

Martins Woods Community Association
Minutes from January 18, 2025 Meeting

Dwayne Stanton, President, welcomed everyone. Leadership team was introduced - Denise Godette, Vice President, Keith Loughery, Treasurer Pam Coffield, acting Secretary was not present due to illness; a vote to confirm Pam was deferred until a later date.

Neighbors introduced themselves and stated how long they had lived in Martins Woods

Effective ways to voice a complaint was shared via a powerpoint presentation on Prince Georges' 311 system. Everyone was encouraged to download the app and an explanation on how easy it is to use and most importantly you immediately receive a case number. Members were also told they can email the Leadership Team as well as Councilman Eric Olson.

Scams - discussion about the dangers of scams going around; i.e. people knocking at neighbors houses at 10:30 at night to discuss home improvements. Do not answer your door and you can always contact the police.

Councilman Eric Olson was introduced, along with his chief of staff. He shared what legislation has passed such as noise cameras; abandoned vehicles; shopping cart control; vacant properties and school pedestrian safety. Also if you need a job the county needs school crossing guards.

The budget for the county was discussed as well as the deficit that we are facing. Bills being brought forward by the council are: having an ombudsman to help navigate residents getting permits; abandoned boats and trailers on county streets and two new data bases. The Senior Tax Bill is also being reviewed and revised. Councilman Olson talked about two forums that will be held to discuss development considerations. More information will be shared but the forum to discuss Annapolis Road will be held on February 8th (as soon as we get the location and time will notify our community.

Questions were asked about the light rail and the mess on Riverdale Road and Annapolis Road and what can be done. This is a state funded project and should be completed in another year. Discussion about the leak on Riverdale Road that had been reported to 311, WSSC and Councilman Olson was again going to look into the matter.

A grants program to beautify our neighborhood was brought to the attention of residents and information will come out in September. A letter will be sent to Congressman Glenn Ivey by the Leadership Team to discuss what can be done about the problems with mail delivery when our regular carrier is not working. Mail is either not delivered or delivery is made late at night.

Questions were asked about getting LED lights installed on our streets, number of people (non-related) living in rentals and about a new walking bridge that is proposed at the dead end of Martins Lane to replace the former bridge that is not handicapped accessible on Martinia Terrace.

Treasurers Report: Beginning balance as of January 2024 \$711.00. Expenses for the year (on line web system, library rental for meeting, neighbor donation etc.) totaled \$458.00. Membership dues and donations totaled \$425.00. Ending balance as of December 31, 2024 is \$678.00.

Reminder that dues are \$25.00 per household per year. Also the treasurer shared the recent sales of several homes in our community that ranged from \$450,000 to \$550,000.

Jolene Ivey, who is the Chair of the Prince George's County Council, was in attendance at our meeting. Dwayne Stanton explained that he invited all six candidates who are running for County Executive and only Ms. Ivey responded. Ms. Ivey was gracious and talked with residents and listened to our concerns. She explained her vision for Prince George's County - smart economic growth and community-focused development; improve County agency efficiency and accountability; increase county health services and resources; lower crime and lower costs for all residents.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 and residents enjoyed socializing and refreshments.