

Mount Vernon Manor Citizens Association

January 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Lisa Diernisse

Board Members present at the meeting were: Lisa Diernisse, Vladimir Kurashek, Errol Bergsagel, Lucy Ford, Diane Struck, Keith Kerr and Mary Ellen Hook. Visitor Linda Kristoff was also in attendance to report on the status of the Old Mill Road Speed Study.

Moved and seconded that the November and December minutes be approved as submitted. Unanimous vote to approve.

Sad news that long-time community member, Bill Noel, died unexpectedly.

The pot-luck dinner was well attended and successful.

The meeting was turned over to Linda Kristoff for her report. The study has been sent back to VDOT. Stop signs and a speed table on Old Mill Road were recommended. Another speed table was suggested around McNair but she doesn't think the community will buy into that. Lisa said that MVMCA will not officially weigh in to approve or disapprove.

- Approval process includes affected residents (people living on Badger at Old Mill, some in Mount Vernon Manor, Sulgrave, and Southwood). The task force was encouraged to involve community consent. Only houses along Old Mill Road (4) need to approve the speed table.
- Endorsing study suggestions and advertising to neighborhood – this does not indicate approval.
- The county puts burden on the task force to fund the cost of ballot mailing.
- Show of hands by board members resulted in 6 yes and 1 no that MVMCA expresses endorsement of the task force. An information letter from the board to the community explaining the task force position and indicating that the MVMCA Board of Directors decided 6 to 1 to endorse the initiative. There is no requirement for feedback from the community. They can go to the Town Hall meeting to express their views.

New Business:

- Keith Kerr reports that efforts continue to get Metro to this end of the county. The North Hill area by Cherry Arms apartments – 35 acres developed for mid-rise affordable housing and market rate townhouses. It is county land and developers will lease the land. Looks like it will be approved. Metro Huntington Station is unsafe and plans are to add lighting. Completion of the Fort Belvoir "run-around" roadway is near.
- Lucy Ford had nothing to share. The housing market is flat.

- Errol Bergsagel had nothing to share. The council has no counterpart.
- Diane Struck: Trash Away Day is set for September as in the past. An event planning sheet for MVMCA was shared. Vlad is checking on the Yard Sale Dates – possibly Saturday AND Sunday? Diane requests that we think about a new date for the Annual Meeting in December since it conflicts with other events that keep community members from attending. The Directory is being updated – Diane and Lisa will work on a membership database. Membership Drive is April 1-30. Diane asks why the trash can was removed from the McNair Drive circle at the entrance to the park and can it be restored? - Park Authority should be notified. The Dead End sign on McNair Drive is gone – Keith Kerr will look into that.
- Vlad Kurashek: We received 13 paid memberships at the General Meeting in December. He shared an income and expense sheet with all and discussed the 2017 Budget. Concerning an audit of the MVMCA books: we have reports from previous audits. It is not a requirement but a good idea. Unanimous vote to approve the budget.

The terms for the Board of Directors end in December. Lisa will form a nominating committee to replace outgoing members.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 21, 2017