

**City of Mount Rainier
Board of Elections Meeting
Mediterranean Cafe
3237 Rhode Island Avenue
Mount Rainier, Maryland
7:30pm
20 March 2015**

Minutes

Attendees:

Ophelia Baxer; Maxine Drakeford; Karl Jones; Nichole Logan and Dina Williams

Approval of Minutes

- Nichole moved to approve the March 12 minutes.
- Maxine seconded the motion.

Voting Machines

- Mayor Miles alerted the BOE via her March 20 email that election machines are out.
- The cost is more than \$20,000.
- The City Clerk in Takoma Park suggested that the BOE check with the City of College Park who have been quite successful using paper ballots for their elections.
- Their Board Chair, Mr. Jack Robeson, is willing to meet with the BOE to discuss how College Park handles their balloting process.
- College Park's Town Clerk, Jeneen Miller, has direct responsibility for elections and will provide Mayor Miles with additional election services.
- Ms. Miller has agreed to be a resource for the BOE for the upcoming election. •Orphelia has agreed to serve as the liaison.

Ballots

- The BOE discussed having two separate ballots, one for each ward.
- The ballots will be on different colored paper to distinguish the wards.
- The BOE will draft a ballot design and choose the best one.
- The BOE controls the ballots through distribution.
- Dina suggested the BOE count the ballots in batches of 25 throughout the day to avoid counting them all at 8pm.

Flyers

- The BOE will continue to distribute flyers to residents and businesses.

Signs

- KC has delivered signs to the BOE who have placed them on their properties.
- KC also strategically placed signs around the City of Mount Rainier.
- PriceRite informed KC that signs may not be placed around the supermarket.
- The BOE will contact their corporate office to learn if we can post signs.
- Flyers may be placed on the store's bulletin board, which was locked when KC talked to the store manager.

Canvassing

- The BOE has attended events within the City engaging folks and distributing flyers.
- Maxine noted the residents on Wells Avenue have been receptive.
- Abby attended the garden meeting Saturday, March 21, and met several citizens and distributed flyers.

Frequently Asked Questions

- FAQs (and answers) are now in place and will be listed on the City's website.
- The questions and answers are fluid and will be updated as necessary.

Forums

- Maxine will oversee the forum on April 18 at the Nature Center.
- Matt will oversee the forum on April 25 at City Hall.
- All BOE members will try to be in attendance.

Petitions

- The petitions are being accepted from 6:00pm until 8:00pm on April 6.
- Maxine and Nichole will be present.

Buttons

- The BOE discussed the website Dina found (24hourwristbands.com) for inexpensive buttons priced around \$.11 each.
- The BOE agreed to order 500 buttons to be distributed to voters and newly registered voters.
- Vijay Manjani, Director of Finance, will write the check once approved by the Mayor.
- The buttons will say, "I LOVE MT. RAINIER" and will be red, white, and blue.

Places of Worship

- Dina distributed a listing of places of worship she pulled from the City's website.
- Dina called several places and left messages. No one has returned her calls.

Transportation at the Polls

- The City will provide free transportation to and from City Hall on Election Day, from 7:00am until 8:00pm.
- There is only one pickup and dropoff location: the Senior apartment building.
- Anyone can board the bus, not just residents of the senior apartment building.
- There will only be one bus.
- City Manager, Jeannelle Wallace must be contacted about the times and location so she can confirm the driver(s).

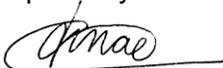
Next Meeting

- The BOE will meet at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 25, at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dina Estelle Williams
23 March 2015

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