

River Terrace Community Organization

Minutes from May 18, 2022 General Body Meeting Via Zoom and In Person

The meeting was called to Order by President Sharon Culver at 6:35 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Kim Parker

Minutes- Recording Secretary - Beverly Epps

The minutes were read by Beverly Epps. A motion was made to accept the minutes by George Stover and seconded by Carla Brailey. The minutes were approved by the body with corrections to the date and time of adjournment.

Treasurer's Report – Carla Brailey

Opening balance for the period ending April 29, 2022 was \$2,788.23

The closing balance: \$3,329.08

Committee Reports

Environmental Committee – Devon Brophy

Devon presented an overview of the meeting with NPS and DDOT which was held on May 5th to address longstanding issues. DDOT will make repairs to sections of the bike path and repairs to the gazebo to remove the wooden platform and replace it with compacted earth, gravel or stones. Long term goals include replacing the entire concrete pad below the gazebo. DDOT will install equipment at the park's entrance at Dix Street to discourage people from driving through the park. NPS will post signs close to entrance of the park stating the rules. NPS will repair portions of the playground surface and replace the missing swing. A request was made for more NPS police to patrol the park. A request was made for the maintenance crew to pick up trash before mowing the grass. The NPS sign at and Blaine will be replaced and broken grills, trash cans, electrical outlets, and gates to the tennis courts will also be replaced. Signs will be erected for basketball and tennis courts stating that the park closes at dark. The bike path will be widened to accommodate bikes and walkers.

Devon contacted 311 for bulk trash removal and they responded in three days. Please contact 311 if you notice bulk trash and please pick up any trash in front of your home if you are able.

Fundraising Committee– George Stover – Still plans for a social even in July around the 15th. The flea market is proposed for the second weekend of September. The committee will have more information by next meeting.

Membership Committee – Kesha Mack

There are 107 paid members who are eligible to vote. New block captain on Blaine Street – Sierra Cason. If you wish to pay dues contact Kesha or your block captain

Arts and Events Committee– Tiffany Balmer – No updates

President Culver mentioned that there will be a virtual primary election forums hosted by TNAC-DC. The rodent problem is ongoing and growing. A petition was circulated and submitted and President Culver will follow up. A member stated that the responsible city agency has been contacted for many years regarding trash cans not being placed back in yards with no resolution. President Culver stated that DC will provide wire mesh and dry ice to residents to assist with rodent issues. Trash can lids should be firmly closed and put back into yards. A suggestion was made to send letters to the community reminding them to put their cans back into their yards after trash pickup on Tuesdays and that fines can be imposed.

River Terrace Education Campus will be installing fencing on the Anacostia Avenue side of the school due to people congregating and leaving trash on the property.

Jackie Smith stated that on behalf of her fiancé, he will host an open house for neighbors at 232 33rd Street on Friday 6-7:30. Portion of sale of the property will be donated to RTCO

Spring Fest will be held June 25th. Flyers will be distributed hosted by the East River Strategy Collaboration.

June will be the last month for our general body meetings until September. There was an incident on Anacostia Avenue. Be safe and be vigilant.

Meeting Adjournment: 7:23 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Kim Parker