

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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APPROVED MINUTES

PUBLIC SESSION

FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

July 9, 2018

ATTENDEES:

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

ABSENT:

Carolina Zumaran-Jones, Parliamentarian

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 Village Council met in closed session on June 14 at 9:10 p.m., pursuant to Section 3-305(b)(1) of the Maryland General Provisions, to vote on the Personnel Committee's recommendation for staff salaries for FY 2019.

There will be no Council meeting in August. The next Council meeting will be Monday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. Kielty seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of June 14 and closed session minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of June 14. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending June 30, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report from Community Advisory Committee: Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on July 2 and discussed the following:

- (1) The Village survey and how to tabulate the results;
- (2) Village signage recommendations from two design firms;
- (3) A recommendation to prune a tree in Humphrey Park;
- (4) Placement of blinking lights at all Village crosswalks; and
- (5) The relocation of the crosswalk at Willard Avenue, which has been referred to the Transportation Management District Advisory Committee.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Report from Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights: Ms. White reported that the CCCFH met on June 20 and discussed the following:

- (1) Presentation of mini-series on Village History;
- (2) The update on the Westwood Shopping Center Property development; and
- (3) The recent development of the Regency plan in Bethesda.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 18 at 8:00 p.m. Minutes will be posted on the Village website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Page Park: Ms. Durbin reported that the dying birch tree had been removed. Mr. Dorsey read an email from our landscape maintenance contractor regarding the use of pesticides in order to control weeds, improve turf quality, and treat infestation of trees and shrubs. This information was requested to aid the Council's discussion on the use of pesticides in the park. A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Mertens moved, Ms. Durbin seconded, to reverse the practice of prohibiting the use of pesticides and fertilizers in Page Park. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

Introduction of proposed amendment to Village by-laws: Ms. Cooper introduced the revised version of proposed amendments to the Village by-laws to clarify Village hiring policies by authorizing the Council to hire the Village Manager and authorizing the Manager to hire the Village staff. This amendment would replace Article VI, Section 1. Pursuant to Article IX of the by-laws, proposed amendments must be introduced at one meeting but cannot be voted on until the next meeting. A brief discussion followed. The Council will vote on the proposed amendment at the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:


Discussion/vote on renewal of membership in Maryland Municipal League:

Mr. Mertens moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve the Maryland Municipal League membership for Fiscal 2018 - 2019 in the amount of \$8,980.47. The Council approved the motion by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paula Durbin
Secretary