

# MINUTES

#### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 07/12/2016 General Membership Meeting were approved.

## 2. OLD BUSINESS

There was no "old business" was discussed at this monthly meeting. See items below.

## 3. PRESENTATION

There was no "formal presentation" during this monthly meeting.

## 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Fund</u>	Last Month	Current Month	<u>Difference</u>
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00	
General Fund Balance	\$5,760.87	\$5,760.87	
Tree Fund	\$97.00	\$97.00	
Teen Council Fund 2010	\$371.89	\$371.89	
Heath Street Community Garden	\$1,945.28	\$1,945.28	
Auxiliary Police Bike Fund	\$52.97	\$52.97	
Balance	\$8,328.01	\$8,328.01	\$0.00

Lisa Nguyen was not present at the meeting to provide an update, but Garrett Schiche provided an update based upon information he was provided.

## 5. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Kevin Lynch stepped in for Office Sheena whom was unable to make it. He provided an update on behalf of the police representative of the recent 28 day crime report mostly bicycle thefts from garages peaking for the month, larceny from automobiles and attempted break ins.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Office Newman at sheena.newman@baltimorepolice.org or (443) 463-9981 cell.

Crime stat data is available daily at the following link: <a href="https://data.baltimorecity.gov/Public-Safety/Summarized-Crime-Data-By-District-Week-19/">https://data.baltimorecity.gov/Public-Safety/Summarized-Crime-Data-By-District-Week-19/</a>

#### 6. COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS

Councilman Eric Costello touched base on a few different upcoming topics, starting with the new water bills that will go into effect monthly. This will means an increase in the water bill rates but it also means a removal of the minimum usage charge that may lower bills for those that use little water. Upcoming is Fleet Week which happens to fall on the same day as the Baltimore Marathon that means traffic will be very tough. Similar topic of traffic issues will be the upcoming celebration/inauguration of a new billion dollar military vessel capable of firing a railgun from the vessel itself, which is the first of its kind. Hillary Clinton among other notable people will be in the city in specifically Locust Point will be shut down and pretty much not accessible. Lastly, Eric provided an update on the Port Covington project in regards to the TIF that has just received city council board approval and will again go to the Mayor's desk to be sign. Then it will move onto the next steps in the financial process. Councilman Costello answered a few questions about the TIF process and what the funds are to be used for, specifically the funding excludes the private Under Armour campus. The funding also does not include any funds for the S Hanover St bridge project and surrounding areas.

Michael Murphy stated the 2 E Wells pocket park has just opened up at 75% that the 1901 S Charles St apartment building is required to maintain for the next 10 years. Benches are on backorder from manufacturer and they are heavily watering the newly planted vegetation, but the lack of rain has been tough.

## 7. DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Michael Murphy touched on the 1238 4-story apartment in place of current vacant liquor store property. They might need a variance to add more units and the initial zoning hearing was postponed. SBNA has not taken a stance on this property. 1901 S Light asked for support to the historic tax credit, which the SBNA has written a letter of support for.

#### 8. SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Lisa Nguyen was not in attendance, but Michael Murphy and Brittany provided an update that the Secret Supper Club is now Thursday, November 3rd. This date was postponed due to less response than expected due to summer months.

#### 9. LIQUOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chris Franzione provided an update on the Live Entertainment and Outdoor Seating request by Das Bier Haus, at this time no complaints on noise and they currently have already started to do outdoor seating with the permit they already have. The seating is a two part process they have the first part and just awaiting the second/final part to get seating permanently.

Next up Banditos is looking to purchase the current frozen yogurt place that is not doing well and is actively seeking a new tenant/buyer. They want to open up a craft style burger concept in that space. Banditos has been eyeing up this location for expansion for awhile now and the current owner is in the process of selling properties to move out of Federal Hill. The main issue is they want liquor in this restaurant that means they need to connect the restaurant to Banditos, LLC by opening

a hole in the wall. Co-owners were in attendance and expressed their desire to stay in Federal Hill to put down roots for a long time to come, similar to their purchase of C&R across the street and now WayWard. The new space would be 75-100 people added onto their 120 seats at Banditos currently. Will also present to FHNA very soon since this property is ready to turn over in good faith of community awareness even though SBNA has the MOU. Would like to get approval for liquor board meeting next month in October.

Lastly, there is already an ownership change to Bluegrass purchased by Saturday Morning Cafe by expanding hours, but not much else should change.

# 10. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LDC)

Garrett Schiche provided a brief update on for the LDC and reintroduction of his/our role on the council. They are in the process of pushing work to get done including the recent release of the complete streets, which overall was felt like a complete failure that blame was put on DOT for not providing what was expected at all. This study has to be redone completely already costing \$250,000 for the first go around. Next issue brought up is the current state of the trash service that is not at all acceptable especially with the extra LDC funding now being provided. They are now looking into the big belly trash cans again but this time we can leash the cans for less the the \$18,000 it costs to buy them. Locations are to be considered right now and to be installed in 3 months time. The city is trying to extend the underground fiber from the neighborhoods to the schools that is supposed to happen in the next year. Parks & Recs has agreed to connect the Gwynn Falls trails to downtown past the casino and through our neighborhood.

# 11. NEW BUSINESS

<u>Vote:</u> Live Entertainment and Outdoor Seating for Das Bier Haus - **PASSED** (No Opposition) -> LE and Seating times differ per weekday vs. weekend

Vote: Letter of support from SBNA on the Port Covington TIF - PASSED (No Opposition)

Thursday, September 22nd they will do a 1 hour walk and go to Homesylce from 4:30-7:00pm for pizza, this will be to encourage increasing officers living in the neighborhood. The purpose will be to educate a bunch of police cadets on the neighborhood of the positives to have them move in here called "pizza in the precincts."

Councilman Costello has been working on a bill to change how the city does audits to save money and expand the scope of the services provided while reducing property taxes. A charter amendment would need to put in place to audit every 2 years versus 4 years, more agencies will audited (13 versus 32) and follow up audits will happen. This amendment allowed his bill to pass by council but will be on the ballot this November to be voted on, question "I" on the ballot.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned and the next general membership meeting will be in two months on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at Delia Foley's.

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Respectfully submitted,

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