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A publication of SBIC—the neighborhood association for South Baltimore



November 2008

Go Vote!

SBIC Board Elections

By Patrick Mutch

The general elections for the SBIC offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be held at the November 11th community meeting. Nominations have been sought through the newsletter, general community meetings and word of mouth.

The candidates for President are Andrew Harrison and Julie Tice. Tiffany Delbrook is running for Vice President. Joe Costa and Dennis Plouff are running for re election for their current offices of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. These candidates were able to speak at the October general meeting regarding their background and interest in serving the community association.

The above candidates will be on the ballot for the election. No additional nominations will be accepted from the floor but write in candidates are permitted. Members must have paid dues at least 15 days in advance of the general election to qualify to vote.

Please take an interest in your community, vote and get involved!

Reminder:

City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 4th for Election Day, Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans' Day, and Thursday, November 27th for Thanksgiving Day. No trash will be collected on those days.

Community Meeting

The next General Meeting
will be
Tuesday, November 11th

6:30p.m.—Pre-meeting social with
refreshments

7:00 p.m. - General Meeting

at Olive Branch UMC
(corner of S. Charles St. &
Fort Ave.)

Recycling Days

All paper, cans, glass, and numbers 1-7 plastics shall be collected on the 2nd & 4th Fridays, November 14th & 28th.



All recycling collected streetside

Get Out!

Boogie Knights

Saturday, November 8th
8:00p.m.

Riverside Stage, 1530 Battery Avenue

Riverside Stage presents a concert by The Boogie Knights, a troupe of medieval merry-makers lampooning modern mores in hysterical (if not quite historical) parodies. Visit www.boogie-knights.org or call 410-837-0971. Tickets are \$10, and all proceeds for this concert will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Federal Hill Preparatory School Open House

Tuesday, November 11th
6:00p.m.

Federal Hill Prep, Light & Cross Streets

Learn about FHP's innovative integration of Core Knowledge and Direct Instruction for Pre-K through 8th Grade.

Community Clean Up

Saturday, November 20th
9:00a.m.—Noon

Meet at Fort Ave & Charles Street

Brooms, rakes and gloves provided. The first 20 participants will receive gift certificates to Ryleigh's Oyster Bar.

Festive Flavors of Federal Hill

Tuesday, December 2nd
6:00p.m.—10:00p.m.

A neighborhood favorite: Federal Hill Main Street's 13th Annual Festive Flavors. Experience the best of Federal Hill restaurants, taverns, galleries, and gift shops with neighbors and friends. Food, drink, gift ideas, fun! Call 410-727-4500 or go to www.historicalfederalhill.org for ticket information.



SoBoImCo

SoBoImCo is a monthly production of the South Baltimore Improvement Committee, Inc. whose mission is "to encourage, through regular meetings, the formal exchange of ideas; to work with local law enforcement in promoting safety; and to assist individuals and families in the continuing process of neighborhood renewal." We welcome articles, ads and photo submissions via mail or email:

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We reserve the right to edit or reject submissions. Articles represent the opinions of the authors and not necessarily those of SoBoImCo. We believe all sources of information are reliable, however, we do not guarantee completeness or accuracy.

Membership

Residents of South Baltimore are encouraged to become members of SBIC. Just contact an SBIC officer for more information.

Meetings

Community meetings of SBIC are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Olive Branch United Methodist Church located at the corner of Charles Street and Fort Avenue.

Website

www.soboimco.org

Play Ball!

Home Ravens' games:

November 23—vs. Eagles

Other Stadium Events:

November 8th—Annual City-Poly Game
November 15th—Navy vs. Notre Dame
November 27th—Annual Loyola-Calvert Hall Game

Save yourself a ticket and a tow and watch for restricted parking during stadium events in Area A and Area 30 parking zones.

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From the Prez Desk

By Donnie Fair

This is my last address to you as president of the neighborhood association; I am very pleased that Andy Harrison and Julie Tice have both stepped forward to run for the office of president of the neighborhood association. The role of president is very demanding and very rewarding, so for both of these reasons I am happy to allow another person to make their contribution to the neighborhood. I am also pleased that we have a full complement of officers on the ballot.

