

SBNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

02/10/2015

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 01/13/15 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	0
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$3,707.46	\$3,916.35	\$208.89
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	\$6,514.58	\$6,723.47	\$208.89

3. Jake, pastor of the Salem Lutheran Church announced Annual Pancake and Waffle Dinner on February 17, 2015. \$9 for adults and \$4 for children.

4. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE – KEVIN LYNCH & OFFICER BUTTERBEAN

- Kevin Lynch provided addresses of recent robberies.
- Officer Butterbean reported a couple package thefts last month, one burglary, and several larcenies at Liv2Eat. Please lock all your doors and windows.
- There have been several robberies recently in Federal Hill and Otterbein in a 24 hour span.
- Be careful parking in dark areas and be aware of your surroundings. Limit your alcohol and if you're getting inebriated have a friend accompany you. Don't walk around with your phone at your ear. Women can ask an Officer to walk them to their car. You can always call 911 if you don't feel safe.
- At least six friendly neighborhood businesses will now accept receipt of your shipped packages so they don't get left at your front door and subsequently stolen.
- Kevin Lynch reported 2014 crime statistics for Sector 4 compared to 2013: violent crime decreased by 13%, robberies decreased by 23%, property crimes decreased by 9%, auto theft decreased by 21%, theft from autos decreased by 16% and burglaries increased by 1%. There was an overall decrease in crime by 9% in 2014 in Sector 4. In the entire Southern District crime is down 7%.
- Shift changes now overlap so there are more Officers on the street during those times.

- The Casino Mini-District has expanded with 9 officers and a couple of sergeants. The boundary of the Casino Mini-District has expanded and is getting more police coverage.
- You can contact Officer Butterbean at 443-681-0920 (cell) and Kevin.vaught@baltimorepolice.org

5. DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

- Mike Murphy reported that utility work on the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Hanover St. is complete and the 1600 block is being done now which is holding up the median. construction. Paving was started but stopped by Councilman Costello where BGE still has work to do. BGE's work needs to be completed, including house gas connections before paving can be completed.
- BMZA approved SOBO Market's request for a new kitchen.
- BMZA did not approve the latest application for the 1800 South Hanover Street project for 39 residential units. The project may be either delayed 6 months or canceled.
- The Baltimore Public Markets Corporation has issued a Request for Proposal for redevelopment of the Cross Street Market. Arsh Mirmiran of Caves Valley Partners and Steve Plank of War Horse Development are teaming together to submit a proposal. They met with community representatives last Thursday to share their ideas. Participation from the community is welcome. The BPMC will select the winning proposal hopefully with community input and perhaps a Public Meeting. Proposals are due March 5.

6. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Two representatives from Med Star Health presented information on their company. They are now open located in the new building on Key Highway at Lawrence St. They are a one-stop health care facility open every day including holidays. They provide urgent care, primary care, women's care, orthopedic care, physical therapy, cardiology, rehabilitation, x-rays, and lab work, and can refer you to specialists. There is free parking.
- Paul of Retrofit Baltimore presented his non-profit Solar Co-Op. He is getting a contractor and is trying to break down barriers to installing solar panels, Federal Hill Main Street recently hosted an info session - 22 families came. He offers up to 25% off the cost of installing solar, and offers incentives and tax credits to members .It is a net metering process. Space needed on a roof is 200 to 250 square feet. There is no cost for joining the Co-Op. Vendor selection is underway.
- Light Up South Baltimore initiative. Garrett Schiche described this initiative to get either a light sensor bulb or socket or solar switch for your porch light. More light means less crime. See our Face Book page for more details.

7. SOCIAL COMMITTEE – SCOTT MELTON

- Scott Melton is working on the social events calendar for this year. Please send your creative suggestions to his email address social@mysobo.org

8. LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ADIA HOAG

- Bill and Elle Grose of Brewers Cask related that they were managing the business and are now the owners. The liquor license needs to be transferred to the new owners. The

MOU terms will not change. They are new to the community. They have added a smoker and will add new items to the menu.

- Adia Hoag provided an update on Crossbar. A liquor license transfer is pending and our current MOU will be attached without change to the new liquor license. The MOU is on our website and a link to the MOU will be posted on Face book. There is a General Citizens Protest not attached to any neighborhood association which anyone can sign if interested. That document will be posted on our website.
- Sean Hampton of The Rowhouse Grill presented his plans to block off Gittings Street for about 90 feet or the length of the building during their Funkfest event. He will be providing security, a DJ, beer tub, food table, no tent, from noon to 8pm with 2 to 3 entertainment acts.
- Adia related that Jimmy Trujillo, owner of the proposed Baltimore Sports Bar on Warner Street speak at next month's membership meeting. He is planning a facility to accommodate 750 to 1500 patrons in 10,000 square feet and needs a BMZA variance for live entertainment. They have a liquor license. The facility is not in SBNA boundaries.
- We desperately need more members to help Adia on the Liquor Advisory Committee.

9. BY LAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mike Murphy reported that more committee meetings are needed to formulate proposed revisions. We will have an update at the April or May General meeting.

10. CASINO AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL UPDATE – GARRETT SCHICHE

- Garrett Schiche reported that he is our new LDC Representative, The LDC meets regularly and advises the Mayor and the City on the allocation of funds that come from the casino. Garrett is on the Sanitation, Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee All LDC business can be viewed on the LDC website including funding for the community and funding priorities for FY 16.
- The Casino wants more table games and to reduce the number of slots. Slots money goes to communities through the LDC and table games revenue goes to the education fund. Funding estimates are down from what was originally projected.
- The LDC is discussing whether a Community Benefits District, similar to Charles Village and the Downtown Partnership, is desirable. A CBD can hire an executive and professional staff to manage funds allocated to the neighborhoods. They could levy taxes but are not obligated to. Police protection and emergency personnel for the Casino and administrative costs for the CBD might use up a large portion of LDC community funds.
- The LDC is allocating \$50,000 to each of several neighborhoods including SBNA for Community Enhancement Projects. Ideas put forth so far include gateway signage/artwork at entry points into the neighborhood on S. Hanover Street and Ostend Street. We would collaborate with other historic neighborhoods. New trees, and street banners have also been suggested to beautify the neighborhood and help with branding the South Baltimore peninsula. Only shovel ready projects will qualify for the funding.
- LDC funding could possibly also be used to purchase bicycles for the auxiliary police force. SBNA has already donated money for new uniform shirts for the force.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- We need a new Newsletter chair, please volunteer!
- A motion was made and seconded to provide a letter of thanks to the Auxiliary Police Force. The vote was in favor of that motion.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the updated Brewer's Cask MOU and provide a letter of support to the BLLC in support of the ownership transfer. The vote was in favor of that motion.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Row House Grill Funkfest 1 day event. The vote was in favor of that motion
- A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to the Baltimore Public Market Corporation and our City Councilman saying we would like to be involved in the RFP process for redevelopment of the Cross Street Market. The vote was in favor of that motion.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Plouff
SBNA Secretary