

# MEETING MINUTES

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

02/07/12 Theme “Love Thy Neighbor”

### NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING – Tuesday 3/6/12 –

1. Treasurer’s Report – Dennis Plouff

Current account status: General Fund	= \$3,211.74
Heath St. Garden Fund	= \$2,955.00
Light St. Garden Fund	= \$ 2.13
Sitting Park Fund	= \$18.30
Teen Council Fund	= \$2,324.53
Tree Fund	= <u>\$ 97.00</u>
Total	= \$8,608.70

2. Minutes Approved

3. Introduction of Guests: Councilman William Cole – Will explain with a live entertainment license is; Brian McComas – President of the Federal Hill Business Association; Liam Davis Community Liason from the Mayors Office.

4. President’s Report: Penninsula is getting a Circulator route –

- a. The Banner Route, on 2/13 there will be a meeting @ the Baltimore Metro Council Office to discuss the route.
- b. 2/14 – Neighborhood clean up competitions – Amy will attend the meeting
- c. South Baltimore Video Lottery Liquor License conference call – Amy will be on the call, along with Bill Romani
- d. Bill Romani will be our lead SBNA Liason for the Casino and the Video Lottery Liquor License hearing
- e. Festivall – it was sold out last year, so get your tickets
- f. Starbucks opening in Thursday 2/8/12 and are welcoming neighbors from 6-8
- g. Federal Hill Book Signing party @ Mother’s 2/16 7pm.
- h. Reminder – It’s important to keep the neighborhood integrity it is a pass thru area; SBNA we take our positions from our residents – we take special consideration of the neighbors with most impact; we encourage the neighbors to speak up; we all have the right as a citizen to voice their own opinion.

5. Committee Reports

- Liquor Advisory Committee – Justin Wilde – Corks sold liquor license to Rowhouse. We need to invite bar owners to our meetings to discuss the bar and it’s business. Deb mentioned Mad River is filthy and we need to engage the bars and the owners so we can get a better response from them.
- Clean & Green – Thomasina – Spoke with Eric Deihl from Balto City – there are 3-4 tree pits dug- goal is to increase the # of trees in SOBO

- Police and Community Relations – There is a new Major of the South Baltimore District – David Reitz – Maj Reitz stresses the importance of community involvement and has an open door policy, he encourages citizens to contact him. Maj Reitz reacted to our concern about the nuisance crime stating that they are bringing a new initiative to reach out to bar owners and the department has overtime money that they will use to more actively patrol the area and will issue more fines where they deem appropriate. He also stated he will send an officer out to catch speed offenders upon request – if we know of a area that is particularly bad let him know. His email is [david.reitz@baltimorepolice.com](mailto:david.reitz@baltimorepolice.com)
  - Parking – Cynthia & Deb– This was the smoothest renewal to date. Area 42 renewed in September and they are completely self-sustaining. CVS Parking Lot – a woman’s car was towed and she claims no one warned her in enough time to move it. The management company has a lot of issues with people parking in the lot during the weekend. You can park there to go to CVS during the day and on weeknights. CVS will announce a warning prior to towing.
  - Teen Council - Melissa Wooster – Teen CSI – The teens are investigating a crime scene in a couple of weeks. Councilman Cole meet with the Teen Council and played laser tag.
  - Social - Danny Young –The next party is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in February at Bluegrass. The charity is the teen council. Bring, balls stationary, crayons, etc.
  - Design Review –
    - o We are submitting and looking into a master plan – this is important to the health, growth and development of the neighborhood.
    - o 1834 S Charles – they want to purchase a sliver of land that the city already makes them take care of. They are looking into putting a German Brewery in that location. They need two separate licenses – a brews license and a restaurant license. Neighbors signed a petition with 175 signatures against the placement of a bar. Parkign a large concern for this location.
6. Live Entertainment: Bill Romani, Councilman Cole; Brian McComas: in 2009 there was legislation introduced enabling bars to have live entertainment. Some concerns are how will this affect the neighborhood. This is a Conditional Use License
7. Federal Hill Business Association –
- a. There will be an Irish Stroll on March 10<sup>th</sup> – They will get spot-a-pots to help prevent public urination. They are well aware of the havoc this cause in the area
  - b. There are 18 members of the association – they pay for the cleanup of are business district and contribute \$72k per year towards police overtime.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SBNA Secretary