

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael J. Dorsey, Chairman; John R. Mertens, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; Carolina Zumaran-Jones, Parliamentarian; Alexandra Kielty, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 8 residents.

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 on March 20 at 8:25 p.m., pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the Maryland General Provisions, to discuss and vote on the Council Personnel Committee's recommendation for the Program Director position.

Village residents were invited to take advantage of the free service offered during the return of the shredding truck to the Village on Wednesday, April 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The annual Community Day celebration would be held Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Center. Those interested could check the April newsletter for more details.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day was scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Village Center. A Montgomery County Police Officer would collect and safely dispose of unwanted or expired medications.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin recommended approval of the minutes of the Council's public session of March 20 and the Council's closed session of March 20.

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. Zumaran-Jones seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of March 20 and the Council's closed session of March 20. The motion carried. (6-1-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on April 4 and discussed the following: (1) The need for additional parking spaces for commercial vehicles in the Village; (2) an increase in the fine for violating the Village's tree preservation regulation from \$100 to \$1,000. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, 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 March 28 and discussed the Westwood Shopping Center Property. She stated that reports were not available and the attendance was limited due to the fact that the meeting had been rescheduled because of the snowstorm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 18, at 8:00. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of revised Village-wide survey: Ms. White reported the revised draft of the survey includes feedback from the Village program staff. After a brief discussion, staff was asked to solicit bids for printing and mailing the survey.


NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of Village tree preservation regulation: Mr. Dorsey recommended rising the fine for violating the regulation applicable to trees in Village from \$100 to \$1,000. As the Village is a special taxing district, all Village regulations must be approved by the County Council. Following a brief discussion, staff was asked to consult the County Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Durbin
Secretary