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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 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:

The Council's 2017 Annual Report will be distributed to residents at the end of January. It will include the Proposed Budget for FY 2019. The February 12 and March 12 Council meetings will include public hearings on the Proposed Village Budget for FY 2019.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. White recommended approval of the minutes of the Council's public session of December 11.

Ms. White moved, Ms. Cooper seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of December 11. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending December 31.

Ms. Cooper introduced the Proposed Budget for fiscal 2019. The budget is based on the current tax rate of 4 cents per \$100 assessed property value.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Committee met on January 3. Discussions included (1) upgrading the bulletin board and possibly installing one in Willoughby Park; (2) pedestrian safety: (3) signs at Village entrances; (4) dockless bikes as a nuisance in the Village. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on County bicycle master plan: Mr. Mansfield reported that the Planning Board will hold a public meeting on January 25 to review the County's master plan for locating bike routes throughout communities. Concerns with the latest version of the plan were submitted to David Anspacher, project manager, as follows: (1) Lack of clarity on the location of the bikeway on Willard Avenue, especially in view of Chair Dorsey's photos showing heavy use of the north side of Willard by trucks and commercial vehicles, which makes a bikeway impractical and dangerous; (2) the proposed bikeway for Somerset Terrace, a private road controlled by the Somerset House Management Association; (3) the pathway through Page Park misrepresented on the map online as an existing bike trail. Anspacher responded that the map will be corrected. Questions from the audience followed. The Council recommended the Mayor state its concerns in a letter to be used as testimony for the meeting of January 25.

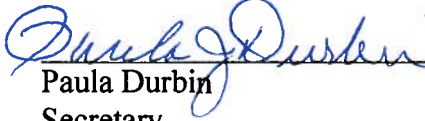
NEW BUSINESS:

4608 North Park Avenue—The Council discussed whether to approach Joan Estrada, the owner, about the Village possibly purchasing her property. The Council declined to take action on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Durbin
Secretary