

Centreville Civic Association

February 9, 2023, 7pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Bayard Williams ("B. Williams"), President; Gaylan Crumley ("G. Crumley"), Vice President; Gene Truono ("G. Truono") (by phone); Peter Dietz ("P. Dietz"); Abby Fisher ("A. Fisher") (by phone); Tiffany Shrenk ("T. Shrenk"), Secretary

Not present: Carrie Wedo, Treasurer; John Bilek

Guests: Elizabeth and Vincent Mauro of Centreville Place

1. Call to Order by B. Williams @ 7:11 p.m.
2. Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November 11, 2022 Board Meeting were reviewed. Correction made regarding P. Dietz referred to incorrectly as "guest". With the correction, a motion to approve said minutes was made. (1st: G. Crumley; 2nd G. Truono; motion passed)
3. B. Williams presented the Treasurer's Report. Positive cash flow and report of balances in the two accounts. Dues collected to date total \$12,862.33. Reported one grant received for security and safety of Canby Grove Park. Reported on expenditures paid for insurance, legal costs and landscaping. Invoices to sponsors for gateways and bulbouts to be sent out in the Spring. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report (1st: P. Dietz, 2nd G. Crumley; motion passed)
4. Committee Updates:
 - a. Communications: T. Shrenk updated regarding website updates and social media posts. Discussion regarding adding Recaptcha to website.
 - b. Highways and Byways: G. Crumley attended recent Byways meeting where issue of speeding was discussed and options to address. Discussed past discussions with DelDOT regarding speeding dangers and how to address them. Additional funding needed to implement the options provided.
 - c. Membership: G. Crumley and G. Truono updated regarding membership. Draft annual dues letter reviewed and discussed. Proposal to increase residential rates from \$50 to \$75 and businesses from \$100 to \$150. Additional revenue necessary to meet income goals and cover park, gateway, and bulbout landscaping expenses. Discussed plans for revising and finalizing mailing list for dues letters. Last year's list was too broad and expansive. Plans discussed to narrow list so that is more focused and targeted for residents who have paid in the past and located in Centreville lightly to contribute.
 - d. Merchant Relations: P. Dietz updated regarding membership dues collection. Overall about the same amount of residential dues received and paid this year as in the past even with the reduction in overall letters mailed due to more targeted approach. Slight increase in business dues received this year: 23 businesses this year v. 19 last year.
 - e. Park Events: T. Shrenk reported on success and outcome of Annual Centreville Egg Hunt. Despite moving the date to Sunday due to weather, turnout was high. Increase in number of eggs and professional Easter Bunny were big hits and successful. T. Shrenk updated regarding bands scheduled for upcoming Summer Concert Series and plans to adjust the schedule to start in July rather than in June since June concert typically rained

out with low attendance. P. Dietz posed idea of a business event. A. Fisher discussed research done for possibility of bringing back Centreville Farmer's Market and for possible addition of swings to the playground.

- f. Landscaping/Gateways & Bulbouts: G. Crumley updated on proposal to select First View as landscaper for this fiscal year. Motion to approve engagement of First View (1st P. Dietz, 2nd G. Truono, motion passed). G. Crumley discussed efforts made to improve driveway of Canby Grove park. \$1,000 of grant funds available but difficulty with finding contractor. Options for additional contractors/vendors to contact discussed. G. Crumley discussed plans for repainting of picnic tables and status of posters for kiosk. B. Williams reported regarding meeting with Ms. Ann Canby regarding a garden in the park.
- 5. New Business: Annual Business Meeting to be held in April. Discussion regarding additional Centreville books to be sold. Discussion regarding tree lights during holiday season and a preference was stated to eliminate blinking lights.
- 6. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:05 pm. (1st P. Dietz; 2nd T. Shrenk; motion passed).