

**Village of Martin's Additions
7013 Brookville Road, Suite B, Chevy Chase, MD 20815**

**Election Committee Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2021
8:30PM**

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

Election Committee Members Present: Tiffany Cissna; George McAleese; Anna Meenan. **Village Manager:** Niles Anderegg. **Candidates for election to the Council:** Alex Ghesquiere (Bradley Lane); Katie Filipczyk Howard (Taylor Street); Andrew Kauders (Turner Lane); Marty Langelan (Chestnut Street); Brian Oliver (Delfield Street); Larry Wasson (Delfield Street). **Residents and any other Attendees:** There were more than 40 devices logged-in to the Zoom call.

8:36PM Call to Order: Cissna

Mrs. Cissna notified the candidates and residents that the recording of the April 20, 2021 Candidate Forum is incomplete and only captured the first minute of the Forum. Mrs. Cissna expressed the Committee's deepest apologies and shares in the disappointment of the candidates and qualified voters.

Opportunity for the Committee to hear candidate and resident comments: Cissna

Mr. McAleese outlined an opportunity for the candidates to provide written responses to the questions asked in the Forum in order to "capture" what was lost. Mrs. Cissna invited the candidates to provide input on such an opportunity.

Candidates discussed a number of options including a live forum, distribution of written answers to questions, distribution of a second candidate statement, or a pre-recorded video. The Committee heard from the candidates that they generally prioritized engaging live via another Forum over capturing in written form their answers to questions that were posed during the Forum on the 20th.

Committee discussion regarding next steps: Cissna

The Committee agreed that it would be unfair to host a Forum and post that recording if not all candidates could participate given the relatively short notice and the fact that they all participated in the first Forum. After a discussion and taking into account primarily the candidate feedback, the committee voted to host another Forum by May 2, 2021 providing that all candidates can attend. George McAleese made the motion and Anna Meenan seconded. All voted in favor.

The Committee will move forward with planning another opportunity for the qualified voters of Martin's Additions to hear from the candidates and will circle back with the candidates and qualified voters if/when something is confirmed.

Other Issues: Cissna

The Committee heard from the Candidates relating to two issues raised by the candidates.

An issue was raised relating to an email a candidate had received that was subsequently forwarded to the Committee. The origins of the email were called into question, and the alleged “sender” of the email denied both having sent the email or of ever controlling the email account from which the message was sent. The recipient of the email acknowledged that the email may not have come from its purported source and agreed to reach out privately to the other involved individual.

A second issue was raised by one of the candidates relating to comments made following the conclusion of the Candidate Forum on April 20. The Committee asked Niles to research the matter and provide a response, if possible.

Adjournment: Cissna

Anna Meenan moved that the meeting adjourn. George McAleese seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30PM.