

## **TCA General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 16th, 2024

**Time:** 7:19 PM

**Location:** National Golf Club, 300 Saint Andrews Drive, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744

### **Introduction of New Members:**

- Charles Waldon introduced the new members. Focus on Community Cohesion:

Discussion on partnering with local groups such as Tantallon Cove and Fort Washington Forest to enhance community cohesion.

### **Neighboring Community Leaders provided updates to include:**

- **Fort Washington:** Megan Tuttle, the new president, discussed building partnerships within the community, including working with the Farmers Market at Colin Powell and the garden club.
- **Planning and Development:** Headed by the former president, focusing on sustainable development. Mention of an upcoming community event in October.

### **County Club:**

- Mimi discussed the importance of supporting the County Club and shared ideas for improvements and events. Upcoming events include:
- Pool membership and gym opening by the end of the month.
- Jazz Blues Night on June 7th (a free community engagement event).
- Other events like graduations, Father's Day, and Friday night happy hours.

### **Tantallon North Citizens Association:**

- Dyane Bowie, Vice President, spoke about their goals, including crime prevention, scholarships for youth, and neighborhood beautification. They work closely with local government and the district 7 police department.

### **Beautification Committee:**

- Debra Young, co-chair, discussed the committee's efforts to maintain community entrances and the annual clean-up on June 8th, in collaboration with the county.

### **Tantallon Civic Association:**

- Pamela Sears, one of the original founders, and Valencia Campbell highlighted their ongoing efforts since 1974 to protect the community, including clean-up initiatives and tree health maintenance. They also mentioned the elderly property tax credit and the Sunshine Committee.
- Valencia Campbell discussed the proposed tax credit for seniors by Councilman Ed Boroughs, urging community support.
- Mentioned the opposition to building a new school and the strong feelings against the approved cannabis legislation.

### **Safety Issues and Crime Report**

- **Ron Weiss**, a board member of the TCA, discussed safety issues.

### **Crime Statistics:**

- 2 murders in the neighborhood.
- 3 carjackings.
- 102 stolen autos year-to-date in District 7 (compared to 31 last year).
- Despite these numbers, the area has the lowest crime rate in the county.

### **Community Updates**

- **First Responder Week:** Encourage thanking first responders for their service.
- **Non-Emergency Contact:** 301-352-1200 for issues like lost property and vandalism.
- **Police Department:** Starting 12-hour shifts this Sunday.
- **Speeding on MD 210:** Emphasis on practicing safety and the introduction of new state-of-the-art cameras from Germany.
- **National Night Out:** Scheduled for August 6.

### **Tantallon Control Committee (TCC) Updates**

- **Action Items:** 25 items mainly dealing with tree removal and beautification efforts.
- **Compliance:** Working with residents to address compliance issues and improve the community.
- Addressed property maintenance issues like grass cutting and tree removals.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

- The agenda was approved at 8:08.
- Minutes from the prior meeting were approved at 8:12.

**President's Report:**

- Mentioned a water main break on Inverness Lane and efforts to address it.
- Encouraged to share information about graduates with the communication committee so they can be recognized.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Presented by Keith West, Treasurer, reported moving \$1,000 to support the Tantallon Cat Committee.
- \*Please see website for a detailed copy of the financial statement

**TCA Committee Reports:****Introductions Presented by Charles Waldon, TCA President.**

- Eric Woods, "New" TCA Chairperson of Hospitality Committee, discussed the Prince George County working group and his plans to use technology to improve the community.

**Beautifications:** DeeDee Perkins thanked Jamie for power washing entrances and discussed plans for improving signs,

- Sending weekly emails to the county to raise awareness and keep them informed.
- The county is aware of the easement and other related issues.
- upcoming year we will be celebrating 60 years of the Tantallon community.

**Business Manager:** Joan Esser mentioned opportunities for local businesses to advertise.

**Tantallon Cat Committee:** Barbara Yentzer talked about cat surveys and TNVR events.

- **TNVR Event:** A Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) event is planned for this spring.
- **Information Gathering:** Residents are encouraged to complete the survey form or send information to [thetantalloncats@gmail.com](mailto:thetantalloncats@gmail.com).
- **Funding Request:** The committee is asking for funds to hire trained personnel to assist with TNVR and work with veterinarians.

**Motion Approved:**

A \$1000 donation to cat communities was approved unanimously.

**Block Ambassador,** Co-chair, Karima St Clair, shared organizing yard sales and block events, and a need for volunteers.

- The next meeting is in June, and they are working on establishing contact information for all neighbors to ensure everyone can look out for each other's properties when someone is out of town.
- Mentioned the need for volunteers for block events and yard sales.

**Adjournment:**

- 8:43pm

*Minutes Prepared by Natasha Tutt, TCA Recording Secretary*