

**TOWN OF FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS  
Mayor and Town Council  
Town Worksession**

**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

**I. Call to Order** Lillie Thompson Martin

**II. Prayer** - Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka

**III. Roll Call**

Present

Councilmember Cooks

Mayor Martin

Councilmember Moreno

Councilmember Dodson

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka

**IV. Police Department Report** – Officer Adey

Report on File

**V. Code Enforcement Report** – Mr. James Pinkney

Report on file

-Received 3 bids for fences to place around lot behind Ebony Inn.

**VI. Town Manager's Report** – Mrs. Doris Sarumi

-Website – Councilmember Downing will be responsible for updates for the website.

-LGIT Insurance – Effective July 1, 2017 Bonding, everyone has been bonded.

-Kevin Durant Day, August 17, 2017 Seat Pleasant will host. Click on Seat Pleasant's website.

- Attended a meeting during the month of June, worked with Park and Planning to renew application for Central Avenue Metro Blue Line called Sustainable Community Action Plan. It qualifies the Town to receive grants from Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

- Ebony Inn clean up. Mr. Pinkney did a great job. I think we should send something to the County, thanking them for their partnering with us.

-Sustainable Community Green Team -Sustainable Maryland certification grants are not based on one's ability to write the grants it's based on you having priority and you are part of other programs and policies for the State of Md. We registered December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the council passed a resolution, it is part of Park and Planning renewal application. Funds, grants training tools and expert guidance. It attracts private funding to Lowe's, Home Depot, this is the advantage in sustainable Maryland. Have to score 150 points to become a sustainable community. We get 10 points for having the green team.

Mayor Martin asked the Pleasure of the Council concerning getting a Green Team. The Council agreed. We can get a resolution ready for the Town Meeting.

-Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund- we can apply for a grant between \$10,000 and \$50,000, the Council have to pass a resolution in support of grant.

-Morehouse School of Medicine- the deadline is next week, July 21. Community Health grant, provide health related activities. A good idea is the Greater Fairmount Heights Fresh Community Garden Health Initiative.

**Former Mayor Waiters**-we have had conversations concerning when we do initiatives around town we don't have a watering system. Need a solar energy irrigation system. Landscaping, architecture and engineering needed to build an irrigation system.

**VII. Treasurer's Report** – Mrs. Walker

Mrs. Walker's Mother is ill.

Councilmember Saunders is ill.

**Mayor Martin**

-The doors should be ready in 2 weeks.

-Ebony Inn clean up. Mr. Pinkney did a good job.

-Grayhound Trash Contract \$9,728.00, Grayhound reduced the price about \$3,000. It is now \$6,400.00.

-Repair of Town trash truck, will take it to Johnson Truck Center, Ironwood Place, Ardmore Ardwick.

-\$149,000 – Lothian's estimate for a new truck

-\$170,000 – Gran Turf's estimate for a new truck

-Cost for Warranty \$5,000.

Councilmember Cooks – it is imperative we get a truck.

Councilmember Moreno – think we should get truck repaired.

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka – Public Works Committee, came to the same conclusion but they have questions about Grayhound.

**Mayor Martin** – Received a copy of the new contract for \$6,400.00.

**Councilmember Downing** – okay for repair of the truck.

**Mayor Martin**

What is the Pleasure of the Council as far as getting 2001 truck repaired, at Johnson Truck Center. 3801 Ironwood Place, Landover, Maryland. They specialize in our type of engine. Consensus of the Council, they all agreed to repairing the truck.

**Old Business**

-UNO for church on Eastern Avenue.

-Purchase of tables and chairs – Hall Rentals

-Security lighting grant

-Check lights in back parking lot and front parking lot.

-2 potholes, will check to see if work was done by the water or gas company.

-Donation of old tractor to Mr. Sterling. Mr. Sterling requested an interest in the tractor that's in the garage.

Need Consensus from the Council to give Mr. Sterling the tractor.

Councilmember Moreno

Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka

Mayor Martin

Council agreed.

Councilmember Downing

Councilmember Cooks

**Mayor Martin**

-Usage of Town office space. We have too many empty spaces not being used for anything. Gym would be 15 points for sustainable community.

**Councilmember Moreno** – Looking at outsourcing.

-535 copies cost \$280.00 – Newsletter, any information for the newsletter need to be submitted by Friday 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka**

-At the request of the Chair, Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka is stepping down as Co-Chair.

-Contacted Mr. Rasheed about the Boxing Program

-Doing a 60/40 split, Fairmount Heights will get 60 and Mr. Raheed will get 40 for RBBC class.

-Submitted 2017 and 2018 Mission to the Council.

**Councilmember Downing**

Attended a meeting for the Community Foundation for the National Capitol Region at the Prince George's Ballroom

-Donated a wheelchair.

- Sister Circle has completed until the fall.

-July 18, 2017 - Dumpsters will be placed in the parking lot, residents can bring their bulk trash to put in the dumpsters.

Motion made by Councilmember Ukkundo'Oohwaka to adjourn, second by Councilmember Cooks.

Consensus to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mrs. Tucker