

MOUNT VERNON MANOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (MVMCA)

Board Meeting: May 21, 2019 - Minutes

Attendees:

Lisa Diernisse – President

Linda Noble – Vice President

Mike Morgan – Treasurer

Keith Kerr – Transportation Committee Chair

Lucy Ford – Member

Minutes

The meeting was called at 7:10 pm. The minutes from March were approved.

The President advised that the website www.mvmca-va.org is back up and running after being down for a few weeks in April. The Board agreed that the next Community Shred in the Mt. Vernon area should be posted on the website.

The application of the sole applicant for this year's Bill Foust Scholarship, Isaac Cotnoir, was reviewed by the Board. On behalf of the Scholarship Committee Chair, Committee member Lisa Diernisse made a motion to vote in favor of awarding Mr. Cotnoir a scholarship in the maximum amount of \$1,000. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Diernisse will advise the Scholarship Committee Chair and Mr. Morgan, Treasurer, will confirm that the applicant's household is current on their annual dues.

Ms. Diernisse advised that the Scholarship Committee was interested in raising the maximum award amount for future awards since \$1,000 had not been increased since the start of the program. This suggestion was tabled for a future meeting with more Officers present.

Improvements to the MVMCA Park were discussed. VP Linda Noble advised that she believed the Park Authority had cut back dense foliage in the areas where teens were known to hang out, smoking and drinking.

The President advised the Board that the Landscaping Contract had been approved. There was a complaint from a nearby neighbor about the landscaper using motorized equipment very early on a Sunday. Ms. Diernisse advised that the landscaper had been reminded of the terms of his contract stating that such early use is not allowed.

Keith Kerr discussed transportation news including the status of the Rt. One Corridor upgrades. Half the required funding is available and the design is mostly done. Now land acquisition will be the next step. The new median by the 7-11 near Engleside Plaza on Rt. One was installed due to the fatalities that have occurred there.

There is County interest in installing underground utilities when Rt. One is upgraded. However, Verizon is resisting because it's very costly.

Congressman Beyer has commissioned the US Park Service to do a safety study of the GW Parkway from Old Town to Mt. Vernon. No changes are planned at this time.

There was general consensus that the Board should have a meeting in July (sometimes this month is skipped). Ms. Diernisse will confirm that a room is reserved at the S. County Center.

The Treasurer did not have any financial updates to report. He reimbursed Ms. Diernisse for the expense of renewing the www.mvmca-va.org domain name registration from 2019 – 2028. Mr. Morgan passed around a flyer he had prepared for the 2019 membership drive that also highlights what MVMCA does for the community. He took comments and will distribute it electronically for review. The BOD agreed this flyer and envelopes for payment should be passed around door to door. Ms. Ford volunteered to bear the cost of printing as a donation to MVMCA. Mr. Morgan can also use equipment from his job. The BOD will work together to get volunteers to pass out the flyers. Mr. Morgan asked if there is a digital copy of the map on the back of the Directory – the only digital copy is a pdf of the image. Ms. Diernisse offered to send Mr. Morgan a hand-drawn color image of the neighborhood map with sections for volunteers to pass out flyers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.