



M I N U T E S

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 09/11/2018 General Membership Meeting were reviewed and approved by the general membership.

2. OLD BUSINESS

SBNA held a Block Party on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Approximately 60-100 residents attended. The block party started at 1:00 p.m. and the street was opened up again just after 6:00 p.m. The event included activities, a DJ, food truck and an opportunity for neighbors to spend time getting to know each other and learn more about the SBNA. Kids activities were donated, Matt will store them in his garage until the block party next year. Membership agreed to hold the Block Party again in 2019.

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	\$135.00	25 ds. 10 don.
General Fund Balance	\$4,093.40	\$2,728.25	-1271.42
SOBO Green Tree Fund	\$497.00	\$497.00	--
Heath Street Community Garden	\$1,945.28	\$1,945.28	--
Auxiliary Police Bike Fund	\$83.41	\$83.41	--
Balance	\$6,619.09	\$5,388.94	

Peter Bartels, Treasurer provided an update. Block Party expenses included:

City Application	\$32.50
A Flush Away	\$300.00
DJ Babs	\$498.00
8 Bags of Ice	\$40.62
Food Truck	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total	\$1,271.42

Peter has received a request to donate funds for trees from our Tree Fund. Patty, formerly in charge of SOBO Green, has not been active for about a year. SBNA Membership agreed to contribute funds.

5. POLICE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

There was no officer present at the meeting this evening. A member of the ONA attending reported that officers are attending the Otterbein Neighborhood Association Meetings. Major Brown did not attend but sent a representative. She suggested reporting to the chief when police don't attend our association meetings. Residents agree the officers who attend aren't responsive to concerns.

The September incident count in the SBNA membership area is 6. The September incident count in the Southern District is 344. Additional details are provided as an attachment. **MIKE ATTACH THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORTS AND DELETE THIS.** 🗑️

There was a Public Safety Forum held at Digital Harbor on October 1, 2018. Most residents were aware of the forum so it was well advertised. Residents estimated there were approximately 300 residents in attendance. City officials reiterated that while there were a few recent incidents overall crime in general and murders are down. Residents suggested contacting the governor to say that the city needs assistance to get the issues in the city under control. It was also suggested that we work with A resident expressed frustration that she didn't attend the meeting to answer questions and that there seems to be no focus on the long-term plan that might change what's happening now. A resident asked if cameras were discussed at the meeting. A resident about grant funds being used to address issues. A resident also stated that city officials reported street lamps will be repaired. asked Public safety is a government function as opposed to an organization designed to provide grants. Gateway funds are not sufficient to address the scale and on-going needs.

Residents shared suggestions for high impact, low cost, positive steps we can take to help prevent crime, for example turn on porch lights. Perhaps SBNA can put flyers in mailboxes about turning on lights like we did to advertise the Block Party. Community impact statements are also suggested. SBNA board member Tim Skinner provided an update on community impact statements. Tim has been working for over a year following the case from last Halloween. Our community liaison, Ellen Vargas is not very responsive. Juvenile trials also pose a challenge. Tim's opinion is that the process is lengthy, time consuming and not effective. When we address that with city officials, they say there is more impact in attending. Tim has also been actively trying, with no success, to get a list of the incidents from our area that are going to court so members can provide impact statements or attend. Attending can be challenging as dates and times change frequently. Residents were reminded that they only come into play during sentencing. Juveniles are also able to request a retrial frequently. While the cameras are installed by the city are cost prohibitive, residents can install cameras much more economically.

The police seem to be successful at solving crimes and catching criminals. Unfortunately many of them are repeat offenders who aren't convicted or serve short sentences. The police seem to struggle with preventing crime.

<https://www.baltimorepolice.org/crime-stats/crime-map-data-stats> provides crime statistics for the neighborhood if residents are interested.

Scott Davis, the liaison for Jack Young's office and works closely with Eric Costello's office. Councilman Costello will be participating in the Police Oversight hearings tomorrow, October 10, 2018 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at City Hall. Half of the hearing focuses on funding for BPD and half of the hearing focuses on public safety. It will be streamed live on Charm City TV and then posted on YouTube.

The next COP walk will be on Monday, November 5, 2018 starting in Riverside Park.

6. DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

The Bike Share spaces no longer in use will be repurposed for things other than parking, such as a small green space or parkette. A resident suggested EV charging stations since electricity has already been run. Another resident suggested small, air- conditioned kennels for dogs while residents are in stores. SBNA membership agreed to advocate for designated “dockless” areas to accommodate scooter and bike share parking.

7. COMMUNITY INTEREST

Area 30 Parking Permits can be renewed online and will be available for pickup in Federal Hill on Saturday 1/12, Monday 1/21, Saturday 1/26 and Tuesday 1/29.

The community dumpster will be available on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The dumpster will be located at the North East corner of South Hanover and Ostend Streets. This will be posted on Facebook right before the dumpster is delivered.

8. NEW BUSINESS

SBNA Membership voted to approve a letter of support for the liquor license transfer for AJs on Hanover.

SBNA Membership voted to approve writing a letter to the governor asking for assistance with local policing oversight, including providing more support in areas where the state police have clear jurisdiction.

Cheese Galore and More proposed a wine glass painting fundraising event. The cost would be \$20 and include the glass, paints and a glass of wine. SBNA would receive \$7.

9. SPECIAL PROJECTS

10. LIQUOR ADVISORY

AJs on Hanover will be officially opening on October 20, 2018. The liquor license transfer hearing will be on Thursday, October 18, 2018. There will be a small outside eating area. The final menu will be posted on Monday, that will include vegan options. Coffee, wine and cocktails will be available on draft. The menu will be moderately priced and include appetizers and entrees. This venue will be more of a restaurant focus than Delia Foleys or Smalltimore. High chairs, booster seats and silverware will be available.

11. SBGP & LDC

There have been no SBGP or LDC meetings since the last SBNA meeting. Karl shared a brief overview of the grant submission and approval process for residents not familiar with the SBGP and LDC.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned. The next general membership meeting will be in one month at Delia Foley's on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara McNulty, SBNA Secretary