

MEETING MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
01/04/2011

1. Treasurer's Report – Matt Eskridge

Current SBNA Account information:

General Fund	= \$2,075.60
Heath Street Community Garden Fund	= \$3,325.95
Sitting Park Fund	= \$ 18.30
Teen Council 2010 Fund	= \$4,420.81
Tree Fund	= \$ 97.00

Membership fees for 2011 are now due – please see Matt for payment.

2. Clean & Green Committee Report – Heidi Vorrasi

Heidi is organizing a second community garden in the sitting park at the corner of Heath St. and Light St. She is asking for assistance in obtaining donations from businesses. Let Heidi know if you can assist her in obtain donations. Such donations result in a stronger application by SBNA for grant money.

3. Parking Committee Report – Debbie Alt

Information regarding the schedule and location for picking up 2011 parking passes were distributed. See attachment. The parking passes can be picked up at the Church of the Advent, 1302 Patapsco, on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th weekends of January. They can also be picked up at the Parking Authority starting January 3, 2011.

The 2010 permits will be honored until January 31, 2011.

Debbie will be attending the Residential Parking Permit meeting on January 13. She would like input from members that she can pass on to the Parking Authority. Contact Debbie at parking@mysobo.org.

In response to a question, Debbie mentioned that the City is not presently enforcing the use of garage or parking pad spaces in rear yards. Enforcement is left up to the

neighborhoods. The Residential Parking Permit authority and the City enforcement agency are totally separate agencies.

4. Zipcar Presentation

Tiffany James of the Baltimore Parking Authority presented information on the Zipcar program. In general, this is a membership car sharing program geared towards taking cars off the road and reducing member's car related expenses.

There are Zipcar stations throughout the City – the nearest location to us is at the 7-11 on Hanover St. Zipcar desires to establish two more spaces next to the Circulator stop on Ostend St. which would eliminate two existing public parking spaces. A vote was taken in favor of supporting the two additional Zipcar spaces. Greg Blake will contact our Councilman, Ed Reisinger, and inform him of our support.

Zipcar can create a special account for SBNA members for annual fees and for hourly rates during the week. SBNA will coordinate with Zipcar to set up a discount account.

For further Zipcar information, contact Tiffany at 443-573-2820, Tiffany.James@baltimorecity.gov.

5. Teen Council Report – Jim Salvucci for Marie Sennett

Marie is desperately looking for volunteers to help her with the regular teen meetings on Thursday nights at 7:00 at the Ella Bailey Rec Center. Please contact Marie at TeenCouncil@mysobo.org

6. Social Committee Report – Christie Blake

The next social will be 1/25/11 at Abbey Bistro Burger. Free appetizers and drink specials.

There will also be a 2/28/11 social at Ryleigh's Oyster.

7. Liquor Advisory Committee Report – Amy Mutch

The Taps liquor license was transferred 12/14/2010. SBNA has met with the new owners but no written contract has yet been signed with SBNA. The establishment is being upgraded, including a new kitchen. It will open in January as an Irish Pub and is hoping to attract neighborhood clientele.

Taverna Corvino is proposing to expand into the 2nd floor and the adjacent building. Brian McComas, the owner, could not attend tonight's meeting as planned, but will attend the next Executive Board Meeting to discuss his plans.

There was much discussion among the member's regarding the negative impacts on our residents and personal property by the patrons of the bars in our neighborhood. The general consensus was that SBNA needs to increase its efforts to work with the bar owners to eliminate these continuing and worsening problems.

Respectively Submitted,

Dennis Plouff