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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

May 14, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael J. Dorsey, Chairman; John R. Mertens, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Alexandra Kielty, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and 6 residents.

ABSENT:

Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer and Carolina Zumaran-Jones, Parliamentarian.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 7:45 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's Personnel Committee met in closed session on May 7 at 5:30 p.m., pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the Maryland General Provisions, to interview candidates for the position of Assistant Program Director. It met again in closed session on May 10 at 5:00 p.m., pursuant to same section of the Maryland General Provisions, to discuss and recommend a candidate to the position.

The Village Council met in closed session on May 10 at 5:30 p.m., pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(7) of the Maryland General Provisions, to consult with legal counsel and obtain legal advice on the possible development of Parcel 6.

The Village will be sponsoring two candidate forums in June at the Village Center. The forum for candidates for Montgomery County Executive be held Monday, June 4, at 7:00 p.m. The forum for candidates to represent Montgomery County's District 1 on the Council will be Thursday, June 7, at 7:00 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. Kielty seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of April 9; minutes of Capital Improvements and Communications Committees joint meeting of April 18; closed session minutes of Personnel Committee meetings of May 7 and May 10; closed session minutes of Council meeting of May 10. The motion carried. (5-0-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. White presented the financial summary for the period ending April 30, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on May 9 and discussed the following: (1) The installation of dispensers for litter bag dispensers in Page Park for use by dog walkers; (2) Spring Fling scheduled for later this month; (3) the lack of an update on Parcel 6; (4) The ongoing vacancy of the site previously leased by Panera; (5) FHNN Events; (6) a Village History program in Brighton Gardens; (7) safety concerns re the blocked driveway at the Elizabeth when the shuttle bus backs onto North Park Avenue; (8) tulips in Humphrey Park; and (9) repair by the Willoughby of a wall at the Carleton. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Report from Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights: Ms. White did not attend the CCCFH meeting of April 18 but reported from the minutes that the following items were discussed: (1) Update on the Bicycle Master Plan; and (2) the CCCFH's support for the County Park Refresher Funding Program. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 16 at 8:00. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the possible development of Parcel 6: Ms. White reported that the Council met with Norman Knopf on May 10. As there has been no

communication from the developers, we are in a holding pattern. A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Dorsey moved, Ms. White seconded, that the Council send a letter to County Executive candidates, County Council candidates and the chief investment officer of LCS to express the Council's consistent support of the Sector Plan as reflected in its resolutions relating to the possible development of Parcel 6, which would be attached. The motion carried. (4-0-1)

Update/discussion of raising fine for Village tree preservation regulation: Mr. Mansfield followed up on the Council interest in increasing the fine for violation of the Village's tree preservation regulation from \$100 to \$1,000. In response, the County Council's Senior Legislative Attorney indicated that amending the regulation would require making a violation a Class A criminal offense under County law. Following a brief discussion, the Council chose not to pursue increasing the fine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of options for Village entrance signage: Ms. Durbin reported the options that emerged from the Capital Improvements and Communications Committees for replacing the bulletin board and entrance signage in Humphrey Park. Following a brief discussion, staff was asked to consult a design firm for signage recommendations.

Discussion/vote on proposal for sidewalk replacement: Mr. Mansfield reported that after the annual sidewalk inspection, staff advertised for bids for sidewalk replacement. Staff recommended Chamberlain Contractors, the only proposal received. Chamberlain's past performance has been satisfactory.

The Council approved by unanimous consent the proposal from Chamberlain Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$26,835 for sidewalk replacement. This is a capital improvement expense.

Discussion/vote on request from The Carleton to remove dead tree from courtyard: GreenSweep, the Carleton's landscape maintenance contractor, requested permission to remove a dead pine tree from the courtyard. Mr. Mertens moved, Ms. Durbin seconded, to approve the request to remove a dead pine tree located in the Carleton Condominium courtyard. **The Council approved the motion by unanimous consent.**

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Durbin
Secretary