

VILLAGE OF FOUNTAINVIEW

Minutes of the Fountainview General Meeting (ZOOM)

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

Karen Baker
Esther Boone
Mary Davis
Dennis Duckett

Patty Hagan
Debbie Ingram
Mel Wenneman

The purpose of the meeting was to interview Paula Kelly as a prospective member of the Council. All attendees introduced themselves to Paula. President Patty Hagan then asked Paula to give us her reasons for interest in joining the Council. Paula described her various experiences, said she was not afraid of something new, and hoped she could bring some new perspectives to the Council.

When asked for some opinions about Fountainview, Paula said she was concerned about the safety of the high curbs. It was mentioned that Newark requires the height as it is, and several agreed that more cut-outs would be welcome. She also mentioned that the doors are extremely difficult for older people and perhaps some kind of electronic control or code could be installed to open them easily. Mary Davis added some comments about accessibility, in particular for motorized vehicles.

Patty Hagan explained to Paula that the position was open for only one year and asked if Paula accepted that. Paula agreed. Karen Baker asked Paula what kind of careers she had in the past. Paula said that she had been a Psychiatric Nurse, was a free-lance writer, and is now a swim instructor.

Paula was asked to leave the meeting. Debbie Ingram questioned the legality of the method we were following for considering electing Paula, and Patty Hagan assured her that she had checked it out in the Fountainview rules and we were ok. Fountainview rules require that a Council member be a property owner or resident. Although Paula lives in Elkton, MD, which made some attendees question her eligibility, she has been an absentee owner for 8-9 years and is eligible. Paula was accepted by unanimous vote to fill the open position, and was invited to return to the meeting.

Karen Baker mentioned that at a previous meeting it had been decided that 9 was an unwieldy number and that we should scale down the Council. Mel Wenneman offered that the rules stipulated that changes could be made only after a three-year period, which would be September 2021. Patty affirmed that the change would be on the agenda in September.

Patty advised the group that she was scheduling a meeting with Samantha Summers and the Council for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Y. Boone, Secretary