

South Baltimore Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Date: January 10, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Delia Foley's

Commencement

Reports of Officers

- President's Report - Sam Cogen
 - Met with the developers of the Baltimore Peninsula developers to encourage improved communication with residents to the north of their development
- Vice President's Report – Evan Pelecky
 - An MOU with Charles St liquors was drafted and signed
 - SBNA will be restarting “SBNA Happy Hour” on the third Wednesday of each month beginning February 15th
 - There is now a vacant board position as Evan transitioned to vice president
- Secretary's Report – Tara McNulty
 - November Minutes will be reviewed and approved in February
- Treasurer's Report – Peter Bartels
 - There is currently a total of \$1672.71 in the SBNA Account
- Board Member Report – Justin Lane was introduced as a new board member
- Board Member Report – Vacant – 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
 - Mike Murphy will be assisting with communications; other volunteers would be appreciated
 - Information about parking renewals will be posted soon
- Liquor License Establishments Advisory – Tara McNulty, Chair
 - The committee continues to work with establishments within our boundaries to sign MOUs
 - Volunteers to assist would be appreciated
- Community Public Safety – Sam Cogen, Acting Chair
 - Vacant, Member
- Neighborhood Design and Development – Vacant, Chair
 - Upper Room Church has opened on the 1400 Block of South Charles St; several noise complaints have been received within the first few weeks
- Government Services and 311 – Jennifer Eastman, Chair
 - No Report
 - Resident asked if we still have Street Sweeping; residents were advised that we have in the past but residents were happy to forgo the street sweeping so as not to

have to move their cars; Nancy Meade from Eric Costello's office will look into what's still in place

- Cleaning and Greening – Megan Spindler, Chair
 - Jennifer Eastman, Member
 - Megan will coordinate the group for now; additional volunteers would be appreciated
 - SBNA was awarded a grant to expand existing and/or create new tree pits; Mike and Jen are assisting with this project; the team is working with *Tree Baltimore* to get the pits opened; Pit locations have already been identified
 - SBNA would like to coordinate Spring Clean Up; Justin volunteered to head this project

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

- Election Committee – Evan Pelecky, Chair
 - Disbanded
- Traffic Committee
 - Disbanded
- Residential Parking Permit – Mike Murphy, Chair
 - Area 30 annual parking permit renewal has been moved from January 30 to April 30th each year
 - Current permits will be honored until April 30, 2023 even though they say they will expire on January 30, 2023
 - Residential permit pick-up will now happen in April 2023
 - Virtual permits will be coming to Area 30 if the city can demonstrate increased enforcement of parking violations

SBNA Representation

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

Old Business

- No old business to discuss

New Business

- Matt Achhammer, Baltimore Liquor Board Community Liaison attended; he advised residents to use 311 for complaints; if complaints are received prior to 10 or 11pm their inspectors are often able to investigate that night; When residents call the message might say the office is closed but the information will be received; residents can contact 311 or Matt for additional information
- Baltimore Peninsula representatives including Mag Partners Rob Whitock, and Sagamore Ventures Arron May, attended to present on the status of the Baltimore Peninsula development (formerly known as Port Covington); they acknowledged there is additional

work to be done to establish partnerships with community organizations, room for improved communication and opportunity for the neighborhood to have input into the next phases of the project; they shared their goal is to bring new opportunity and new investments to Baltimore; While the developers have changed, the team has sustained continuity as many employees transitioned to the MAG Partners; a current participant in the development, Weller, has already committed from 2015-2025 to maintain the medians on Hanover Street and that will continue; the presenters addressed ways they are supporting Baltimore infrastructure along the way such as including parks; SBNA will be able to host events in the open air market space; it was also shared that the development will provide it's own security to address the lack of city resources; they are working closely in conjunction with the city and other safety agencies; the Baltimore Peninsula security patrols, as well as required vendor security, will address increased security during events; Moving forward 51% of employees need to be Baltimore residents, this includes potential business tenants; Residents asked about Sun Building which they indicated is still TBD; the DPW consent decree related to the storm water and sewer system will be helped by plans for under Triangle Park, an area of the planned development; Tree beds on tops of buildings have been designed to mitigate environmental impact; a future environmental tour of the property may be planned; they also shared that the project is essentially self-sustaining as there is no over-arching tax increase for a few decades, however there will be jobs and positive economic impact with no city funds being expended; residents asked and were told there are no plans for improvement of the Hanover St Bridge as it's not within their purview.

- Nancy Mead from Eric Costello's office is going to help address the need for a Hanover Street cross walk where the sidewalk is closed to Alta construction
- Resident, Adam Onderdonk, in conjunction with FHNA and RNA wrote a grant application for \$90,000 to fund cameras on Ostend and Hanover; the LPR cameras (License Plate Reader) can tell police in real time when a car passes with an identified license plate; exact locations for the cameras have not yet been determined; the grant will also include High Resolution cameras that will need to be placed and powered by local businesses. The grant for proof-of-concept for private funding of additional police presence in the Federal Hill business district was not funded
- Steve Cole requested submissions for the Peninsula Post; Sunday May 7th they will host *I love SoBO Day* after the Kinetic Sculpture Race
- FHMS will be putting out surveys to see what new business residents would like to see in our area

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Announcement of next meeting

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

The next general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.