It has been a pleasure to serve as president of the association. I thank all of my committee chairs and other officers for making the association a stronger, more beneficial service to the community. I trust that the incoming president will continue to appreciate the hard work of the many other people who invest their time and energy to make South Baltimore a better place to live.

I will continue to be involved with the association. I look forward to continuing my work with each of the committee chairs and officers to see that the neighborhood has the best information and the best representation as it grows and evolves with the many influences being exerted by business, politics and overarching demographics among other things.

Finally, I thank all of the many people who have shown an increased interest in the association and the service it provides to the community. The evidence of this through increased membership, increased subscription to our publications and newsletters, increased correspondence from the community at large, increased participation at cleanups and fundraisers – all of these things show that the semblance of increased civic pride in South Baltimore.

I encourage you to become a member of the association, to make it a priority to know your association's officers, to attend one or two General Membership meetings a year and to come out every now and again to reinvest in your neighborhood at a happy hour fundraiser or at a community clean up – these little things are the fibers of a much larger fabric that make South Baltimore home.

In a Minute

By Joe Costa

Minutes from the October 7th General Meeting

Guest Speakers

Jack Baker, President, Southern District Police & Community Relations Council and *Officer Butterbean* of the Southern District introduced *Major Margaret Barillaro*, the new Deputy Commander of the Southern Police District. Major Barillaro has 15 years of experience in police work. She had been in her new job for 2 weeks and was continuing to learn the community. Officer Butterbean reported that overall crime in the area remains down, but that car thefts were up and there had been some scattered burglaries, 3 of which have occurred recently. He emphasized the need to keep valuables out of sight in parked cars, and to call in suspicious activity and crimes immediately. It is very important to give as much detail as possible when re-

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Lots Happenings at the Light Street Branch Library

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Wednesdays, 10 a.m. (except November 26)
For children up to the age of three with their caregivers. An interactive nursery rhyme program with music and movement.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 11 a.m. (except November 26)
Ages 3-5. Stories, songs, and fun for preschoolers.

COLD WAR MEMORIES OF A SUBMARINE CAPTAIN

Monday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.

Captain Michael DeHaemer, USN (retired), will discuss his personal experience of submarine operations during the height of the Cold War, when he served on seven different submarines, making 14 deterrent patrols. Capt. DeHaemer will talk about the Cold War setting, U.S. deterrent posture, and the impact on those who served and their families, concluding with a reality check against popular movies and books.

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages 5-17. Explore different art forms and learn to make original artwork using a variety of materials. Presented by Sandy Anderson.

BLACK CATS, GROUNDHOGS, DUKE ELLINGTON AND THE WRIGHT BROTHERS: WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON?

Tuesday, November 18, 1 p.m.

Award winning author Wendie Old will share the odd things she learned while writing children's books.

BOOK CLUB

Thursday, November 20, 7 p.m.

Book discussion group for adults. Please call the branch for this month's selection.

READ ME

Tuesday, November 25, 4 p.m.

Teen forum to discuss book themes relating to everyday life.

Call 410-396-1096 to register for all programs

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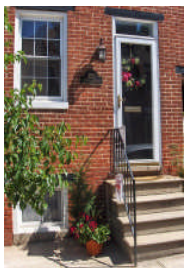
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porting a crime. Street addresses are critical not only for individual crime or suspicious incident reports, but also for identifying hot crime spots in the community over time, because such spots are determined by the number of reported crimes/suspicious activity incidents at a street addresses. Major Barillaro stated that if a cell phone is stolen that allowing time for the police to track the location of the phone, before calling to have the service cut off, can aid the police in identifying and capturing the perpetrators. The value of keeping records of property serial numbers was also emphasized as a way to help recover stolen property.

The Deputy Commander has made contact with the owner of the Victory House, a hot spot for problems in our community, to arrange a meeting. Officer Butterbean has met with the owner and his son who both told him that they are committed to cleaning-up the place, and that they need help to do so. The officer said that if reporting an incident at this location to use its street address, 1702-1708 Light Street, so that these incidents can be tracked and totaled for later reporting and action.

