

MEETING of the Greenbelt Board of Elections held July 25, 2019.

Patricia Evans, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Library of the Municipal Building.

Board Members Present: Jean Cook, Steven Gilbert, Judy Ott, Laurie Siegel, Toni Mathewson, and Patricia Evans.

Staff Present: Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Others Present: Julie Gaebe and James Williams.

Minutes of Prior Meetings: It was moved by Mr. Gilbert and seconded by Ms. Cook that the minutes of May 17, 2019, meeting be approved as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Upcoming Election – November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Candidate Packet: The Board reviewed the 2019 election candidate packet. There was a discussion to amend Article I “In General”, Section 13 “Early Voting” of Chapter 8, “Elections” of the Greenbelt City Code. The Board identified a technical problem with the new Early Voting process. The City uses voter registration books from the Prince George’s County Board of Elections which will not accommodate multiple locations simultaneously. The Board agreed that they can’t guarantee the accuracy and integrity of Greenbelt’s election, if early voting with the use of voter registration books, as opposed to electronic voter registration books.

The Board decided to recommend to City Council amending Section 8-13 Early Voting, by maintaining the first weekend at the Municipal Building as a polling location and removing the Municipal Building as a polling location on the second and third weekends of Early Voting. This item will be added to the August 12<sup>th</sup> Council agenda for approval. The Board in preparation for their August 12<sup>th</sup> presentation to City Council discussed the newly revised Campaign Financial Reports.

Voter Registration: Mr. Williams indicated that during two weeks he’ll maintain a voter registration booth at Beltway Plaza for residents. There was a discussion about outreach on voter registration for youth that is being handled by Arsalan Siddiqui, a member of the Youth Advisory Committee.

Election Judges: Appointment for the election judges will be completed at the September 2019, Board meeting.

Other Business: The Board scheduled the next meeting for September 19, 2019, at 5:30 pm in the Library of the Municipal Building.

Adjournment: Ms. Ott moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Evans seconded. The motion passed 6-0. Ms. Evans adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Anderson  
City Clerk