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## MINUTES OF THE FEDERAL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF MAY 22, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Hada, president at 7:10 p.m.

### **Elections**

All of the “acting” appointments made in January, 2012 have expired in favor of the normal election process conducted in May of each year. Accordingly, a motion was made and seconded to place the following names in nomination:

- Eric Costello, Vice President
- Gayle McClure, Treasurer
- Bob Merbler, Secretary
- Jody Martin, Board Member at large
- Ginny Gerhart, Board Member at large
- Bob O’Donoghue, Board Member at large

Additional nominations were solicited, none were forthcoming

A vote was then taken to elect the full slate of nominees. 27 members voted in favor, 0 were opposed and 0 abstained.

Note: The office of President was not up for election, as Ryan Hada’s two-year term does not expire until May 2013.

### **Residential Parking**

Steve Robinson, Supervisor, Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Program and an Officer from Parking Enforcement presented a detailed list of current and planned enhancements to the Residential Parking Program, including:

- New customer service area at the Parking Authority Office which includes free printing services for customers
- Simpler on-line sign up (including smart phones)
- Parking Authority acceptance of documents on smart phones
- Enforcement enhancements to include license plate identification
- Planned Frequency ID (RFID) chip in the visitor passes to curtail abuse

- Enforcement transfer to the RPP program
- Tiered permit pricing, \$20 for the first and second car, \$150 for the third car and \$250 for the fourth car in any household, which will be implemented on Jan 01<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Visitor passes will remain \$20.

### **Star Spangled Sailabration**

Kevin Cleary, Deputy Director, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood and Constituent Services discussed the many steps being taken to accommodate the 1 – 2 million expected visitors to these events which run from June 13 to 19.

### **Baltimore Grand Prix funds**

Ryan Hada detailed plans for receiving and deciding on requests for the Grand Prix funds.

### **South Harbor Renaissance (SHR)**

Anne Apgar, SHR Board Member, discussed the plans for the dedication of the newly renovated flag plaza, which will include a military retreat on Flag Day, June 14. She also briefly discussed plans for more trees in the playground area and the major upgrades to the playground area. SHR is seeking more volunteers and a stronger relationship with the local business community.

### **Live Entertainment**

Eric Costello discussed the ongoing negotiations with businesses requesting live entertainment or outdoor seating.

- The Stalking Horse – has abandoned plans for outdoor seating.
- Blue Agave is planning for outdoor seating.
- FHNA is continuing to work closely with South Baltimore Neighborhood Association (SBNA) on its live entertainment efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.