

SBNA GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
11/14/2017

M I N U T E S

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 10/10/2017 General Membership Meeting were reviewed and approved by the general membership.

2. OLD BUSINESS

We will table conversation about Das Bier Haus at this time. When the owners can demonstrate progress or a need for a letter of support more information will be shared.

3. PRESENTATION

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

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Petty Cash	\$100.00	\$100.00	--
General Fund Balance	\$6,056.58	\$8,285.37	
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	\$83.41	\$83.41	--
Balance	\$8,654.16	\$7733.07	

Peter Bartels, treasurer provided an update. He reminded residents that any dues paid in November and December will cover all of 2018.

5. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lt. Sean Miller, the evening shift commander attended. Reported crimes included larceny from auto and attempted larceny from auto. The Lt. addressed concerns about the robberies and assaults taking place in the neighborhood on Halloween. Four suspects, two male and two female, all juveniles have been arrested on multiple charges and detained with no bail. The police have determined that there were only four suspects involved. SBNA was advised to call the prosecutors to determine the dates of any court proceedings and final charges.

A resident referenced the community impact statements neighbors were advised to complete during the COP walk. The resident said they were not able to obtain the information to complete the form. The Lt. shared that the statements usually come from the neighborhood association,

rather than individual residents, but the necessary information can be found on the judicial case search. Mike shared that SBNA is already looking into community impact statements including how/when to complete the forms. The resident asked how she could personally write one as a result of the incidents on Halloween. The Lt. suggested that she fill out as much of the form as possible and include her statement. Mike clarified that this process is run through the States Attorney's Office and that as an association we are looking into this. Eric Costello has also advised that residents share statements with his office so that he can track them. Mike also shared that the posted 90%+ success rate of the State's Attorney's Office might suggest that they are not attempting to prosecute as many crimes as they should.

A resident asked what other options, such as cameras, are available to help protect residents on the peninsula. It was shared that Benefits District funding cannot be used to support safety concerns but rather beautification efforts. LDC funds could be used to monitor the entrance and exits to the neighborhood.

A resident shared that at the COP walk, the Major stated additional patrols would be deployed to the peninsula and asked for confirm that increased patrols have been happening. The Lt. said that additional officers have not been deployed to our area yet. He shared that undercover officers are transitioning and expanding their skill set to be surveilling for a different type of crime, such as assault and robbery. The Lt. encouraged residents to report any crime or provide any information to help apprehend the perpetrators of crime. Residents complained about the response of 911 call centers. Residents have been hung up on, calls not answered, or calls being passed along to officers after a significant delay. Residents were advised to call City Hall and work with Eric Costello to request improvements. Major Ward and Costello have requested that they be notified when residents don't get response from 911, police officers or other city officials.

Photographs of suspects in the recent murder in Locust Point have been posted on Facebook. The Lt. shared the difference between a suspect, person of interest and witness. The individuals whose photos are being posted may be anyone of those. Resident asked if there was increased patrol at the time that bars and restaurants are closing to help protect the staff walking home.

Residents were reminded that the first Monday of the month the COP walk begins at the Riverside Park Gazebo. The Baltimore City, Citi Watch program allows residents to register their property as being willing to share any video footage captured by home security systems in case something happens in the area.

Resident shared that Patterson Park NA is working on an app that would allow residents to share suspicious activity. Resident will research and report out at the next meeting.

6. DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

7. COMMUNITY INTEREST

Mike will send an email blast with a pdf of the redone Complete Streets Study. The study will be used to guide the distribution of funding from the Benefits District. Residents were encouraged to attend meetings.

Sagamore has agreed to be responsible for the Hanover Street medians.

SBNA is actively exploring how to complete Community Impact statements. Residents agreed that Eric should be pushed to provide the information he said he would share in regard to which judges are the most responsive to community impact statements. To summarize there are three Community Impact options; Individual Statements, SBNA Statements, Statements to Eric. Mike advised residents to wait to see what Tim is able to find out. SBNA will prove we can do it, prove we can repeat it, then advise residents how to best provide meaningful feedback.

Residents were advised that outdoor lighting is important. It was suggested that timers or motion sensors can be helpful. **MIKE- ADD THE MAKE AND MODEL OF THE TIMER THAT INCLUDES COORDINATES AND ADJUSTS ITSELF DURING DAYLIGHT SAVINGS.** Resident asked for lighting in Riverside park. Mike will check with Riverside Park NA. Resident suggested using LDC funds and partnering with Ace Hardware to provide assistance ordering and installing lights with timers outside of residences.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Motion to have Carl as our LDC and SBGP representative. Motion passed.

Attendees were asked how they heard about the meeting. Resident suggested using Next Door to share meeting dates, times, locations.

A resident suggested that bar owners should take part in reminding patrons to be aware and safe when leaving. Mike reminded residents that the Hospitality Association has supported efforts such as that in the past. They have supported the funding of police bike patrols and extra policing on busy evenings.

8. SOUTH BALTIMORE GATEWAY PARTNERSHIP

The SBNA Executive Board is nominating Carl to take Garrett's place. The next period for applying for grants will be in the spring. Dates have not yet been announced.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned. The next general membership meeting will be in **two months at Delia Foley's** on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara McNulty, SBNA Secretary