

## Parkwood Residents Association

### Winter Meeting – February 24, 2025

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#### Meeting Summary:

Jeff Griffith opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees on Zoom link (45 participants) at 7:34pm.

- First item for review and discussion PRA 2025 **Operating Budget.**

Gerald Sharp, PRA Treasurer, had posted the full 2024 budget report on the Parkwood list serve. The proposed 2025 budget includes two increases related to Parkwood green space: \$2000 for additional plantings of shrubs and flowers, \$1000 increase for contract maintenance services. There was a quick review of 2024 expenditures.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget. Seconded and approved unanimously.

- Second agenda item was report by the PRA committee focused on **housing legislation** proposals. (at 9:50 minutes on the recording)

Joe Harkins presented information regarding the revised County Council Proposal- Housing NOW (new options for workers). The new proposal targets moderate income residents. The discussions include a zoning text amendment ZTA which would not impact Parkwood but might have impact on close by neighborhoods. A map of impact area “corridors” was shared. Also proposed, vacant commercial space for additional housing.

There will be hearings and information sessions for the public in the near future.

A discussion of proposals and details will be held on March 3rd at the Kensington Town Hall. Council members will attend. PRA invited and encouraged to attend. PRA housing committee has been working with Kensington Estates, Byforde and other nearby resident associations to prepare for this Town Hall meeting.

Questions and Discussion followed.

**Updates will be posted to the PRA list serve and website**

- Next Item was discussion of **Friday Closure of Beach Drive** from Cedar Lane to Grosvenor. (At **35:45 minutes**)

A previous PRA poll found that 80% of poll participants would like Beach Drive re-opened on Fridays. There was no support to reopen on weekends.

Paul Clark and Christopher Cross gave brief overview of current situation and the MNCPPC data used to make decisions. They have coordinated with other neighborhoods to present evidence to MNCPPC regarding increased traffic and safety. Additional data needs to be collected in light of federal return to office.

(At **46 minutes**) Christopher discussed traffic impacts on the neighborhood due to the Friday closure. He proposes additional conversations with other close communities to document the total impact on other major feeder roads. He requested the other interested residents join he and Paul working on collecting relevant data. A hearing with the MNCPP Board will occur in June. Additional questions and discussion.

- Discussion of **Speed Monitoring** devices for Parkwood (at **1 hour 7 minutes**)

Rick Sniffin presented possible options for speed monitoring signs to slow down traffic on Saul Road and Parkwood Drive (report attached). These are NOT speed cameras. He presented power options, and issues that need to be discussed and addressed. Discussion of how to gather data to make possible requests to Montgomery County for lower speed limits or additional stop signs. More study should follow.

- **Trees in Parkwood** (at **1 hour 30 minutes**)

PRA President, Kira Lueders, requests a revitalization of a PRA committee to work on a **Tree Plan** for Parkwood, in light of the many trees lost to disease and removed by the WSSC pipe replacement project. Several members indicated interest in working on this effort. Please contact Kira!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04PM

By Mary Ellen Savarese, Secretary