

Feb. 12, 2024

Attendance:

David McKennett, Friday Pamie-George, Brook Rice Delarosa, Natalia Soto, Jose Gavidia, Patrick Simpson, Joyce Carter

Annual Meeting Request: No new requests. Community Manager Carroll is very thorough, and the Board trusts her.

Police Report: Sergeant Armas mentioned that crime activity related to a particular house on Grant has been reduced. He believes the movement of these residents out of the community has played a significant role. He also believes that construction and increased patrols contributed to the location no longer being deemed an ideal spot.

The community is encouraging residents to call the police if there is suspicious activity.

Board Member Simpson recommended sending a notice regarding dogs off-leash, as increased incidents have occurred.

Office Manager Doris Serpa mentioned that domestic violence is a concern and asked the police about the best way to guide residents. Sergeant Armas advised that the police may only arrest if there is probable cause. If there is probable cause, then the police can arrest, and it is recommended that the victim obtain a protective order. The police will investigate, and certain court proceedings may take place. It is also recommended that victims tap into various human services, including ACTS or the Victim Services Office, to receive guidance. It is on the victim to access the appropriate resources to get help. More programs are being created for domestic violence.

The Rotary Club is working on family resources in partnership with Meg Carroll. The focus is to improve health literacy in the community, with an emphasis on overall health issues, including vaccines. Schools are also interested because students without mandatory vaccines are unable to attend. UVA is also interested, but more conversations are needed to develop a plan to facilitate initiatives.

Doris Serpa also mentioned that staff are working in partnership with Kumon to open a Computer Lab in the GTS Community Center. More information will come related to the initiative.

Community Manager Carroll sent an email regarding questions to the City of Manassas regarding the streetscape. The team is awaiting a response.

The election for Board Candidates will occur on March 12, 2024.

The Board formally voted to move \$100,000 of the community savings to a Freedom HIGH 5 CD for a rate of 5.25% for 12 months. This investment will help increase GTS funds. Board Member Simpson made a motion to approve the CD, and Pamie-George seconded the motion to approve the Freedom HIGH 5 CD. All board members present unanimously approved moving funds to the CD.

Doris Serpa confirmed that the community has received the funds from the violation charges.

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Signed, Natalia Soto, Secretary