

## VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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### APPROVED MINUTES

### PUBLIC SESSION

### FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2019

#### ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael J. Dorsey, Chairman; John R. Mertens, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; Carolina Zumarán-Jones, Parliamentarian; Michael Mezey, Historian; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 22 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:

All residents were invited to attend the annual Community Day on Saturday, April 13, from noon to 1:30 p.m., to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the Village Center.

A shredding truck would return to the Village on Wednesday, April 17, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Village residents were invited to take advantage of this free service.

A Montgomery County Police officer was scheduled to collect and safely dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs at the Village Center on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Village Council election was scheduled for Monday, May 13, when Polls would be open at the Village Center from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The next Council meeting would be held on Monday, May 20, along with the swearing-in of the Council members.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

**Ms. Durbin moved, Mr. Mertens seconded, to approve the minutes of the Council's public session of March 11. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Cooper presented the financial summary for the period ending March 31, 2019.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Report from the Program Advisory Committee:** Ms. White reported that the Program Advisory Committee had met on March 13 and discussed the following:

- (1) A suggestion from teen members to add to the youth activities page of the newsletter a "reading room" section, which would include a list of proposed titles.
- (2) A tour of the outdoor sculptures in Washington, D.C.
- (3) Suggested new programs to be added to the Center's offerings.

**Report from the Community Advisory Committee:** Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on April 3. The attendance was very limited, with only a few Council members present. They discussed the flood at 4620 North Park.

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

- (1) The Regency Westbard plan.
- (2) The Capital Crescent Trail crossings.
- (3) Accessory dwelling units and the impact on the County.

The next meeting will be held on April 17 at 8:00 at the little house in Westmoreland Hills in Bethesda. County Council member Will Jawando will be present. Minutes will be posted on the Village website

**Report from the County TMD:** Mr. Mansfield reported that the County has approved and scheduled for this summer the installation of a pedestrian-activated signal at the Willard Avenue crosswalk by Whole Foods.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of Page Park:**

**Mr. Mertens moved, Mr. Mezey seconded, to approve the two proposals from GreenSweep for rehabilitating the grass at Page Park and implementing the planting plan already approved. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**Mr. Dorsey moved, Ms. White seconded, to commission two architectural/landscape designers, at \$4,000 each, to provide a plan to address the needs of Page Park in its entirety, including pathways, grass, stone walls and the runoff in the southwest corner of the park. The motion failed. (1-6-0)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion/vote on reimbursement of expenses/compensation for Council member in connection with court appearance:**

**After Ms. White clarified her refusal to accept compensation, Mr. Dorsey moved, Mr. Mezey seconded, to reimburse her for airfare costing \$178 and incurred in response to the County's subpoena to appear in court in a matter involving the Village, which was subsequently dismissed. The motion carried. (6-0-1).**

**Discussion/vote on request from The Carleton to remove two healthy magnolia trees from front of property:**

**Mr. Mertens moved, Mr. Mezey seconded, to approve the request from The Carleton to remove two healthy magnolia trees from the front of the property. The motion failed. (1-6-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business before the Council, Mr. Dorsey adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Paula Durbin