



# Tantallon Citizens Association General Membership Meeting Minutes \_ September\_2025

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September 18, 2025

Location: National Golf Club, Fort Washington, MD

Time: 7:00 PM – Adjournment

## Attendance

President Tracey Simon; Vice President Tremel "T." Spaulding; Recording Secretary Mujaahida Latif; Corresponding Secretary Natasha Tutt; Treasurer Thurston Spaulding; Board of Directors: Ron Weiss, Dilara (absent) Rodriguez, Nora Carmichael, Ted Brown; Parliamentarian Major Lewis; Sergeant-at-Arms Donald Horton; Committee representatives: Montina Anderson (TCC Co-Chair), Jamie (Beautification), Barbara Jenser (CAT Committee), Eric Woods (Hospitality), Jacqueline Ivory (Block Ambassadors).

Guests/Neighbors present:

## 1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by President Tracey Simon. Agenda and slide deck made available to attendees.

## 2) Welcome & Introductions

Tracey introduced the 2025–2027 Board (listed above). Some members were en route due to family obligations. Reminder: Mimi and staff provide dinner options; snacks are available for meetings.

## 3) Approval of Prior Minutes

Recording Secretary Mujaahida Latif recapped the May 15 meeting: membership and attendance; Treasurer report by Keith West (details on website); board nominations; remarks from neighbors; legislative update by Jill(a) Woods (recent bills, youth focus, scholarship info); Q&A (federal employee impacts/resources); updates on road maintenance, farmland proposals, legislative engagement. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Motion to approve minutes passed by voice vote.

## 4) Treasurer's Report & FY Budget (Treasurer: Thurston Spaulding)

FY End (through Aug 31): Income ~ \$3,420 below budget; expenses also below budget (notably \$0 of \$5,000 legal). Hospitality overage offset by donations. Cash on hand: \$24,535, largely due to wall-repair donations and insurance reimbursement (special funds), not operating surplus. Operations approximately -\$5,420.

Proposed Budget (Sep 1–Aug 31): Total income: \$30,950 (dues at 275 memberships ~67%; newsletter ads ~21%). Total expenses: \$35,521 (legal \$3,000; newsletter cost \$6,500; hospitality \$3,000). Special Funds (Infrastructure & CAT) remain restricted; propose \$1,000 for Cat committee. Projection: ~ \$4,921 cash at year-end if assumptions hold.

Discussion: Wall incidents—first covered by insurance; second by anonymous donation. Need to rebuild reserves; increase dues participation; landscaping RFP; storage plan.

Motions: Budget approved as presented, with allowance for later amendments (for Cat committee).

## 5) Tantallon Covenants Committee (TCC) Report (Co-Chair: Montina Anderson)

Purpose (1973): preserve & enhance property values by enforcing covenants. Frequent issues: fences and trees. County confirmed fence responsibility lies with homeowners along Fort Washington Rd corridor; several properties cited. Exterior changes (paint, hardscape, fences, roofs, trees, sheds, pools) require TCC review. Realtor/buyer education: plan to email covenants to listing agents when homes list. Policy change mechanics

read; covenant changes need broad owner vote. Announcement: "Community Partners" Zoom with DPIE/DOE/DPW&T—registration link forthcoming.

#### 6) Hospitality (Chair: Eric Woods)

Hospitality budget \$3,000 vs. four meetings (~\$4,000 value) but provides room access at no charge. Planning an informal Potluck at Eagle's Nest on [Sat Oct 18] between the Potomac Landing co-event and the 60th Anniversary; exploring youth showcase involvement.

#### 7) Aircraft Noise Working Group Update (Eric Woods)

Consultants prepared a proposal to raise approach altitude ~500 ft over Fort Washington while maintaining safety. One carrier retiring a noisier aircraft line (positive trend). Submission pending; FAA has no mandate to act—may require advocacy. Discussion included ILS Runway 1, potential GPS/RNP solutions, capacity, and safety constraints.

