

# SBNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

07/14/2015

## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 6/9/15 General Membership Meeting were reviewed. Lacking a quorum, they were not officially approved.

## 2. OLD BUSINESS

- The request for the transfer of the liquor license for 1542 Light Street (Langermann's) has been denied by the Liquor Board. The license is currently owned by the owners of Banditos.
  - At last month's meeting we had tabled a motion to write a letter of support to the organizers of the Safe and Healthy Community Coalition. Adia Hoag has attempted to schedule them to meet with the Liquor Advisory Committee to give us more information on the organization but has received no response. The Board voted at the July Board meeting to not yet send them an official letter of support because they are still in the early stages of organization and we want to obtain more specific information on the organization.
3. We have started the official process of changing our legal name to South Baltimore Neighborhood Association. The process could take up to six months since papers have to be filed with the IRS and the State.

## 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

<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	\$3,216.85	\$3,116.85	(\$100.00)
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	\$2,204.35	(\$33.88)
AUXILIARY POLICE BIKE FUND	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$6,273.97</b>	<b>\$6,140.09</b>	<b>(\$133.88)</b>

- The Heath Street Garden repairs have not yet started. However, we reimbursed the Garden administrator for new sprayers that were purchased.

## 5. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – KEVIN LYNCH AND MATT URSO

- There was a robbery at the M&T bank at 1111 Light Street. There was an arrest made in that case.

- An individual has been arrested for breaking into cars in the area.
- Kevin will check into rumors of a robbery at gunpoint in the 1300 block of Olive Street and will attempt to obtain information on two fires that were set on Ostend Street.
- Brian Moyer mentioned that he has video of four juveniles breaking into cars on Patapsco Street two weeks ago and has reported that to the police.

## **6. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS**

- Nancy from Grace United Church of Christ asked to borrow parking passes from SBNA members for use by Church members attending Bible School from 5 PM to 7 PM on 8/3 to 8/7. Later in the meeting she received commitments to provide all the passes she needed.
- The City has decided to continue the Circulator Purple Route service. The actual level of service is yet to be finalized.
- We are proceeding with negotiating the MOU with the City for maintenance of the landscaping in the Hanover Street medians. We are trying to communicate with Nikia Mack at DOT to move this issue along. Dennis Plouff will contact Councilman Costello for assistance in bettering communications with DOT.

## **7. BYLAWS REVISIONS**

Proposed revisions were presented to the Membership at the last meeting. Comments were solicited at this meeting. A discussion ensued and questions were addressed. A final vote on the proposed revisions will occur at the next General Membership meeting.

## **8. DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Scott Rouk of Chesapeake Realty Partners, managers of the 2 East Wells apartment building, requested SBNA support for two proposed building mounted identification signs. He needs to obtain a variance from BMZA at their 7/28/15 hearing regarding the square footage of the signs and presented plans showing the locations and details of the signs. The letters themselves are in accordance with the maximum allowable 36 square feet for each sign, but the cabinet that houses the letters is considered part of the signs and causes the 36 square feet requirement to be exceeded. The lighting is soft LED lighting and conforms to code.

BMZA can grant the variance without a letter of support from SBNA.

## **9. SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The retirement party for Officer Butterbean was successful with approximately 100 people in attendance and perhaps \$200 or so raised for the Explorers.

## **10. CLEAN AND GREEN COMMITTEE**

Mike Costa is certified as a Tree Keeper with the Baltimore Tree Trust. He has been involved with tree plantings in Mt. Vernon. He is beginning work in our neighborhood to improve our tree situation, starting with a survey of all the trees and tree pits. He has started working with Tree Baltimore to give us free trees this fall. Mike will then organize a tree planting effort.

He needs help to complete the surveys of the trees and pits and to ultimately plant trees.

## **11. SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Lisa Nguyen is working on a calendar consisting of neighborhood photos submitted by residents. She and Dennis Plouff will be the judges to select photos so please submit any interesting photos to Lisa as soon as possible.
- We are looking into partnering with the Federal Hill NA to add an SBNA section to their Newsletter. We have had difficulty in finding volunteers with adequate time to publish and distribute our own Newsletter.

## **12. LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Brian Salvo reported the following:

- Bookmakers is applying for Live Entertainment. Ben, General Manager of Bookmakers, related that they would like to add music that would fit in with their upscale ambiance on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights such as jazz, blues and brass instruments.
- C&R is applying for a transfer of ownership. Dominic, representing C&R, explained they are applying for Live Entertainment on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays in addition to the license transfer. They are planning on keeping the same business concept with no plans for expansion.
- Drew and Sean of Banditos presented their desire to revisit the current MOU to add a fourth day, Sunday, onto the Live Entertainment MOU which currently allows three days per week. Sunday hours would be 4:00 to 6:00. No amplified speakers, one or two person bands. They also want to expand seating to an outdoor patio which would be located at the two rear parking pads. It would close at the same time that the kitchen closes. They are not proposing Live Entertainment on the proposed patio.

We are currently waiting for the BLLC to tell us what the procedures are to modify a current MOU. We also need to find out if the proposal to use the rear parking lot for outdoor seating is a permitted use by zoning. If allowed by zoning, then the BLLC would need to approve the serving of liquor and food in that rear area.

Iva of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association stated they are opposed to the addition of a fourth day of Live Entertainment as a matter of philosophy.

### **13. NEW BUSINESS**

Since a quorum was not present, no votes on pending decisions were taken.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be September 8, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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