

# VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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## APPROVED MINUTES

### PUBLIC SESSION

## FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2019

### ATTENDEES:

Melanie Rose White, Mayor; Michael Mezey, Chairman; Carolina Zumaran-Jones, Vice Chairman; Paula Durbin, Secretary; Kathleen Cooper, Treasurer; Bruce Pirnie, Parliamentarian; Michael Dorsey, Council member; Julian Mansfield, Village Manager; Robert Shapiro, Assistant Village Manager; and approximately 20 residents.

### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mezey 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 announcement:

The annual Independence Day celebration will be on Thursday, July 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Village Center. See this month's newsletter for more details.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Ms. Durbin moved, Ms. White seconded, to approve as amended, the minutes of the Council's public session of May 20. The motion carried. (7-0-0)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Report from the Community Advisory Committee:** Ms. White reported that the Community Advisory Committee met on June 5 and discussed the following:

- (1) New residents' interest in volunteering. Appointments are scheduled for the July meeting.
- (2) The condition of the grass strips in the Village, which staff has since addressed.
- (3) Requests (a) to clean the bus shelter on North Park Avenue near Willard and (b) for better lighting in the main terminal of the Metro station.
- (4) Request for Metro police to expedite its response to the homeless sleeping on benches and using the area as bathrooms.
- (5) Storm drain maintenance, for which a proposal from Chamberlain Contractors was submitted for the Council's approval.
- (6) Request to provide more plant-based snacks at the July 4 celebration, to be considered for next year.
- (7) Request to contact police regarding vehicles with loud mufflers traveling across Friendship Blvd. to Wisconsin Avenue in early morning.

The next meeting will be held on August 7 at 5:30 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**The state of flora in Village parks and common areas:** Mr. Dorsey stated observations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Q&A with MD State Delegate Marc Korman:** Mr. Korman, a state representative from District 16, spoke briefly and answered questions from the audience.

**The appointment of standing Council Committees:** Ms. White moved, Mr. Pirnie seconded, to approve the following standing Council Committees:

**Capital Improvements:** Michael Mezey, Chair; Melanie White; Bruce Pirnie. Ms. White noted that Mr. Dorsey declined to serve.

**Communications:** Paula Durbin, Chair; Bruce Pirnie; Carolina Zumaran-Jones.

**Finance:** Kathleen Cooper, Chair; Paula Durbin; Michael Mezey.

**Personnel: Melanie White, Chair; Kathleen Cooper; Carolina Zumaran-Jones.**

**The motion carried. (7-0-0).**

**Discussion/vote on Elizabeth Scull Award and Community Service Awards:**

Ms. White noted the Council's tradition of presenting on July 4 the Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Service Award to an individual (or individuals) who has demonstrated significant service within the community and the greater area. The nominee this year is Norman Knopf, Village resident, attorney, longtime civic activist and, in the early 1970s, among the original founders of the Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights. Nominations remained open up to the time of the Council vote but there were none.

**Ms. White moved, Mr. Dorsey seconded, to nominate Norman Knopf to receive the Elizabeth Scull Award at the July 4 celebration. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

Ms. White noted that several resident volunteers were nominated to receive Community Service Awards at the July 4 celebration. The names will be shared pending notification to the honorees.

**Ms. White moved, Mr. Dorsey seconded, to nominate the resident volunteers identified to receive the Community Service Award at the July 4 celebration. The motion carried. (7-0-0)**

**Discussion/vote on proposal for sidewalk replacement; discussion/vote on proposal for cleaning storm drains:** Mr. Mansfield reported that bids were solicited for both projects but only Chamberlain Contractors responded with proposals.

**Ms. Durbin moved, Mr. Pirnie seconded, to approve the proposal from Chamberlain Contractors to remove and replace various sections of sidewalk in the Village at the cost of \$32,300. The motion carried. (6-1-0)**

**Ms. Cooper moved, Ms. Zumaran-Jones seconded, to approve the proposal from Chamberlain Contractors for storm drain cleaning in the Village at the cost of \$10,150. The motion carried. (6-1-0)**

**Establishment of a loading zone on North Park Avenue near The Elizabeth: Following the Council's discussion last month re contractors parking in front of The Elizabeth, the Council agreed to designate a new loading zone on the north side of North Park, just west of the Elizabeth's garage entrance. The current two-hour parking spaces would be designated a loading zone between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, consistent with other**

spaces previously designated on-street loading zones, which The Elizabeth's manager supports.

**Discussion moving/storage pods:** In view of recent concerns, staff will draft for consideration at the Council's next meeting a policy addressing the placement of pods in parking spaces for unspecified periods.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business before the Council, Ms. Durbin moved, Mr. Pirnie seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Paula Durbin