

## M I N U T E S

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 05/08/2018 General Membership Meeting were reviewed and approved by the general membership.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to address at the meeting this evening.

### 3. PRESENTATION

There was no formal presentation at the meeting this evening.

### 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	\$5,084.24	\$4,162.57	<b>\$806.22</b>
Tree Fund	\$497.00	\$497.00	--
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	--
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$8,081.82</b>	<b>\$7,159.15</b>	

Peter Bartels, Treasurer provided an update.

### 5. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

There was no officer present at the meeting this evening.

The neighborhood COP Walk was held on Monday, June 4, 2018.

### 6. DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

The developers of 1900 Light Street, which is currently a series of 4 existing commercial/industrial properties (formerly a slaughter house) presented. The properties are currently zoned residential. The developers are requesting Neighborhood Commercial zoning available through the city's new zoning code. The new zoning was enacted to help bring back to life unused/vacant buildings throughout the city. The developers are planning a historic renovation and third floor addition.

There are 600 apartment units in the adjacent blocks. Adding Minnow to the area increased business for Hersh's which helped the developers realize that no additional apartments are needed and that additional businesses in the area are what's needed. Their plans include two stories of offices and a third floor and roof top terrace that will host guest speakers each month. There is also a proposed urban garden to support local restaurants. Nothing will change about the façade of the building. Local restaurants are already interested in the restaurant space. A resident asked if a coffee shop was an option. Another resident expressed concern that parking is tight after 7 pm. The developers agreed and pointed out that during the day there is an abundance of parking. Evening hours will include valet parking. Light St is not eligible for residential permit parking so this will not impact resident parking. The developers/owners asked for SBNA support and advised they will keep us in the loop as they are viewing this as a community project. The existing fitness studio will stay. Gilda spoke on their behalf, reminding us that the developers/owners are all native Baltimoreans.

Dennis provided an update on the Hanover Street median. Sagamore entered into an agreement with SBNA to care for the plantings. Sagamore asked SBNA to provide funds to replace plants that had died and SBNA was unable to offer additional funds. Sagamore ultimately found the funds and paid for the new plantings without SBNA contribution.

## **7. COMMUNITY INTEREST**

The Community Dumpster will be available to residents again in August 2018 for four hours beginning at approximately 9:00 am.

Debbie Alt presented on the proposed Virtual Parking Permits. Debbie is a member of the city residential parking permit board on behalf of SBNA. The parking authority has developed a virtual permit parking which would mean no more visitor passes and no more window stickers for residents. Area 30 is planned to be brought on board in 2020. Residents in Area 30 will decide to remain with parking permits as is, or move to virtual parking permits. With virtual parking permits everything would be done on line. Enforcement would be done by using license plate recognition technology. If car is not registered as a guest or resident a ticket will be issued. The city's goal is to save time so residents don't have to pick up permits and more heavily enforce the use of visitor passes. There are no proposed changes to guest pass regulations however all guests would need to register on line. A resident asked how you address unplanned guests. Debbie explained that the guest should call on the way and the resident can register the guest as they're arriving. When a guest is registered on line you must include the length of time they will stay. This can be adjusted as needed. Party passes would still be available on line. The implementation of virtual parking passes would not increase enforcement. There are currently 118 parking officers and 26 vacancies. As a result, citations are down. Neighborhood cannot decide to have residents without stickers but guests with passes. Residents requested a way for neighbors to identify if cars belong to Area 30 residents or not. A resident asked if the tickets would be issued by mail or would someone still leave the ticket on the car. A resident asked if virtual parking permits will increase efficiency. Debbie advised that the agency is promising a total sweep of the area twice per month. Currently a total sweep of the area is done about once per month. Parking enforcement does not fall under the parking authority. A resident asked what they would be scanning for (warrants, parking violation, outstanding moving violations). Debbie said they would strictly scanning to identify the ability to park in area 30 only focusing on visitor pass abuse.

Reference: [Baltimore Sun – Virtual Parking Permit Story](http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-ci-virtual-parking-permits-20180328-story.html)

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## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

A motion for an MOU with Sharon Johnson, owner of Cheese Galore and More was approved.

A motion to transfer the Teen Council Funds to the General Fund was approved.

Andrew, owner of Delia Foley's requested SBNA support for seating in front of the restaurant with a small patio. The current zoning laws don't allow entertainment or outdoor seating for R8 which is what Delia Foleys is zoned. Zoning is different than liquor licenses and Andrew was advised to look into the zoning before spending money to move forward. The next block is B2 (Ropewalk) which is why other restaurants in Federal Hill can have seating in front. Andrew shared that he has also signed a lease for the existing Blue Grass. It will serve upscale American cuisine and possibly be named Hanover House or 1500 Hanover.

## **9. SPECIAL PROJECTS**

There were no special projects discussed at the meeting this evening.

## **10. LIQUOR ADVISORY**

Sharon Johnson, owner of Cheese Galore and More requested SBNA support for purchasing the beer and wine, 7 day tavern liquor license in the space vacated by Harbor Que. She will start with light fare, cheese, and gourmet groceries. She has been a vendor in the Cross Street Market for 6 years. She will also be applying for music. Sharon shared the she is still unclear when she will be open as she is still navigating the city permit process but she is hoping for July. No major renovations are planned. Sharon is requesting an MOU with SBNA to support the purchase of the liquor license. SBNA will draft an MOU that requests she follow all liquor and zoning laws. The agreement won't infringe upon her rights but will require that she update SBNA should any changes be made.

## **11. SBGC & LDC**

The grant cycle to spend casino money will begin again in August. In the last grant cycle only one \$50,000 grant was approved. SBNA can write a grant if any residents have ideas for projects that focus on security, parks/greenery, and making life in South Baltimore better. A grant writing class will be available for interested residents. A resident asked if writing a grant for the Hanover Street medians would be advisable in case Sagamore falls through in the future. The lights on Charles and Light St could be added too.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned. The next general membership meeting will be in one month at Delia Foley's on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

## **SBNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP - MEETING MINUTES**

Respectfully submitted,

Tara McNulty, SBNA Secretary