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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

February 12, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael J. Dorsey, Chairman; John R. Mertens, Vice Chairman; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; Carolina Zumaran-Jones, Parliamentarian; Alexandra Kielty, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 15 residents.

ABSENT:

Paula Durbin, Secretary

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:

The Council met in closed session at 6:45 p.m. with its attorney before the open session to discuss legal matters regarding Parcel 6. No action was taken by the Council.

The March Council meeting has been rescheduled for 8:00 p.m. on March 20. It will include a presentation on possible development of Parcel 6.

The open session will include the first public hearing on the Proposed Village Operating Budget for fiscal 2019. A second public hearing on the Proposed Budget is scheduled for the open session on March 20.

The annual Community Day celebration will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 19 at the Village Center.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. White recommended approval of the minutes of the Council's public session of January 8.

Ms. White moved, Ms. Zumaran-Jones seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of January 8. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending January 31, 2018.

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget and tax rate for fiscal 2019: Mr. Dorsey opened the floor for comments from the public on the Proposed Budget for fiscal 2019. The budget maintains the current rate of 4 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The public was invited to comment as recognized by the chair who advised that speakers were limited to three minutes and could not cede time to another individual. A second public hearing will be held on March 20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on February 7 and discussed the following: (1) illumination of crosswalks on Willard Avenue; (2) brief update on Parcel 6; (3) Village program costs by age groups; (4) update on dumpsters on South Park Avenue; (5) proposed County bikeways. The next meeting of the committee will be March 7 at 5:30 p.m. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

Report from Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights: Ms. White reported that the CCCFH met on January 17 and discussed the following: (1) Willard Avenue Park and Council testimony in support of the new County parks refresher program; (2) forums for candidates in the upcoming County elections to be hosted by the Village this spring at the Center. The CCCFH will

also host candidates' forums at local schools. The next meeting of the committee will be February 21. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on possible development Parcel 6: Ms. White reported that, in addition to the pink house on Willard Avenue and several units in the office condominium at 4600 North Park, 1788 and Chevy Chase Land have purchased or expect to purchase 4608 North Park (the red house owned by Joan Estrada) and the two properties at 4604 North Park and 5406 Shoemaker Farm Lane (owned by Ron Pomykala). They are no longer pursuing further acquisition of units in the condominium office building at 4600 North Park, having fallen short of the percentage required to control the property, nor do they expect to purchase Moussa Moaadel's property on Willard at the present price.

The developers represent that they are proposing to build two structures: (1) A senior living facility with an area totaling approximately 150,000 square feet and height of 90 feet on North Park at the site of the Estrada and Pomykala properties; and (2) a condominium with five or six floors and a projected floorplate of approximately 3,300 square feet on Willard Avenue on the site of the pink house.

1788 submitted its second offer to purchase the house that the Village owns at 4602 North Park for \$1.5 million as previously offered in 2015, but intends to pursue the development with or without the Village property.

The Council's attorney Norman Knopf will meet with the developers' lawyers in the very near future. All are invited to attend the developers' presentation on March 20.

Village-wide survey: The Council discussed the Community Advisory Committee's recommendation for a survey and the possibility of input by the program staff if the survey moves forward.

Ms. Zumaran-Jones moved, Ms. White seconded, to proceed with a survey after review by the program staff. The motion carried. (5-1-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion/vote on nomination of Bruce Pirnie, resident of 4550 North Park Avenue, to serve on Community Advisory Committee:

The Council approved by unanimous consent the nomination of Bruce Pirnie to serve on the Community Advisory Committee.

Discussion/vote on proposal for interior plant maintenance: Mr. Mansfield reported that a solicitation for bids yielded only one proposal, which was from our


current contractor, Interior Garden Designs, which did not increase its rate for this year and has fixed the price for the next three years at \$500 per month. Mr. Mansfield commended Interior's work and recommended approval of its proposal.

Mr. Mertens moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve the proposal from Interior Garden Designs to provide interior plant maintenance at a cost of \$500 per month for the next three years. The Council approved the proposal by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Durbin
Secretary