#### 8) Beautification (Lead: Jamie)

County coordination ongoing; pushing for trimming, additional trees, and fence-line upkeep. Clean & Green "Elevate the Scene" Planting Day: Sat, Oct 25, 9–11 AM at Potomac Landing. Volunteers needed (service hours available); tools, vests, bags, water provided; truck volunteer needed to pick up trees. Continuing litter pickups and vine/poison-ivy removal; exploring cameras at the circle; county mowing improved after follow-ups.

#### 9) Block Ambassadors (Chair: Jacqueline Ivory)

Community Yard Sale & Poker Run: Sat, Oct 11, 9 AM–1 PM based at Potomac Landing. Sell at PL or from home; maps provided. Register via QR/link in flyer and newsletter; outreach to North Tantalum & other subdivisions.

#### 10) Community Cats (CAT) Committee (Chair: Barbara Yenser)

Committee expanded and trained; traps on loan. Fall 2024 TNR: 15 cats; Spring: 12 more (Sept/Oct events planned). Initial \$1,000 allocation preserved due to grant; now being used along with ~\$300 in donations. Updating neighborhood cat survey—please respond; consider CAT donations when paying dues.

#### 11) Family Engagement (Co-Chair: Mujaahida Latif; Chair: Fran Brown)

Focus on teens (13–18) while continuing activities for younger kids. Partnering with HS senior Victoria Gibbs to stand up a Teen Volunteer Corps (service hours), support Beautification, and showcase youth entrepreneurs. Planning a Career Day featuring neighbor speakers; teens to present at next meeting; tables for youth at the Oct 18 potluck.

#### 12) Safety & Police Updates (Reported by Ron Weiss)

Lock vehicles, remove keys/fobs, hide valuables; caution teens about high-value footwear at bus stops; watch for senior scams. District 7 evening coverage is limited (sergeant + four officers). Incident: domestic homicide on Bonn Hill Rd; suspect in custody; targeted incident. Staffing: two rookies + one full-duty officer incoming. Speed cameras: starting Oct 1, fines escalate up to \$425 (95+ mph). Legislative efforts for point-to-point enforcement and reg-suspension after 3 citations/90 days (possible impound on stop). Potomac Landing: PGCPS moving John Hanson Montessori; construction starting; 10 modular classrooms; schedules to stagger with Colin Powell; coordinate site use.

#### 13) Old Business

Entrance walls: reviewed before/after; one covered by insurance, one by anonymous donor. Considering protective boulders and cameras for hit-and-runs.

#### 14) New Business / Events

Tantalum 60th Anniversary Celebration: ticketed dinner with DJ and catering—please promote (only 14 tickets sold to date). Landscaping RFP to revisit scope/vendor; storage plan to be finalized; Welcome Committee to reinforce covenant awareness.

#### 15) Announcements & Reminders

Community Partners Zoom (DPIE/DOE/DPW&T): link by email. Clean & Green Planting Day: Sat, Oct 25, 9–11 AM, Potomac Landing. Community Yard Sale & Poker Run: Sat, Oct 11, 9 AM–1 PM, Potomac Landing. Eagle's Nest Potluck + Youth Showcase: Sat, Oct 18 (time TBA). 60th Anniversary Event: [Insert date/time/link]. Garden Club (TICO): seeking members/donations (501c3); reinstating Garden of the Month nominations; meets Wednesdays 10–12, Sept–Jun.

#### 16) Motions Passed

Prior minutes approved. FY budget approved as-is with allowance for later amendments (cabinetry/storage, landscaping, 60th anniversary seed, other projects).

#### 17) Action Items

Treasurer/Board: post expense lines and approved budget to website; prepare amendments. TCC: email covenants to listing agents; send Partners Zoom info. Beautification: confirm tree species, pickup volunteer, camera feasibility; schedule cleanups. Block Ambassadors: distribute yard-sale registration/maps; coordinate subdivisions. Hospitality/Family Engagement: finalize Oct 18 logistics; arrange youth tables; compile career-day speakers. Safety: share speed-camera updates; monitor legislation; coordinate with PGPD. 60th Anniversary Team: promote ticket sales; coordinate logistics. Welcome Committee: include covenants in welcome outreach; collect realtor contacts.

#### 18) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn carried at 8:46PM.