

**Georgetown South Community Council, INC**  
**Board of Trustees' Meeting Minutes**  
**October 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Georgetown South Community Center**

<b>DATE:</b>	OCTOBER 8, 2024
<b>START TIME:</b>	6:00 PM
<b>END TIME:</b>	8:20 PM
<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	David McKennett, President Patrick Simpson, Vice-President Friday Pamie George, Treasurer Michael Sonnenberg, Secretary Brooke Rice, Trustee Jose Gavidia, Trustee Ava Sun, Trustee
<b>STAFF AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	
Staff Present: Meg Carroll, Doris Serpa, Adriana Vallenias See sign in sheet for Community Members present.	

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
A.	<p><b>ATTENDANCE AND ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David McKennett    <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Pamie-George    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brook Rice    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ava Sun  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jose Gavidia    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrick Simpson    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Sonnenberg</p>
B.	<b>MINUTES:</b> Minutes are current through September 2024.
C.	<p><b>POLICE REPORT:</b></p> <p>Sargeant Shillenburg spoke about the ongoing issues with the fence jumping between GTS and Wellington.</p> <p>Officer TJ Rodriguez spoke about the Badges for Baseball program, Girls on the Run program, and Parent E3 Series Neighborhood Level Events. He also spoke about the Domestic Violence Awareness event on October 11 at the Manassas Museum 5:00-8:30.</p> <p>Mayoral candidate “Tang” when asked at the recent debate about public safety challenges cited, “Truancy, panhandling and the drive by shootings in Georgetown South”. What should our response be? <b>The board suggested that Meg, on behalf of the board and community, make a public statement since Candidate Tang made a factually incorrect public statement but not to make the statement political.</b></p>
D.	<p><b>STAFF AND FINANCIAL REPORTS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July and August Financial Reports</li> <li>July and August Income Statements</li> </ol>
E.	<p><b>OLD BUSINESS:</b> Katherin Payan addressed the board regarding the rear window on the 2nd floor. The board will discuss and act at the next meeting. <b>9664 Grant Ave Needs a vote.</b></p> <p>Discussion was held regarding the three options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep it the way it is.</li> <li>Change it back now.</li> <li><b>BOARD DECIDED:Change it when they sell it.</b></li> </ol>
F.	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have a donor that is offering martial arts classes for free to our kids for three months at a Krav Maga in Gainesville. The problem may be in getting them there.</li> <li>George Mason University is offering free tutoring to our kids, and they are paying the tutors.</li> <li>Badges for Baseball (enrollment 25) and Girls on the Run (9) are in full swing.</li> <li>KUMA Computer Lab has 6 computers and averages 6 students a night. We are hoping to increase that number.</li> </ol>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Georgetown South Soccer – three teams practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays under the tutelage of community coaches and head coach Candido Guevara.</li> <li>6. GTSCCF is hosting two fundraisers. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A candle fundraiser, yes you can buy tonight. We are charging \$15 so that the GTSCCF realizes a \$7 profit per candle.</li> <li>b. We are raffling off six donated bikes.</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. 2025 Budget – You will have a full draft budget in your hands on Tuesday evening. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. No dues increase.</li> <li>b. No salary increases.</li> <li>c. From this year’s funds we plan to buy or pay for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. GRS – \$18,000</li> <li>ii. 2,000 envelopes for coupons 2024 and 2025 – \$1,000</li> <li>iii. Forever Stamps - \$5,000</li> <li>iv. Desktop – \$2,700</li> <li>v. Bathroom Reno at the Shop – \$3,000</li> <li>vi. Chairs and Tables from the VHDA Grant - \$5,000</li> <li>vii. 2 Weed whackers and 2 leaf blowers - \$2,500</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>8. Updated Board Contact List</li> <li>9. Residents showed to ask for extensions or relay that their repairs were complete <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 9230 Byrd: clarification needed and 2-week extension</li> <li>b. 9800 Bragg: 2-week extension</li> <li>c. 9307 Hood: In