

# SBNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

03/10/2015

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Since there was not a quorum present, the approval of the minutes of the 02/10/15 General Meeting was postponed.

## 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	\$0.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$3,916.35	\$3,680.10	(\$236.25)
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
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$6,723.47</b>	<b>\$6,487.22</b>	<b>(\$236.25)</b>

We spent \$236.25 for printing of the Newsletter for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter last year and for our insurance premium. We are waiting for the invoice for the shirts for the Auxiliary Police Force.

## 3. OLD BUSINESS

- A letter has been sent to Councilman Costello regarding the Request for Proposal process for redevelopment of the Cross Street Market.
- A letter of thanks to the Auxiliary Police Force has not yet been sent.
- A letter of support for the Sobo Market kitchen has been sent.
- A letter of support for the Brewers Cask change of ownership has been sent.
- A letter of support for the Rowhouse Grill street closure has been sent although they did not receive their permit for street closure because the application was not submitted on time.
- We do have a volunteer, Bill Coveney, to take over the Newsletter responsibilities.

## 4. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE – KEVIN LYNCH

- Captain Brian Hance related that an individual has been arrested for three burglaries. Pictures of the individual were passed out for future recognition by residents. The burglaries were all via entry through rear doors in the early morning. He did have two accomplices working with him.

- The commercial building at 1111 Light Street also had two laptops taken by two individuals. Pictures of those individuals were also passed out.
- As the weather gets warmer additional officers will be present during the arrival and dismissal times of Digital Harbor High School.
- Officer Butterbean provided information regarding additional police presence for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Stroll and reported that a woman linked to recent package thefts from front doors has recently passed away.
- Kevin passed out the latest crime statistics– there have only been two crimes in the SBNA area since 2/9/15.
- You can contact Officer Butterbean at 443-681-0920 (cell) and [Kevin.vaught@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:Kevin.vaught@baltimorepolice.org)

## **5. AREA 30 PARKING**

Cynthia Griffin was contacted by 111 Heath Street about joining RPP. Properties with 5 or more new residences need to collect signatures from 60% or more of the households in Area 30 in order for that building to be approved for inclusion in RPP. They are also looking to put two Zip Car spaces in front of their property.

## **6. RACE STREET CULVERT PROJECT**

Representatives from the City and contractors working on the Race Street culvert rehabilitation project presented information on that construction project. David Driscoll is the project manager. He can be reached at [David.Driscoll@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:David.Driscoll@baltimorecity.gov). Avon Holland is the City Section Chief.

Race Street has been closed for a long time in fear of the existing old box culvert collapsing.

Work was started in November and the contractor is presently installing a water main. Some parking spots have temporarily been taken away to allow for construction activities but Mr. Driscoll will see if a minor redesign is possible to add some parking back in.

There will be a temporary lane shift in Ostend Street. We requested that SBNA be notified at least 72 hours ahead of time of the schedule for any inconveniences to that area of the neighborhood.

The replacement culvert will extend from Ostend Street to Cross Street – Phase 1 from Ostend to West Street will be done by July and then Phase 2 from West Street to Cross Street will start in July and be done by November.

## **7. BALTIMORE SPORTS BAR**

Jim Trujillo, owner of the proposed Baltimore Sports Bar on Warner Street in the single story building next to the Game Day Warehouse presented information on that project. He has met jointly with the Federal Hill NA and SBNA Liquor Advisory Committees. Even though the project is not within either neighborhood, the City advised him to discuss project impacts with those neighborhoods.

He is planning a facility to accommodate 750 to 1500 patrons in 10,000 square feet as allowed by existing zoning but needs a BMZA variance for live entertainment. They have a liquor license which allows entertainment. They are currently under construction and hope to open in May.

He feels the project will have a positive impact on the South Baltimore and Federal Hill neighborhoods because it will attract patrons from them and may reduce some of the nightlife activity in those neighborhoods. Parking will be easier to find.

The SBNA Board is currently taking a neutral position on the project since it is not within our boundary.

## **8. DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT**

Kevin Lynch spoke with the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation (BPMC). Only one bid was submitted for redevelopment of the Cross Street Market – from Caves Valley Partners and War Horse Development. The BPMC hopes to move forward with the project in several months. Details of the proposal will be released at a later date.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 14, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Plouff  
SBNA Secretary