**Guilford Association Board – January 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Zoom Virtual Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (17): Tom Hobbs, Margaret Alton, Sarah Crowe, Josh Angulo-Bartlett, Cathy Boyne, Emily Brennan, Elizabeth Comer, Carl Coscia, Clarke Griffin, Jeremy Hoffman, Chris Lyon, Kelly Maher, Brandon McCullough, Dawn Moore, Steve Murphy, Bill Reinhoff, Richard Yost

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT (2): Tim Chriss, Lee Miller

OTHER INVITEES: Councilman Mark Conway, Councilwoman Odette Ramos, Patrick Nolan (GA)

**Pre-Meeting Update – Tom Hobbs**

Importance of relationships / communication with Odette and Mark as Guilford is split between two districts (i.e., Districts 4 and 14)

Introduces Councilwoman Ramos and Councilman Conway

**Odette Ramos**

Introduction; Community Development is overarching goal.

Plans to focus on: allowing monthly property taxes for residents with no mortgage; vacant properties; traffic calming; trash throughout the City; substance abuse; public safety and police reform; and water billing.

Retained Cindy Leahy on staff.

**Mark Conway**

Introduction, UMd grad; worked for USEPA, Baltimore Tree Trust / CityStat

Plans to focus on: violence; police funding dictated by Consent Decree; Green Network Plan

**Tom Hobbs Follow-up / Issues for Odette and Mark**

Safety is paramount, 2019 was very dangerous year with violent crimes mainly committed by juveniles; disappointing meeting with State’s Attorney Mosby.

Trees very important to neighborhood.

Guilford Reservoir – 4+ years of construction; issues with noise, storm runoff; needs to be completed as a park; need to resurface roads; Cathy Boyne is main POC

Installation of Verizon 5G Network – Guilford will not allow 26-ft poles, suggest using existing utility poles in existing easements; referencing Section 106 NHPA to fight install; Odette indicates this is FCC/Federal issue caused by deregulation, hoping that Biden administration will regulate; need to contact U.S. Senators Cardin and Van Hollen

LED Streetlights – bulbs are ultra-bright, blue light; need lower Kelvin-rated bulbs

Guilford Elementary School – closing in 2021; Baltimore Collegiate has interest; need to keep as educational or residential usage

Greenmount Ave/York Rd Corridor – endless roadwork and utility work; $250k set aside for restoration

DOT and Parks & Rec – request install of triangle / curbing at Greenway-Northway-Millbrook intersection; E Bishops Rd & St Paul St triangle is not maintained; Gateway Park requires lighting; St Paul St needs parking restrictions; Forestry leaves stumps, need them removed; need to replace trees where dead trees have been removed; Mark suggests providing him with CSR numbers after making 311 calls

**Motion to approve the October 2020 minutes; all in favor**

**Officer Elections**

Continue with current officers in place; all in favor

Tom H needs a successor

**Board Vacancy**

Nominating Committee to consist of Margaret, Clark, Josh, and Sarah

Notify residents that Board seat is available

**Financials**

2020 End of Year Financials **-** No issues; approx. $100k to be put in reserves.

Moved banking relationship from PNC to M&T Bank.

>400 residents have paid annual maintenance fees to date; approx. 40 to 50 residents used ACH payment option.

USPS has slowed receipt of annual fees payments.

**Security Update**

Cathy believes that Baltimore PD has been less active in the area, need to request more patrols as porch pirates are rampant

Major Gibson left BPD; need to determine who is new contact/major for Northern District

Commissioner Harrison lives in Guilford, is very approachable

Security/hunting cameras mounted to City-owned trees along Northway and Southway in Nov 2020; send instant notification to Wolf guards

Chris and Pat put together 2020 crimes summary to be distributed or posted; crime decreased >40% from 2019 to 2020; Wolf guards Travis and Don have been very effective; need to determine why residents do not pay / coax more residents to contribute to GSP

**Signoff – Margaret**

Think about / raise other issues going on in Guilford during next meeting in March 2021; need update on Outreach Committee

No other business – Meeting concluded at 8:40 pm