Sharon McCulloch reported that there had been a cop walk on October 6 in which members from the Riverside and SBIC community groups and the new deputy commander participated. During the walk drug dealers were identified in the kids' area of Riverside Park after the park was closed. If residents see suspicious activity in the park they should report these to the police immediately. The next COP Walk will be on November 6, 2008, meeting at 7:00 pm at the gazebo in Riverside Park. Sharon McCulloch is leaving her position as chair of SBIC's Police/Community Relations

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Design Review

By Steve Zaleskiwicz

There were 2 new developments presented at our October GM meeting.

1111 Light Street- This project is located in an area bordered by Light, Cross, William and Weber Streets. Mr. Arsh Mirmiran, President of Mirmiran Atlantic Property Development presented for the second time his proposal of 93 units with 1 parking space per unit. There will be new stores and office space fronting Light St. Current plans call for a facade and structure height in keeping with the surrounding buildings. Parking and traffic was one of the main concerns of community members. This was voiced at our first meeting about this project. Mr. Mirmiran said that there will be a Traffic Impact Study done by Department of Planning & Transportation. Members asked that a close look at the intersections of Cross And Light Streets, Cross and William Streets Light and Weber Streets and the widening of the sidewalk in the school area be included in this study. Also

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Committee. The position is open and SBIC members are invited to volunteer to replace her.

Officer Butterbean stated that every month the Southern Police District has a meeting where members of the community are invited. These meetings are a good source of information about what is going on in the community from a police perspective. The Officer also thanked all for donations to the Police Explorers which allowed Southern District Explorers to travel to Colorado to participate in an Explorer Jamboree. 27 kids from the district participated in this event. Explorers are available to help in community activities.

Ian Hines, Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods liaison for the Southern District, reported on this new city initiative and how it could assist our community. His job is to work with community associations and to be responsive to the community's needs. Ian reported on the Free Shuttle project the city is working on which will allow city residents to get around town without driving. This will help reduce vehicular congestion in the city. He reported that the shuttle will run between Penn Station and the North Street Garage, Holland's Market and Fells Point, East Side and Fells Point and

in other areas of the city. He said plans are for the service to begin in July 2009 and for it to operate from 6:00 am to 11 pm, with service at designated stops every 10 minutes. Amy Mutch reported that she had heard that the service would not come into Federal Hill. Ian stated that as far as he knew that this was incorrect, but that he will check into it and report back to us. Ian believes the service will go to West Street. Ian thanked everyone for their participation in the Star Spangle Banner Festival, the city's salute to Maryland's Olympians. His e-mail address is ian.hines@baltimorecity.gov and his phone number is 410-396-4735.

Jody Sutton, new Thomas Johnson Elementary School physical education teacher reported the school had no equipment and was conducting fund raisers and seeking equipment donations. They have collected approximately \$2,500 to date. Their goal is \$5,000. They are also seeking in-kind donations of sporting equipment for the school program. Those who wish to make a donation may drop them off at the school and/or contact Ms. Sutton at 410-804-9597—flyer attached.

Members of the Baltimore City Office of Sustainability reported on this new city

office. Sustainability in this context meant 1) all things interconnect, 2) everything goes somewhere, 3) there is no such thing as a free lunch, and 4) there is a nature backlash. The office supports a Commission of 21 members representing a cross section of city interests. The immediate purpose of the commission and office is to develop a sustainability plan for dealing with environmental concerns of the city and its communities, including issues of climate, water, recycling, etc. The commission holds monthly meetings that are open to the public, at which the public is invited to provide input to the planning process. The Commission/Office expects to present its sustainability plan for the city in September.

Arsh Mirmiran, the developer for the project at 1111 Light Street, reported on its current status. He was seeking a letter from SBIC in support of zoning changes he will be requesting from the City Zoning Board. This project is located in an area bordered by Light, Cross, William and Weber Streets. It would front on Light Street from the 1105 to 1115 addresses. The existing buildings at these addresses, except that at 1115, would be replaced. Current plans call for a façade and structure height in keeping with the surrounding buildings. The structure is

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Obesity in Pets

By Jill Shook, DVM, CityPets Veterinary Care and Wellness

Obesity in humans has become a hot topic and can lead to a variety of health concerns; the same is true for your pets! Obesity is defined as an excess of body weight of 30% or more and it is estimated that 40% of pets in the United States are obese. Obesity in pets can lead to Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, heart disease and osteoarthritis to name a few. Obesity in cats is also often associated with a disease called hepatic lipidosis, a severe liver disease that can be fatal.