compliance</li> <li>d. 9207 Byrd: Extension until end of October</li> <li>e. 9816 Buckner: Brick replaced already, 2-week extension for other repairs</li> <li>f. 9826 Buckner: 2-week extension</li> <li>g. 9241 Byrd: Reinspection requested</li> <li>h. 9701 Beech: Reinspection requested</li> <li>i. 9254 George: Extension until end of October</li> <li>j. 9735 Beech: Extension until end of October to remove fence</li> <li>k. 9724 Bragg: Extension until end of October</li> <li>l. 9757 Beech: Grass cut, gutters cleaned, extension until end of October for other repairs</li> <li>m. 9748 Beech: Extension until end of October</li> <li>n. 9740 Bragg: Extension until end of October</li> <li>o. 9805 Buckner: Extension until end of October to repaint the backside of house</li> <li>p. 9247 Byrd: Ivy on front fence has been there for years, will figure it out. Extension until end of October</li> <li>q. 9787 Bragg: Add elbow extension on downspout. Extension until end of October</li> <li>r. 9733 Bragg: Reinspection requested</li> <li>s. 9302 Byrd: Needs to submit note for AC unit that is medically required</li> <li>t. 9250 George: Extension until end of October</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
G.	<p><b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>  Patrick made a motion to move into Executive Session. Ava seconded. All in favor, none opposed.  Needs a vote</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grant Ave. Fences - Possible Change to the ARC for all of Grant Avenue. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Do we require that they put up a side fence on each property?</li> <li>b. Do we require that the people replace their side fences with the same size and style as the front? Or do we say that when the fence needs to be replaced it must match the front fence?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<p>c. Do we allow Grant Avenue to remain natural with a clear coat protectant that would be put on by the City’s contractor or do we have him paint them white?</p> <p>The board discussed this and decided that Meg should approach Van Metre and push back regarding the incompleteness of the fences on Grant Ave.</p> <p>2. Properties before the board that are not in compliance with the 2024 Annual Inspection. They have all been inspected at least three times. All owners were notified by certified and regular mail of the hearing date tonight and that potentially violation charges would be imposed on their property.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding inspections. Going forward, inspections should include a large photo of the property with arrows to the infractions as well as close up photos of each infraction. Moving inspections to April 1<sup>st</sup> in 2025. The board decided that all properties out of compliance and did not ask for an extension were to be fined.</p> <p>3. Write-off # 1 39747 Mr. Ewell is deceased as of 09/05/2021, his account is with Chadwick Washington, and they are recommending writing off pre-death balance of \$1,010.33 as “bad debt” as the estate doesn’t have the funds to pay it off.</p> <p>The board had no issues with writing off this as bad debt.</p> <p>4. Write-off #2 - 39800 Property foreclosed on 2016, but Chadwick Washington was still in contact with the debtor and tried to collect delinquent balance. Chadwick Washington now recommends writing off balance of \$2,066.21 as “bad debt” since former owner fled the country before being deported.</p> <p>The board had no issues with writing off this as bad debt.</p> <p>Michael made a motion to move out of Executive Session, Jose seconded, all in favor, none opposed.</p> <p>Voting Matters from Executive Session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Patrick made a motion to write a strongly worded letter to Van Metre, Michael seconded, all in favor, none opposed.</li> <li>2. Patrick made a motion that properties presented to be fined \$10/day up to \$900, Jose seconded, all in favor, none opposed.</li> <li>3. Patrick made a motion to write off the debt of \$1010.33, Michael seconded, all in favor, none opposed.</li> <li>4. Michael made a motion to write off the debt of \$2066.21, Brook seconded, all in favor, none opposed.</li> </ol>
<b>H.</b>	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p>Jose made a motion to adjourn, Michael seconded, all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.</p>
	<p><b>UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. November 12, 2024-Board Meeting at 6:00 PM</li> <li>2. December 10, 2024-Do we have a holiday party with board and staff? The board decided to have a holiday party with the board and GTS staff at Meg’s house.</li> </ol>

*Michael Sonnenberg*  
 Michael Sonnenberg, Secretary