

South Baltimore Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: November 8, 2022

Time: 7:10pm

Location: Delia Foley's

Commencement

Reports of Officers

- President's Report - Sam Cogen
 - Opposed a transfer of a 7 Day license to Nicks Fish House; Nicks current Tavern license would be extinguished; the new license would provide the ability to sell to boaters in the marina; events being held at SouthPort are causing traffic and can cause safety issues for residents if expanded without city fire, police, and emt resources; Nickss Fish House owner was very supportive, open to conversation and addressing resident concerns; they requested a rescheduled hearing so they have time to meet with SBNA
 - Jenn reached out to the Community liaison at the Port Covington development and will request one free ticket to the event on 11/15 where they will share development plans and the new name; they also put SBNA in touch with the Community Outreach Team; residents understand there will be a foot path to Federal Hill and have questions about that
 - Charles Street Liquors will sign a modified MOU; Evan will reach out next week
- Vice President's Report – Greg Morris
 - Greg announced that he is resigning as he has moved out of the SBNA area; he has agreed to run again should he move back into the SBNA footprint
- Secretary's Report – Tara McNulty
 - A motion for October minutes to be approved was made and passed
- Treasurer's Report – Peter Bartels
 - There is currently a total of \$1713.58 in the SBNA Account
 - \$182 for post office box
 - \$445 board insurance
 - \$251 on social media
- Board Member Report – Vacant – No Report
- Board Member Report – Evan Pelecky – No Report
- Past President Report – Mike Murphy – No Report

Standing Committee Chairs – Appointed by President; Voted on by the Board Members

- Communications/Social Media – Megan Spindler, Chair
 - No Report
- Liquor License Establishments Advisory – Tara McNulty, Chair
 - The committee continues to work with establishments within our boundaries to sign MOUs

- The MOU has been shared with several bar owners; adjustments have been made based on feedback and the final version has been established; bar owners will now be asked to sign MOUs; Sean and Andrew haven't signed to date
- Community Public Safety – Sam Cogen, Acting Chair
 - Vacant, Member
 - Fed Hill, Fed Hill South, SBNA, Fed Hill Main Street applied for grants of \$250,000 each for a total of \$1,000,000 for enhanced police security (foot and vehicle) in the Federal Hill Main Street footprint; this is proof of concept to the bars adding a surcharge down the road to sustain the initiative; Brad O'Brien with FHMS has been instrumental in this process; any law enforcement officers are eligible to work at additional salary; grant funds go directly to the city to pay the officers; they are on duty officers not working special detail and cannot be pulled for city issues other than emergencies; to enhance public safety and prevention of crimes of opportunity; considered proactive policing
- Neighborhood Design and Development – Greg Morris, Chair
 - No Report
- Government Services and 311 – Jennifer Eastman, Chair
 - A resident asked if SBNA can be provided an update on the city recycling schedule
- Cleaning and Greening – Megan Spindler, Chair
 - Jennifer Eastman, Member
 - Megan will coordinate the group working to finalize the grant for the plantings of the trees in the fall
 - Spotted Lantern flies have made their way to Baltimore City; they're difficult to kill but be persistent; they are invasive pests that kill trees and grapevines

Ad Hoc Committees – Less formal; Short-term special projects; Not Board Members

- Election Committee – Evan Pelecky, Chair
 - Evan will establish an election committee
 - Open positions include a voting board member, Communications Chair and potentially the president
- Traffic Committee
 - A committee has been established based on resident concerns about the intersection of East Ostend and Patapsco Streets; see notes below
- Residential Parking Permit – Mike Murphy, Chair
 - Still working on moving Area 30 renewal from January to May

SBNA Representation

- Residential Parking Permits Committee
 - No Report
- SBGP
 - No Report

Old Business

- No old business to discuss

New Business

- A resident shared there has been an increase in graffiti on the corner of Light and Ostend; the property owner agreed to paint over it by the end of August but that has not been done; the process for the property entering into receivership begins in March 2023 if there is no viable plan in place and presented to the judge
- Al Barry, Land Use Consultant who works in the Federal Hill Area and Lameeh Martin, the building operator are requesting a zoning change to the property at 1740 Light Street; currently zoned for 5 residential units and commercial on the first floor, it was shared the commercial space would be an office at the time of initial presentation about 5 years ago; currently requesting a zoning change from office space to commercial space to be used as a CBD shop (not a convenience store as indicated on the posted sign) Residents shared concerns that there is plenty of currently vacant retail space and additional retail space would not enhance the neighborhood however the space is zoned as Neighborhood Commercial; Resident raised questions about where the trash will be disposed as there is no dumpster space; the operator is proposing hours of 11AM-7PM selling quality cigars, tobacco and CBD products; operator wasn't able to answer detailed questions about trash or other topics but agreed to sign an MOU that would include not permitting patrons to sit outside; the operator could not speak to whether or not the business model will change should the laws change regarding marijuana sales; the operator is from NY but lives locally; Residents voted and approved not to oppose the variance but not to write a letter of support as requested; residents also feel the MOU is required to address; trash, no outside seating and no neon or flashing lighting; residents agreed that it does speak to the potential for a committed relationship since the building owner, business operator and land use consultant all attended

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Announcement of next meeting

The next executive board meeting will be on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm

The next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. – The SBNA Holiday Party will take place on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm in lieu of the monthly meeting

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.