It can be difficult to determine if your pet is overweight. People often consider their pets to be at a healthy weight but in actuality they are not. There have been systems developed to objectively determine ideal body weight for pets. Veterinarians use a Body Condition Score (BCS) to determine if a patient is underweight, an ideal body weight, or overweight. If your pet is an ideal body weight you should be able to feel, but not see, their ribs. There should be an abdominal tuck when the pet is viewed from the side, and an hourglass shape with a well proportioned waist when viewed from the top.

Just as in people preventing or treating obesity involves increasing exercise and limiting caloric intake. For pets, measuring the quantity of food they are fed each day, and cutting out table scraps and treats will make a significant difference. Overweight dogs should also have their thyroid levels checked because hypothyroidism, or below normal levels of thyroid hormone, can contribute to obesity. Low calorie treats and weight loss diets are also available.

Nestle Purina published a study in 2005 showing that dogs fed a restricted calorie diet lived almost 2 years longer than dogs who were not. Keeping your pet at an ideal body weight is an important part of maintaining health and longevity. If your pet is overweight your veterinarian can help you design a weight loss program that is safe for your pet.

Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.)

Please join us for a walk in one of the many Southern District neighborhoods. Bring a neighbor! All you need is a flashlight and a smile! Join old friends or make new ones. Dress appropriately for the weather.

ALL WALKS ARE AT 7:00 PM EXCEPT AS NOTED

WE ALWAYS WALK WITH A POLICE OFFICER, but we must have at least 5 community members from the scheduled neighborhood or the walk will be cancelled and the officer/s sent back on duty.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:

WINTER- If the Baltimore City Schools are closed or closing early or if it is 32 degrees or below at 6:00 PM the scheduled walk is cancelled.

RAIN - If it is raining at 6:00 PM the walk is cancelled.

DOG POLICY - Owners are responsible for the behavior of their pet and must clean-up after them. Owners are liable for any damages to property or injury to citizens, police officers or other walkers caused by their pets.

- Mon, 11/3 NEW SOUTHWEST MT CLARE - meet at the Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church, 1616 Wilkens Ave
- Wed, 11/5 BARRE CIRCLE / CAMDEN CROSSING - meet at Washington Blvd & Scott St
- Thu, 11/6 ** RIVERSIDE / SBIC - meet at the Riverside Park gazebo, Riverside Ave & E Randall St
- Mon, 11/10 FEDERAL HILL / FEDERAL HILL SOUTH - meet at Porter's Pub, E. Cross St. & Riverside Ave
- Tue, 11/11 CURTIS BAY - meet at the Curtis Bay Recreation Center, Curtis Ave & Filbert St
- Wed, 11/12 CARROLLTON RIDGE - meet at the Samuel F. B. Morse Recreation Center, Pulaski & Ashton Sts
- Thu, 11/13 OTTERBEIN / SHARP LEADENHALL - meet at S. Sharp & W. Henrietta Sts
- Fri, 11/14 DAYTIME COP - 1 PM BARRE CIRCLE / CAMDEN CROSSING - meet at Evelyn's Cafe, 784 Washington Blvd
- Mon, 11/17 HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE - meet at the Black Cherry Puppet Theater, 1115 Hollins St
- Tue, 11/18 WESTPORT - meet at the Westport Resource Center, 2322 Annapolis Rd
- Wed, 11/19 LOCUST POINT - meet at the Himalayan House Restaurant, 1522 E Fort Ave
- Mon, 11/24 MT WINANS - meet across from Mt Winans United Methodist Church, 2501 Hollins Ferry Rd
- Tue, 11/25 BROOKLYN - meet at the Hargrove District Courthouse, 700 E Patapsco Ave
- Wed, 11/26 PIGTOWN - meet at the Bath House, 904 Washington Blvd
- Mon, 12/1 RIVERSIDE / SBIC - meet at the Riverside Park gazebo, Riverside Ave & E Randall St
- Tue, 12/2 NEW SOUTHWEST MT CLARE - meet at the Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church, 1616 Wilkens Ave
- Wed, 12/3 BARRE CIRCLE / CAMDEN CROSSING - meet at Washington Blvd

Southern District Officer of the Month— William Bailey



Detective William Bailey

Detective Bailey holds a 75% clearance rate for robbery investigations. The national average is 19% clearance rate. This 75% clearance rate is the highest rate for any robbery detective in the city. His cases are primarily in Sector 4 (the South Baltimore peninsula).

