at 5500 Friendship Boulevard: Ms. Durbin repeated that CCCFH and Somerset House II support the Council's above-

referenced resolution passed in June. She reported that a Somerset resident had sent a letter demanding a retraction of the developer's claim that the Sector Plan allowed for the above-referenced fourth option, a 90-foot structure that would replace the existing building and cover the lot. A brief discussion followed concerning the distribution of the Council resolution.

Ms. White moved, Mr. Lewis seconded, to distribute the Resolution of the Friendship Heights Village Council Supporting the Provisions of the Friendship Heights Sector Plan Relating to Parcel 4 to the County Council, Planning Board, and our state delegation. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/vote on proposal for sidewalk replacement: Mr. Mansfield reported that the annual sidewalk inspection survey has been completed. Many trip hazards have been repaired by Precision Concrete Cutting, but several areas require new sidewalk. In response to a solicitation, staff received a single proposal, from Chamberlain Contractors, whose previous work here was highly satisfactory.

Ms. Cooper moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve the proposal from Chamberlain Contractors in the amount of \$6,800 for sidewalk replacement. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Discussion/vote on renewal of membership in Maryland Municipal League: The Council commented on the value of membership to Council and staff.

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. Zumaran-Jones seconded, to renew membership in Maryland Municipal League in the amount of \$8,472. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Possible discussion/vote on proposal from Securitas for increase in security contract to provide raise for security guards: Mr. Mansfield stated that a proposal from Securitas had been received. Action was deferred as negotiations are ongoing.

Discussion of proposed County Bicycle Master Plan: David Anspacher, County Bicycle Plan Project Manager, presented an overview of a proposed plan that includes routing bikeways through the Village. He noted that the plan, begun about two years ago, will be presented to the County Council this fall and residents can comment through October. The Village manager can provide contact information. Questions and concerns followed the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Ms. Zumaran-Jones moved, Ms. White seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. and move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters per Section 3-305 (b) (1) of the Maryland State Code. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Durbin
Secretary