

SBNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

04/14/2015

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 02/10/15 and 03/10/15 General Meetings were approved.

2. TREASURER'S 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	\$3,680.10	\$3,680.10	\$0.00
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	\$6,487.22	\$6,487.22	\$0.00

We are still waiting for the invoice for the shirts for the Auxiliary Police Force.

3. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE – KEVIN LYNCH

- Officer Martin Runk reported that there was an armed robbery last night at the unit block of E. Randall St. around midnight. Suspects were observed using a cream or white colored Lincoln or Cadillac. Extra officers are being assigned to the area including plainclothes officers and bicycle police.
- Once again, if you see packages left at a neighbor's front door, please take them in and deliver to the neighbor when they get home.

4. AREA 30 PARKING – CYNTHIA GRIFFIN

Cynthia provided an update on the Race Street culvert project. She has successfully coordinated with the City to avoid the temporary loss of parking on Ostend Street during construction activities.

Riverside will be starting the petition process for permit parking for 10 blocks, including the east side of Light Street. Concern was expressed about splitting Light Street between two parking permit areas. Councilman Eric Costello recommended that Cynthia meet with David Urbanek of Riverside to make sure Riverside and Area 30 are not encroaching on each other.

5. DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

- **Crossbar**

Peter Auchincloss, representing Crossbar, provided an update of the project since he last met with us in February, 2014. A new liquor license was obtained in December, 2014 and the BLLC will hopefully approve the transfer of that license to Crossbar in 60 days. Construction is well underway. The executed MOU with SBNA still stands in effect. The design is in accordance with that MOU, including the addition of the permanent roof.

A valet parking permit will be applied for.

- **Hanover Street Median**

Mike Murphy reported on the Hanover Street Median. Curbs on the east side of Hanover have been expanded in order to build the median. There has been dialogue regarding surface treatment in the median. Since funding is lacking, the City is currently planning to install turf.

Amy Mutch reminded us that the median is meant to both slow down traffic as well as provide an attractive entry into South Baltimore, similar to the Key Highway landscaping of ornamental grasses and decorative stone. A median with only turf is not what was intended. DOT originally committed to installing landscaping in the median as part of the project and obtaining input from the community as to the type of landscaping to be installed.

Eric Costello confirmed that in the past DOT did commit to install landscaping and did commit to work with the community regarding the type of landscaping to be installed. DOT currently does not have enough funding for the landscaping due to unanticipated costs to install ADA compliant sidewalks as part of the project. Eric has told DOT they need to abide by their original commitment to fund landscaping and that the funding should not come from the \$50,000 allocated to SBNA by the LDC or from any other private funding from the community.

He said that it is uncertain at this time how this will be resolved but he is 100% aware of the commitment that DOT has made and he has told DOT he expects them to follow through on that commitment and not take money from the LDC funds promised to SBNA nor require private funds from the community.

Garrett Schiche discussed the results of the survey sent out to the SBNA email List Serve for input on resident's desires for the type of landscaping to be installed. The results showed the majority of respondents (75% out of 135 respondents) wanted some sort of ornamental grasses or trees with ornamental grasses. Just concrete or turf were not desired.

A second survey has begun to directly talk to residents in the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Hanover to obtain their opinions. This is a time-consuming effort and volunteers to help would be appreciated,

Discussion ensued regarding maintenance responsibilities which are yet to be decided. Possibilities are the City or residents, although there is a safety and liability issue if residents were to provide maintenance.

Eric Costello will contact DOT to make sure that the median construction that is going forward will accommodate any possible landscaping that will ultimately be selected.

- **Cross Street Market Redevelopment**

Mike Murphy provided an update on the proposed redevelopment of the Cross Street Market. Only one bid was submitted for redevelopment – from Caves Valley Partners and War Horse Development. They were selected for the project and are currently in contract negotiations with the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation (BPMC). Details of the proposal are not currently available to the public.

6. LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ADIA HOAG

C&R Pub's changes are still pending and will meet with the LAC in 2 weeks.

Delegate Clippinger will also meet with the LAC at the May meeting to discuss what the LAC will recommend to the residents regarding policies for future pub crawl events.

7. MEETING REGARDING SPONSORED EVENTS

Deb Alt presented results a meeting she attended this morning focused on how to gain control of sponsored events such as the Irish Stoll. It was attended by about 20 people comprised of residents of South Baltimore and Federal Hill, area business people and clergy, health professionals from Johns Hopkins and several attorneys.

Many topics were covered such as safety issues and damage to the neighborhood caused by these types of events

The group is moving forward to have dialogue with the bars to come up with remedies and solutions. It is open to anyone who wishes to participate. Contact Deb for the time and date of the next meeting. There may be an article in the Baltimore Brew for more information on today's meeting.

8. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

The Bylaws Committee continues to look at recommended revisions to the Bylaws and will meet next month with the Community Law Center to obtain an opinion on the recommended revisions. It is anticipated that proposed revisions will be presented in May to the membership for approval in June or July.

9. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – GARRETT SCHICHE

Garrett reported that the LDC is currently focused on implementation of the programs that have been funded this year. There is a meeting tomorrow night to discuss the update of the Complete Streets Study. Garrett will post information received at that meeting for our information. The LDC website contains all public information regarding the LDC activities.

SBNA continues to investigate ways to use the \$50,000 allocation we have received from the LDC. Discussions have occurred with Sharp Leadenhall and Federal Hill Neighborhood Associations, who have each also received \$50,000, regarding combining all the funds to create gateways into the neighborhoods. We will contact the Neighborhood Design Center, a non-profit that helps associations with design expertise, for assistance.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- **West Street Garage**

Kevin Lynch suggested that now might be a good time to push for the long delayed top floor addition to the West Street Garage given the construction of new apartments in the area and the upcoming redevelopment of the Cross Street Market. He suggested that SBNA, along with other associations, show proactive support for the addition to make it happen.

Councilman Eric Costello mentioned that in the past the revenue pro forma for the addition didn't show it to be financially viable.

- **State's Attorney's Liaison**

Derrick Greene introduced himself as our new community liaison to the State's Attorney's office. His contact information is dgreene@statattorney.org. The State's Attorney is the top prosecutor for Baltimore City.

In response to a question as to how the State's Attorney can help us control the unruliness associated with events like the Irish Stroll, Derrick stated that the State's Attorney specifically wants residents and associations like us to bring such problems to his attention. Councilman Costello further answered the question by stating he has met with the State's Attorney to discuss such quality of life issue and she has told him that anyone issued a citation for an incarcerable offense will receive a sentence of the maximum amount of community service to be served in the community where the offense took place.

- **Spring Cleaning Day**

May 25 is the Mayor's Spring Cleaning Day. Kevin Lynch will coordinate with the City to have a dumpster placed at Randall St. and Charles St.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be May 12, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Plouff
SBNA Secretary