

Mount Vernon Manor Citizens Association (MVMCA)

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendees:

Lisa Diernisse, President, Webmaster

Linda Noble, Vice President

Mike Morgan, Treasurer, Membership Chair

Diane Struck, Publications Chair, Directory

James Perkins, Environment & Recreation Chair, Planning & Zoning Chair

Keith Kerr, Transportation Committee Chair

Vladimir Kurashek, Education Chair

Alan Golombek, Public Safety Committee Chair

Discussion Items:

MVMCA Annual Meeting (Lisa Diernisse). The holiday potluck and annual meeting on December 6 went well. All MVMCA Officers and Committee Chairs were unanimously re-elected into their current positions for another two years. Meeting minutes will be provided at a later date for review and approval.

Membership Campaign (Lisa Diernisse). The campaign will run March 1 to April 30 this year. Mike Morgan noted that he has a goal to surpass the current number of members.

MVMCA Scholarship Program (Lisa Diernisse). Applications will be accepted from March 1 to May 9 this year. Committee members include Sally Hazard (Chair), Gwen Loftus, Linda Quigley, and Lisa Diernisse.

Transportation Update (Keith Kerr). The National Parks Supervisor has provided a preliminary report on the GW Parkway safety study and the final report will be due in March to Congressman Beyer. Applications for federal grants have been initiated as well. The Route 1 expansion plans have been finalized and acquiring the land is underway. Construction is expected to start in 2022.

Directory (Diane Struck). A final draft has been completed and was passed around to all members. Design of the cover page is the final item to be completed, and then planning for printing 200 copies by the beginning of February.

Trash Away Day (Diane Struck). The application has been submitted for September 19, and we should receive confirmation in March.

MVMCA Park (Diane Struck). Diane noted concern about condition of the park with a half fallen tree and large branches. There is also an area in the far corner behind the basketball court where the grass has been allowed to grow over 3 feet tall. James Perkins will do a FOIA request of the mowing and maintenance contracts and contact the county representative again to get action.

Planning & Zoning Update (James Perkins). Lower wattage lights are being installed in street lights to save energy. James also noted the MVCCA President position remains open for interested candidates. MVMCCA dues are overdue for this year (they were due June 30, 2019) as their fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30. Mike Morgan will make that payment (\$90) for this year.

MVMCA Budget (Mike Morgan). A draft budget was presented and it was agreed to increase the amount for attorney fees, and to include additional monies for replacement of dead bushes at the entrance signs. The updated budget sheet will be sent to board members for final review and approval via email.

Public Safety Update (Alan Golombek). Alan has been in touch with the Mount Vernon Parking Enforcement officer. There is a recent focus by police on safety issues in neighborhoods and local businesses such as handicap parking violations, fire zone infractions at shopping centers, parking too close to fire hydrants, and cars parked on streets facing the wrong way (left wheel next to the curb). He also reported ring video doorbell has a crime alert feature that allows real time communication among neighbors when suspicious activity is occurring. Statistics are showing that video surveillance of your residence is improving the ability of law enforcement to catch criminals such as porch pirates and may even reduce crime.

Education Committee Update (Vlad Kurashek). No new items to report as the last two meetings have been cancelled.

MVMCA Annual Calendar of Events (James Perkins). As required every January, the projected schedule of events for this calendar year was reviewed by present members. A unanimous vote to accept the schedule was approved by all members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Next meeting will be held on March 17 at 7:00 pm.

Diane Struck, designated note taker