

## **CCOC September 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

### **Call to Order**

The September meeting was called to order by Commissioner Smith at 3:00pm

### **Commissioners Roll Call**

#### **In Attendance:**

Commissioners:  
Timothy Smith  
Robert Nicholson  
Linda Hunt  
Marvin Holmes  
Patricia Fletcher  
Karen Straughn  
Danielle Grey

#### **Excused Absence**

Commissioner Nicole Williams

#### **Staffers**

MaShawn Hall  
Ynetta Butchee  
Greg Amobi

#### **Greetings From the Office of Community Relations by Ms. MaShawn Hall.**

- COC road show is ongoing to provide awareness and have events scheduled out into November.
- COC has bookings up to October which will bring the total meetings as of today to 60 including community day events.
- COC Management Company Stakeholder Reception is being held on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-5pm at the Prince Georges Ballroom.
- Nicholas Mazarella will be the guest speaker for the event.
- COC is accepting sponsorship for people who would like to table or donate towards the event.
- Invites will be sent out in the next couple days and the event space only holds 200 people.

COC topics for the remainder of the year will be:

- August: Budgets
- September: Annual/In person/Open/Virtual meetings
- October: Community crime and neighborhood watch
- November: Maintenance wrap up.
- December: Annual meeting of the commissioners

#### **Adoption of Agenda:**

Commissioner Smith - Motion to adopt the meeting agenda was proposed. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. Agenda was unanimously adopted as proposed.

**Commented [LH1]:** Question - are there 2 sets of meeting - September and December as listed or are they separate occurrences? Unclear

### **Review and approval of July and August Minutes**

Commissioner Smith - Motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented was proposed. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Nicholson. The minutes were unanimously adopted as proposed.

### **Unfinished Business**

CCOC Awards ceremony information will be given out from Commissioner Grey and event might be moved to January. Two successful meetings have occurred with MaShawn Hall and Director Davis. Six awards are set to be given but more could be given out as well. Individual and co-op awards are set to be given out. Working on a budget, timeline, and theme for the ceremony. Accepting ideas for themes for the event. Friday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> for a theme idea is the due date to be given for the ceremonies theme.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Smith provided a PowerPoint presentation on Annual Open Virtual/ In person Meetings.

### **Questions/Concerns**

- **Q:** If I have a meeting which may or may not reach quorum, and I must reserve a room where I am having the meeting 15 days out what should I do.
- **A:** The meeting can be done virtually as an alternative or the next meeting notice can be sent out 10 days before the next meeting if the first meeting doesn't meet quorum.
- **Q:** Opened several cases with the Office of Attorney General about Board members not following the rules and regulations of elections. What are the consequences of doing this?
- **A:** We must pick and choose what actions to take when dealing with these situations. There are a lot of situations that come but the Office of Attorney General is low on staff to help assist with issues as quickly as they would like to. Commissioner Holmes is working towards fixing this issue and asks that you be patient with him as he does so.
- **Q:** Feels as though her HOA Board at Mellow brook is abusing their power with parking passes when residents do not fix issues in their community.
- **A:** We don't help get rid of people in position on the Board, but we help assist to make sure they are following the bylaws and regulations. We can give you the Office of Attorney General number and you can put in your concern to them.
- **Q:** I wanted to know how long it will take to get a response on concerns that are going on in my home, and how can we help make COC more effective in Prince Georges County
- **A:** Your documents are still in review so we can get all the information you need for your concern. We will try and get you a response this week but we want to make sure we have all the best options for your concern since a lot of the options have timelines so we will be in contact with you. 2024 legislation is being put in motion to help concerns for Prince Georges County Government COC to help provide better assistance. Won't be available to the public eye until January.

- **Q:** Can you confirm that committee meetings are also subject to open meetings act and is it possible that these power point slides can be attached to the EDvantage training?
- **A:** Yes, they are. We will send you information via email regarding power point slides to have so you can be well informed and your community.
- **Q:** We just finished going through our 2024 budget proposal and we noticed that our insurance has gone off the charts this year and wanted to know if there is any help, we can get with this?
- **A:** Insurance across the United States has been increased. There's not much we can do about, but I asked in the new legislation to help assist HOAs with some maintenance with this.
- **Q:** I am paying my condo association fee at Tribeca but now I have a letter coming in to pay an HOA fee. So, do I pay my condo association fee to the HOA? What is the difference?
- **A:** Call the management company and your HOA to see what the issue is. You can also contact Ray who is the Attorney for Tribeca HOA instead of the management company to get better assistance.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:21p.m.