

SBNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

01/13/2015

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 11/11/2014 General Meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. TREASURERS REPORT - ROBERT SCHMOLLINGER

<u>FUND</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
PETTY CASH		\$100.00	\$100.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$3,413.29	\$3,707.46	\$294.17
TREE FUND	\$97.00	\$97.00	\$0.00
TEEN COUNCIL FUND 2010	\$371.89	\$371.89	\$0.00
HEATH STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN	\$2,238.23	\$2,238.23	\$0.00
BALANCE	\$6,120.41	\$6,514.58	\$394.17

3. COMPLETE STREETS

Nikia Mack, Department of Transportation, Odessa Phillip, Department of Transportation, and Andrea of Whitman Requardt presented an overview of the Complete Streets program and solicited comments from the membership.

The program is intended to provide streets that are safe, comfortable and convenient for people of all ages within numerous neighborhoods in the City. Streets will be improved to accommodate a variety of transportation modes concurrently such as vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. Physical improvements can include bike lanes, bike parking, landscaping to assist people movement, adequate parking, signage, curb extensions and crosswalk markings for pedestrian safety, trees, pedestrian level lighting and adequate utilities. A Complete Street will reduce the need to use a car for short trips. Walkable communities are healthier and happier.

Funding of improvements will be from future Casino Master Plan funds as available through the LDC. The Casino Master Plan details which streets will be improved.

As future construction/development projects are submitted to the City for approval, the Planning Department will review those plans and make sure the plans include the improvements called for in the final Complete Streets Plan.

Membership comments/concerns included:

- Past SBNA issues presented to Odessa should be carried forth in this Complete Streets effort and not be forgotten. Odessa said she still has those suggestions and will carry them forward.
- Intersections need better signage and markings to alert vehicles as to where pedestrians cross streets.
- There is a need for more bike racks, especially in commercial areas, schools, Post Office, parks.
- There is a need for a larger bike lane network on the streets within the neighborhood and to the Inner Harbor.
- Dangerous traffic/pedestrian area on Ostend St. at Post Office.
- Better pedestrian level lighting on dark streets.

Next steps:

- The City will inventory characteristics of existing streets.
- The City has provided a checklist on which residents can indicate their suggestions for items to be included in the program and submit to the City. This checklist will be posted on our Facebook page.

4. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – KEVIN LYNCH

Kevin passed out the latest crime statistics and related that arrests were recently made of individuals found stealing packages left at front doors by delivery companies.

5. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REPORT – AMY MUTCH

In December the LDC did pass its spending plan for FY 2016, which begins July, 2016.

Amy is stepping down as our LDC representative. Garrett Schiche has volunteered to take that position. His name needs to be submitted to the mayor for approval.

As has been discussed previously, the LDC has allocated \$50,000 from FY 2015 funds to SBNA for community enhancement projects. These funds could be used for tree stump removal in addition to other projects discussed in the past (artwork in the Hanover Street median and street banners).

We did receive 3 or 4 trash cans from the Stadium Authority. The LDC funds do pay for emptying all trash cans in the neighborhood twice per day. Please call 311 if you see any overflowing trash cans.

6. PARKING PERMITS – CYNTHIA GRIFFIN

The January Parking Permit pickup program is going well with good attendance.

7. LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ADIA HOAG

We will be voting today to eliminate our requirement for one year of ownership before a restaurant/bar owner can receive approval for Live Entertainment.

Crossbar is acquiring a new license but our existing MOU with them will remain in effect. We will discuss their revised plans with them before they present to the Liquor Board.

The company proposing a 700 person sports bar on Warner Street north of the casino has been asked by the City to discuss their plans with neighborhood associations including SBNA, even though that location is outside of SBNA boundaries. They will be invited to our next LAC meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made and seconded to approve the nomination of Garrett Schiche as our new LDC representative and to send a letter of support to the LDC. The vote was unanimously in favor of that motion.
- Eric Costello, our Councilman, was asked by Julie Tice, who lives on E. Ostend Street, to initiate a traffic calming study for traffic on Ostend St. between Charles St. and Light St.

It was unanimously voted to support Julie in her traffic calming study request.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the need for additional traffic calming measures on Ostend St. between Race St. and Charles St. It was decided to continue discussion regarding additional traffic calming requests for that stretch of Ostend St. If we were to request that additional study area, it would likely be a separate request from Julie's in order to not delay Julie's request.

- There will be a neighborhood cleanup on Martin Luther King Jr. Day from 10 AM to 12 PM starting at Light St. and Barney St.
- The Auxiliary Police Force is in need of two uniform cycling shirts and has asked for our financial assistance. The shirts will cost \$180 total. We have a profit of \$120 from the Secret Supper Club and have the remaining \$60 in our General Fund.

A motion was made and seconded to add \$60 from the General Fund to the \$120 from the Secret Supper Club proceeds and donate the total of \$180 to the Auxiliary Police Force for two uniform cycling shirts. The vote was unanimously in favor of that motion.

- A motion was made and seconded to remove our requirement that owners of restaurants/bars maintain ownership for at least one year before we will approve their application for Live Entertainment. The vote was in unanimously in favor of that motion.
- Morgan Alcalay is developing a program for residents to have package delivered to several local businesses in lieu of having them left at front doors. A flyer will be sent out describing the details of that program.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Plouff
SBNA Secretary