

VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Keith Allen, 2020-21 CEC Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. All committee members, including Susan Kahn, Paul McGowan, and Naomi Naierman, as well as Council liaison Susan Fattig, were present. Several residents were also in attendance.

The meeting began with resident comments on topics including the importance of block captains and adoption of a more expansive role for the committee under an “umbrella structure.”

Susan Kahn nominated Keith Allen as chair and Paul McGowan seconded the motion; Keith was unanimously elected. Naomi Naierman nominated Paul McGowan as vice-chair, Susan Kahn seconded the motion, and he was unanimously elected.

Keith Allen discussed the successful Halloween party, which was one of the best-attended in his experience with the event dating back to the 1980's. The Movie in the Park event in September was also a success.

The permit request for the upcoming 4th of July event must be submitted by early January in accordance with Montgomery County's six-month advance notice for park permits.

Scheduling for upcoming VMA events was discussed. The winter event at La Ferme was tentatively set for early-mid February; the 4th of July party on July 3rd or 4th; and the Movie in the Park night for Saturday, September 4 or Sunday, September 5.

Susan Kahn and Keith Allen objected to the serving of alcohol at the Halloween party and the designation of the winter event as a “happy hour.” She also voiced her support for Naomi Naierman's proposed intergenerational projects.

During the second resident comment period, the possibility of instituting a community helper system and structure for granting high school students community service credits, difficulties with the current listserv, results of the public safety task force survey, and concerns about 5G were discussed.

The next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee will be in January 2022.

Naomi moved to adjourn, Susan Kahn seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45