



*To Preserve And Promote Our Historic Lifestyle*

**FHNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 7:00pm  
at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles Street**

The meeting was called to order by Jody Martin at 7:10pm.

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore's "Healthy Harbor Initiative" – Adam Lindquist**

Adam Lindquist, Healthy Harbor Initiative coordinator of the Waterfront Partnership (a team of property owners, city officials, not-for-profits, and citizens), spoke about the Healthy Harbor Initiative, which proposes to make the Inner Harbor swimmable by 2020. He discussed what mainly causes water pollution in the harbor—trash, bacteria from sewage, and storm water pollution—and what can be done. Residents can install rain barrels to mitigate runoff. Interested residents can access the website [www.healthyharborbaltimore.org](http://www.healthyharborbaltimore.org) or contact Adam at [adam@waterfrontpartnership.org](mailto:adam@waterfrontpartnership.org).

**Liquor/Live Entertainment Committee Update – Eric Costello**

Eric Costello reported that the city has granted the Federal Hill Hospitality Association four street closures for the coming year. The first two take place October 6 & 7 for OysterFest. The other closures will occur on Halloween, October 31, and around St. Patrick's Day. FHNA not opposing these events is contingent on the Federal Hill Hospitality Association (FHHA) agreeing to comply with certain stipulations which include our ability to comment on each even before it occurs and our review of each event. If FHHA cannot address issues or doesn't live up to the agreements, we will be strong in our opposition. Eric also reported that Stalking Horse applied for a live entertainment permit and the Liquor Committee will meet Monday, September 24, at Rose McCabe and Ivo Jamrosz's home.

**Federal Hill Thinking Green**

Eric also discussed Federal Hill Thinking Green (FHTG), an effort being led by Rich Polan. FHTG has secured contributions of \$3,000 from FHNA, the Federal Hill Business Association, and Federal Hill Main Street. In addition,

**FHHA Quarterly Update – Brian McComas**

Brian McComas, president of FHHA, stressed the hospitality association wants to work in partnership with FHNA, "to be better neighbors," and is trying to address the cleanliness of the neighborhood (e.g., talking with 7Eleven about the pizza box trash). FHHA cleanups occur Thursday and Sunday mornings. FHHA contributes money to the neighborhood and has agreed to contribute \$10K to Federal Hill Thinking Green. Contact Brian at [brian@ryleighs.com](mailto:brian@ryleighs.com). Other bar owners can be reached by contacting him. He will be attending FHNA meetings four times a year.

Kevin Vaught (Butterbean), from the Southern District, stated that four police officers patrol the neighborhood during big events such as pub crawls, and said closing streets makes it easier for police to maintain control. The police are favoring issuing civil citations (\$500 fines) over arrests for public urination, carrying open containers, and “acting crazy.” In addition, the following comments were noted:

- Will Runnebaum expressed his pleasure with the cleanup after this year’s St. Patrick’s Day pub crawl.
- Ivo Jamrosz stated that he was unhappy with the spillover from patrons into the neighborhood and asked Brian to continue to work on this.

### **Bow Tie Bike Cabs – Ian Johnson**

Ian Johnson described his new business, Bow Tie Bike Cabs, a human-powered taxi ride service. So far he has one pedicab, which is driven on the street. He works in the Inner Harbor/peninsula/Canton area. Cabs are available at [bowtiecabs.com](http://bowtiecabs.com).

### **Public Safety Committee Update - Mellisa Colimore**

Mellisa reported she’s working on creating a committee, building relationships with police and other city officials, and developing a crime prevention and personal safety campaign. The mayor’s office has donated crime-watch t-shirts for the September 27 Cop Walk. The city has a program in which residents who wish to call 911 but remain anonymous can register for a number to use when calling.

### **University of Maryland at Baltimore Shuttle Service - Eric Costello**

Eric announced the new shuttle service UMB and UMMS is offering for its students and employees. One route runs through our neighborhood via Hanover, Fort, and Williams Streets. A valid university or medical center ID is necessary for service. Information is available at [www.umaryland.edu/shuttlebus/routes/](http://www.umaryland.edu/shuttlebus/routes/). All comments should be emailed to [eHillsider@gmail.com](mailto:eHillsider@gmail.com) no later than Sunday, Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Brief Announcements – Mellisa Collimore and Eric Costello**

- Neighborhood Survey through Block Captains – these should be delivered to each residence by their block captain around Wednesday, Sep 19<sup>th</sup>, and are due back to the block captains on Oct 02<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sep 20<sup>th</sup>, Thu, 7pm – SDPCRC Mtg, SD Police Station, 10 Cherry Hill Rd
- Sep 27<sup>th</sup>, Thu, 7pm – COP Walk, Meet at Porters, Corner of Riverside and E. Cross
- Oct 02<sup>nd</sup>, Tue, 7pm – FHNA Parking Committee Mtg, Afters Café, 1001 S. Charles St
- Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Tue, 7pm – FHNA Oct GM Meeting / Discuss 7-Month Plan
- Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, Sat, 9am – 1pm – Mayor’s Fall Cleanup with After Party – anyone interested in participating can call Walt Saxon for details.
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, Sun, 1pm – 5pm - Neighborhood Party, Riverside Park
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, Fri, – Tree Lighting Party with Federal Hill Main Street
- 7 Month Plan discussion at next meeting (Eric Costello) – the Board will present our 7 month plan at our next meeting which will highlight the FHNA Board’s direction over the next seven months. The high priority items will likely include parking, public safety, beautification, engaging membership, and the Hillsider.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm, to which one neighbor replied: “that’s a new record”!