



To Preserve And Promote Our Historic Lifestyle

FHNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting
August 21, 2012 7:00pm
at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles Street

The meeting was called to order by Ryan Hada at 7:15 pm.

Halloween Event

Ryan Hada discussed the upcoming neighborhood association's party at Riverside Park, planned for Sunday, Oct 28th, from 1 – 5pm. Laurie Forand will be the FHNA liaison to the group organizing this effort, which is being led by Cathy Stroedel from Federal Hill South Neighborhood Association.

Hillsider Update

Nicole Quinn and Gayle McClure discussed the status of the Hillsider, which is healthy and continuing to grow. They urged all neighbors interested in contributing to email FHNAHillsider@gmail.com.

Treasure's Report

Gayle McClure discussed the treasure's report noting that FHNA is continuing to improve its fiscal health.

Public Safety

- Eric Costello discussed FHNA's actions to date with regard to public safety, the forming of a Public Safety Committee, introduced the new Chair of that Committee: Mellisa Collimore; discussed the upcoming Southern District Police and Community Relations Council (SDPCRC) meeting and subsequent Citizens on Patrol (COP) walk; and the need for the neighborhood to continue to work closely with Baltimore City Police Department's Southern District (SD).
- Major David Reitz (SD) discussed the recent crime, provided general crime statistics over the past two months, and stated that there are at all times 10 police officers on duty, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. He reiterated the following several times: "if you or someone else's safety is in jeopardy, call 9-1-1, that is how you get a police officer to arrive" and added that "dialing 3-1-1 will not result in a police officer arriving.
- Councilman Bill Cole, 11th District, further discussed police and City efforts to curtail the crime. He urged neighbors to: "1) to not become targets when walking in the neighborhood by staying alert and not getting distracted by cell phones; and 2) to call 911—not 311—whenever a responding officer was wanted".

Maryland House Delegate Luke Clippinger, District 46, addressed the neighborhood's recent string of armed robberies. They stressed city police efforts to ensure public safety, which included increased visible and undercover police presence. Residents were urged

Community Impact Grant Award Updates

Ryan Hada reported on the following projects:

- \$3K for Robert Baker Park clean-up and maintenance. Project completed. (Kathie McCleskey).
- \$150 for 800 block of William Street for 12 months of gutter cleaning and flower pot maintenance. Project started.
- \$1.5K for the purchase of two bike racks. (Claire Mullins) Project completed.
- \$1.5K for Federal Hill Park improvements and neighborhood stenciling of storm drains. 12 planters have been added. In process: storm drain stenciling and repair and painting of park benches. (Walt Saxon).
- \$3K for purchase and installation of 10 heavy-duty metal trash cans throughout the neighborhood. In progress, pending contact with SHR. (Ginny Gerhart).

Liquor / Live Entertainment

Eric Costello added that there are no new updates except an expected application for live entertainment from Stalking Horse.

South Harbor Renaissance (SHR) Updates

Mark Wagner, SHR, reported the highlights from SHR's efforts to upgrade Federal Hill Park. Specifically, he discussed the following:

- SHR is a non-profit (501C3) organization formed in 2011 by Federal Hill residents to improve the overall appearance, grounds, maintenance, and security in Federal Hill Park (FHP), and in the surrounding neighborhood, through private initiatives and resources to supplement the responsible City and State organizations and funding. SHR secured a \$270,000 grant from the State of Maryland's Program Open Space (POS) in 2011 (see SHR Application to Governor O'Malley for POS Grant – October 31, 2011) and followed through to the final budget agreement.
- These funds supplement the 2010 POS grant of \$240,000 secured by BCRP.
- This total funding of \$510,000 is specifically earmarked for the Playground renovation and related improvements to FHP's Playground Area (within the perimeter pathway). The 2010 funds are available for immediate use; the 2012 expenditures await the detailed plans now being completed.
- These State funds will be administered by BCRP under current City procedures to re-create the Playground and make related improvements; thus, the expenditures are subject to City contracting and oversight processes. They cannot be used for the planned FHP endowment.
- SHR has also raised approximately \$90,000 in cash and pledges from private donors and foundations. SHR has no plans for a concession.
- There is an area planned for picnics and picnic tables as part of the Playground Area plan.
- SHR does not propose any commercial development in the Park.
- However, SHR plans to explore revenue-producing activities through which the planned Park endowment could be funded to cover some or all of the ongoing FHP operations and maintenance expense.

Mr. Wagner agreed to provide regular updates at FHNA's request.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.