

# SBNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

02/11/2014

1. Minutes of the 01/14/14 meeting were reviewed and approved pending one correction.  
The correct phone number for Officer Butterbean is 443-681-0920.
2. Police Relations Committee Report - Kevin Lynch passed around the latest crime report. Officer Butterbean reported on the recent robbery at Mothers. He also mentioned that 65 GPS units were recovered in the 1700 block of Marshall Street. If one of yours was stolen, contact Detective Frank Mundy at 410-396-2499.
3. Crossbar Vote
  - Background information: At the 1/14/14 meeting it was moved and seconded to negate our previous decision to follow the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association and to now support the new Crossbar MOU. It was moved and seconded to amend that motion to give ourselves 30 days to digest the information and vote on the main motion at the February meeting. It was voted to pass the amended motion.
  - Subsequent to our last meeting,
    - The Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association voted 48 to 2 in favor of the project.
    - The FHNA General Membership voted 42 to 4 to oppose the project at BMZA.
  - Subsequent to the FHNA vote on the project more negotiations took place between Crossbar and FHNA. Crossbar agreed to the following additional concessions:
    - Memorialize the capacity of 155 at BMZA
    - Install a sound arc per sound consultants recommendations on the north wall facing Poultney Street. The arc will extend inward over the outdoor garden.
    - Closing time for the outdoor area at 11:30 PM on Friday and Saturdays.The FHNA Liquor Committee voted in support of these changes. The FHNA General Membership will vote on these amendments at their 2/18/14 meeting.
  - After discussion on the motion made at our last meeting, the motion was passed by a vote of 23 to 11.
4. Ropewalk Lane Project
  - Al Berry and Aaron Stubbs presented their project consisting of 6 new rowhomes on Clarkson Street at West Street and five new rowhomes on West Ropewalk Lane. All homes will have one off-street parking space.
  - Project will require zoning variances for lot coverage and rear yard setback.
  - Project will not qualify for RPP parking.
  - It was voted to send a letter of approval to the Zoning Board.
5. Liquor Committee Report
  - Razors
    - The owners of SOBO Cafe, Anna and Jim, have a contract to purchase Razors and it's liquor license. They plan to renovate the building and move into the second floor.
    - They plan a Market Cafe concept.
    - The liquor license is a 7 day license and allows sale of to-go alcohol.

- An MOU with SBNA is being prepared since it is a license transfer - it will be posted on-line. It is our standard MOU with a few minor modifications.
- It was voted to sign the MOU and write a letter of support to the Liquor Board

#### Ropewalk

- Marc McFaul of Ropewalk, presented his plan for live entertainment and a new menu to attract a new clientele.
- He is also proposing acoustical music - one or two musicians- on first floor of Delia Foleys, 3 days a week.
- SBNA had previously sent an MOU to Marc but has not received a response. The MOU that Marc submitted at the meeting had not been previously seen by SBNA.
- Adia Hoag advised that we not vote on the MOU presented by Marc since it is not the MOU that SBNA prepared and sent to him, and that we wait until we hear back from Marc regarding the MOU we sent him before we take a vote.
- A motion was made and approved to postpone a vote for 30 days.

#### 6. Rowhouse Grille

- The owner of Rowhouse Grille is seeking approval for closing the portion of Gittings Street adjacent to the restaurant on March 8 for a live music function.
- Closure would be 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
- The discussion included a comment by an adjacent resident that Rowhouse's similar street closure in 2011 was not handled well and was very disruptive to residents.
- They will be asking for \$2 donations for wristbands and will give half of donations to SBNA.
- After further discussion, they agreed to provide 5 porta potties instead of 4, to limit live music to 5:00 to 8:00, to clean up streets within 300 feet of Rowhouse including Light St., Marshall St. and Gittings St. and to provide 5 security people.
- A motion was made to oppose the street closing and not sign a letter of support.
- The motion was defeated by a vote of 18 to 9. Therefore we will sign a letter of support.

#### 7. Clean & Green Committee Report

- Notify Olivia Scarborough of any street tree stumps that need to be removed or if there are any empty tree wells that need a new tree.
- Also let her know if you are willing to take care of any newly planted trees.
- Kevin Lynch said that neighborhood cleanups will be starting again every other Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30. A Facebook group has been started. Also see the calendar on our website.

#### 8. Meet the Delegates Series

- Liam Davis, a Democratic candidate for State Delegate, presented his qualifications for that office.

#### 9. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Dennis Plouff, SBNA Secretary