Detective Bailey also handled a high profile attempted murder case on Preakness night that involved 5 victims and 6 suspects. Numerous search & seizure warrants were executed for houses, vehicles and suspects for DNA evidence.

Detective Bailey uses a combination of old school policing such as conducting surveillance in our problem areas, talking to people to hear what they have to say and maximizing the art of interrogation to contemporary investigative methods such as DNA evidence, video surveillance enhancement and cell phone tracking.

He has been a member of the police department for 6 years; 4 1/2 years in Southern District Patrol and 1 1/2 years in the detective unit. He became a police officer after proudly serving in the US Air Force for 25 years. He is married with four children.

Clean & Green

By Marianne Armstrong

RAKE, RATTLE & ROLL . . .

Ryleigh's is sponsoring the November Clean-Up on Saturday the 20th from 9am-Noon. Meet your neighbors at the corner of Fort Avenue & Charles Street at 9am. Rakes, bags, and brooms will be provided. The first 20 clean-up participants who contribute at least an hour of their time will receive a \$10 gift certificate to Ryleigh's Oyster.

December's Clean-Up will take place on Saturday the 6th at the corner of Heath & Light Streets.

Send me an email if you'd like SBIC to target your block during a clean-up, with your help of course.

Proposed Substantive Amendments to SBIC Bylaws

The following are the proposed amendments to the Organization's bylaws. These amendments will be formally presented and discussed at the September General Membership meeting, and voted on at the October General Membership meeting. For the full text of the existing bylaws, please visit www.soboimco.org/resources/SBIC_Bylaws.pdf.

Article II

Change current Section 4 to Section 5.

Add Section 4:

The SBIC will seek to keep all residents of South Baltimore informed of neighborhood plans, developments, and initiatives in an open and timely manner. The SBIC shall disseminate neighborhood information through appropriate means of communication, excepting that information which is of a legal or sensitive nature.

Article IV

Change current Sections 4 and 5 to Sections 5 and 6, respectively.

Add Section 4:

Executive Board members will present all relevant information to residents, listen to resident responses and petitions, and adhere to all decisions reached via voting or informal consensus in accordance with organizational bylaws and other regulatory agencies. Meeting agendas will include sufficient time for residents to ask questions and voice concerns.

Article V

Insert new Section 3:

The Officers are responsible for maintaining and ensuring the integrity and timeliness of communication with residents.

Article VI

Change Section 4 to Section 7.

Add Section 4:

Executive Board meetings shall be open to residents who request attendance. The meeting schedules, tentative locations, and draft agendas shall be

made available via appropriate means of communication. In cases involving legal or sensitive matters, the Executive Board may, by a majority vote, declare a closed Executive Session to handle that matter only. Once the matter is resolved, its status shall be made available via appropriate means of communication.

Add Section 5:

The Executive Board shall disseminate a complete and timely summary of its actions via appropriate means of communication.

Add Section 6:

All Executive Board members are responsible for maintaining and ensuring the integrity and timeliness of communication with residents.

Article VII

Section 2, after third sentence ("Chairs of the standing committees shall recruit committee members to assist in researching and developing solutions to issues."), add:

Standing Committee participation is open to all association members. Individuals who are disruptive or who constitute a conflict of interest may be removed or excluded only by a majority vote of the committee membership. Such removal or exclusion must be reported to the Executive Board.

Article VIII

Section 3, after first sentence ("Chairs of the ad-hoc committees shall recruit committee members to assist in researching and developing solutions to these issues."), add:

Ad Hoc Committee participation is open to all association members. Individuals who are disruptive or constitute a conflict of interest may be removed or excluded only by a majority vote of the Ad Hoc committee membership. Such removal or exclusion must be reported to the Executive Board.



