

SBNA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

10/13/2015

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 09/08/15 General Membership Meeting were approved.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- The Articles of Amendment and Restatement which will update the Articles of Incorporation and officially change our name to the South Baltimore Neighborhood Association were approved by vote.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>FUND</u>	<u>LAST MONTH</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
PETTY CASH	\$130.00	\$100.00	(\$30.00)
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$3,105.60	\$3,648.60	\$543.00
TREE FUND	\$97.00	\$97.00	\$0.00
TEEN COUNCIL FUND 2010	\$371.89	\$371.89	\$0.00
HEATH STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN	\$2,204.35	\$2,054.35	\$150.00)
AUXILIARY POLICE BIKE FUND	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
BALANCE	\$6,158.84	\$6,521.84	\$363.00

- \$150 in the Heath Street Community Garden Fund was used to pay for fence repairs.
- \$543 from the Federal Hill Main Street for our participation in the Money Wheel and from new membership dues was added to the General Fund.

4. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – KEVIN LYNCH AND OFFICER JERRY RONEY

- Officer Roney presented an update of crime statistics in our area for the past 28 days. There were 1 armed robbery, 2 residential burglaries, 3 stolen autos and 2 thefts from autos. Officer Roney can be contacted with any questions at Jerry.Roney@BaltimorePolice.org
- Kevin relayed a message from the Major - there was a stabbing today near Federal Hill Park involving Digital High School students. The injuries are non-life threatening

5. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

- Garrett Schiche provided an update on the Hanover Street Gateway. SBNA has been allocated \$50,000 from the LDC community impact funds and we have been investigating using those funds for gateway improvements at the Hanover Street/Wells Street entrance into

the neighborhood. We are also working to obtain a \$30,000 PNC Grant for a sculpture in the Hanover Street median. We have been working with another non-profit, the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC), to develop ideas for the gateway improvements.

NDC presented design ideas to an SBNA group last week for feedback and will present further developed ideas to the General Membership at the November meeting. These ideas include signage, street banners, street furniture for neighborhood branding and neighborhood cohesiveness.

We are also approaching area developers to contribute monetarily to these efforts.

- Dennis Plouff reported results of a meeting between representatives of Neighborhood Associations throughout the peninsula and the Mayor last month. In response to a question as to how can we improve our streetscapes (broken sidewalks, curbs, deteriorated tree pits, etc.) the Mayor asked that John Pare, President of the Riverside Neighborhood Association organize the Presidents of the other Association to meet with City representatives who she will organize to work together to improve that situation.

Subsequently John Pare solicited a list of items of concern from all the Associations. We submitted conditions of the streetscapes, homeowners not picking up trash and weeds on their property, and the status of the City street sweeping program as our areas of concern.

Other items of discussion at the meeting dealt with the Red Line cancelation, Charter School funding and how Neighborhood Associations throughout the City can better communicate and work together.

6. DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Peter Bartels reported that we met with the artist for the Hanover Street median sculpture last month. He is developing a drawing with dimensions now that we know the size of the median.

7. SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Lisa Nguyen reported that:

- We are collaborating with FHNA to include SBNA Newsletter articles in their Hillsideer Newsletter. The October issue is out. It can be downloaded from our Face Book page or picked up at area merchants.
- The SOBO calendar will be ready for publication in November and will be marketed to the entire peninsula. It contains photographs highlighting the greatness of our neighborhoods. It also will contain area merchant coupons and will sell for approximately \$20.

8. SOBO GREEN EVENT

Mike Costa reported that 20 volunteers planted 19 trees last Saturday. Another event will be planned for next spring in coordination with Tree Baltimore. It is the responsibility of each homeowner to water the tree on their property. Mike has placed tags on each tree with watering instructions.

9. LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Adia Hoag reported:

- C&R's application for a transfer of ownership has been terminated because the buyer backed out of the deal. A new second buyer is looking to purchase the establishment and will meet with the LAC next month at which time Adia will be able to announce his identity.
- Regarding Langermanns at 1542 Light St., the BLLC again rejected the application for transfer of ownership. A second buyer has appeared – Nate McKinney and his partner Scott. They are proposing a German style eatery.
- The Garden Restaurant met out of courtesy with the LAC even though they technically are located within the Riverside boundaries. They are rebranding with a new name but the business will be the same with the restaurant separate from the bar/lounge and with apartments upstairs.
- Adia needs volunteers to assist with the activities of the LAC. Please help!

10. LDC – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Garrett reported that:

- A list of all items funded in the current Fiscal Year 2016 can be found on the LDC website, <http://bit.ly/SBNA-LDC>. The LDC is starting to look at Fiscal Year 2017 funding now.
- The LDC is looking to create a Community Benefits District which is a separate entity to administer the spending of the Casino funds allocated to the LDC. This will be a more efficient and focused process than having the City administer those funds. A Request for Proposal has been issued for a consultant to study the structure and logistics of forming the Benefits District. SBNA is being adamant at the LDC that the Benefits District not be allowed to levy additional taxes on properties in the Impact Area.

11. NEW BUSINESS

The election of Officers and Board Members-At-Large was held. The following members were elected by unanimous vote.

President – Mike Murphy

Vice-President – Garrett Schiche

Secretary – Mike Costa

Treasurer – Lisa Nguyen

Board Members At-Large – Peter Bartels, Adia Hoag, Kevin Lynch, Dennis Plouff, Matt Urso

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Plouff
SBNA Secretary