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Mr. Mirmiran feels that with the free shuttle project, the city's proposed ride sharing and a possible Zip Car program coming, this will help reduce some of the parking needs. A motion was made on behalf of Mr. Mirmiran's request for a letter of support for the zoning variances he would be requesting from the city. These include a building set back and parking space deviation allowances. The motion was to approve the writing of such a letter on the condition that all units would come with a parking space and that Mr. Mirmiran would continue to work with the community on these issues. There will be a zoning hearing for this project sometime in November. The date and time and where the hearing will be must be posted at 1111 Light St. 10 days prior to the hearing. These hearings are open to the public and you have the right to voice your concerns. Any of the immediate neighbors in the area surrounded by this project and have concerns should contact Mr. Mirmiran at 410-962-1111 or Email amirmiran@mirmiranatlantic.com and he will address your concerns.

1201 S. Charles Street- This project will be located at the intersection of S. Charles and West Streets. Mr. Adam Smolen, the project developer presented his concept to build a boutique hotel with 96 rooms on the property. The present concept is for a 9 story building facing the stadiums. Mr. Smolen has not worked out the parking and there is no parking projected into the building. The community was receptive to the idea of a hotel but were not supportive of the size. The size of the building does not fit in with the character of the neighborhood and parking will also be a stress even using the West St. Garage. I urge anyone with any concerns about this project to attend all the meetings that will be posted in the news letter when we receive more information from Mr. Smolen.

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to include new stores, offices, private condominium residences of one and two bedrooms and a parking garage. Units are estimated to cost \$275,000 for one bedroom, and \$350,000 for two bedrooms. Construction is projected to start in May 2009, with completion in 2010.

Most of the changes reported by Mr. Mirmiran on this project, since he previously presented it to SBIC membership, have to do with parking as a result of community input. The project would have 93 units and 107 parking spaces, which is more parking spaces than required for a project with this density. Mr. Mirmiran, said that he was doing all that he can and would continue to do so to address the community's concerns about added stress on the available parking in the area. He cited a number of planned city initiatives that he felt would help reduce the need for additional parking, including the free shuttle project, the possible introduction of the zip car program in the area and the city's proposed ride sharing project, which is to be modeled on the Philadelphia ride sharing system. Besides parking, questions were raised about vehicular traffic during school hours, as there is a school in this area to which students walk, the need to widen the sidewalk in the area and to improve traffic patterns to avoid additional congestion. Mr. Mirmiran indicated that he would continue to work on all these issues with the community.

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Damsels in Distress! *Kazoos???*

Boogie Knights

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prove the writing of such a letter on the condition that all units would come with a parking space and that Mr. Mirmiran would continue to work with the community on these issues. The motion was passed. It was also stated that residents were free to attend the zoning hearing to voice their own opinions on and concerns with the project. The hearing is scheduled for November 1. Steve Zaleskiwicz will draft the letter for SBIC.

Adam Smolen, the developer for the project at 1201 South Charles Street, reported that this project was presently in the conceptual stage (no project approvals have been sought or obtained from the city), to build a "boutique" hotel with 96 rooms on the property. The property is located at Charles and West streets. The present concept is for a 9 story building that would face the stadiums. This is not final. Average room size would be 350 square feet, with daily room fees in the \$175-\$200 range. There would be banquet and meeting room facilities. Parking is still to be worked out. Support was expressed for a hotel in the area that was different from the big name ones located downtown and near Federal Hill. Concerns were expressed about a nine story building not fitting in with the local skyline and about added stress on parking in the area. In response to questions about who would manage the hotel, and lend experience to the project, Mr. Smolen said that an experienced "operator", well known in Baltimore was expected to be involved in the project, including running the hotel operation. Mr. Smolen will keep the committee and area residents informed about this project on a continuing basis.



AREA 30 Parking



AREA 30 Parking Renewal

Location:

Church of the Advent
1301 S Charles St
Baltimore, MD 21230

Dates:

December 19 Friday 2 PM to 9 PM
December 20 Saturday Noon to 5 PM
December 21 Sunday 2 PM to 5 PM



Rules & Regulations:

All off street spaces must be utilized prior to obtaining a decal.

4 Decals per house.

<http://www.baltimoreprefparking.com/terms.cfm>

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