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**FHNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting
October 16th, 2012 7:00pm
at Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles Street**

Meeting called to order by Eric Costello at 7:10pm.

Treasurer's Report

Gayle McClure reviewed Treasurer's Report. There is \$41,494 income, \$21,273 expenses. Outstanding commitments including grants total \$9015.00. We have contributed to many community events such as the South Baltimore Halloween Bash at Riverside Park on Oct 28th, the Tree Lighting in conjunction with Federal Hill Main Street on Dec 14th, Officer Appreciation Day at the Southern District on Oct 12th, SDPCRC December meeting meal, etc. We still have \$11K after all of these commitments.

Organizational Changes

Eric provided a brief overview of Ryan Hada's resignation. Afterward, he described the series of events that led to this meeting, and explained to the membership that FHNA's Parliamentarian, John Stackpole, was consulted throughout the process to ensure that the Board's actions were in compliance with the FHNA Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th Edition. Specifically, he explained the following series of events:

1. Ryan Hada provided the Federal Neighborhood Association (FHNA) Board of Directors (BoD) an email on Sep 28th, 2012 stating that his resignation as President of FHNA was effective Sep 25th, 2012. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0: Colimore, Costello, Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to accept Mr. Hada's resignation.
2. Eric Costello at this time resigned from his position as Vice President, although not from the BoD. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0: Colimore, Costello, Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to accept Mr. Costello's resignation.
3. Ms. McClure moved to appoint Mr. Costello as Acting President, until such a time that an election could be held, in accordance with Article 3 Sections 7 and 5 of the FHNA Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merbler. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0:

Colimore, Costello, Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to accept Mr. Costello's appointment as Acting President.

4. Mr. Martin moved to appoint Ms. McClure as Acting Vice President, in accordance with Article 3 Sections 7 and 5 of the FHNA Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merbler. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0: Colimore, Costello, Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to accept Ms. McClure's appointment as Acting Vice President. In addition, Ms. McClure holds the position of duly elected Treasurer of FHNA, which is not outlawed by Article 3 Section 7 of the FHNA bylaws.
5. At the Board meeting on Oct 10th, Mr. Costello moved to inform the FHNA General Membership (GM) at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Oct 16th, 2012 of an upcoming election to confirm these appointments at the regularly scheduled FHNA GM meeting on Nov 20th, 2012. In addition, the BoD will be accepting additional nominations from the GM for these two positions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Merbler. The BoD voted unanimously (5 – 0: Colimore, Costello, Martin, McClure and Merbler all in favor) to adopt this motion and directed Mr. Costello to make the appropriate announcements.
6. Eric then announced the upcoming election for President and Vice President at the November 20th FHNA General Membership meeting and informed the membership that nominations for these positions outside of Eric and Gayle were welcome.

Retrofit Baltimore

Retrofit Baltimore representative Matty Guerin introduced Americorps members that will be helping with project. He explained Civic Works role and how Retrofit Baltimore is a great community resource. Behavioral changes such as: using fluorescent bulbs, programmable thermostats, and purchasing energy star appliances are a must. Retrofit is a complete air sealing of your home; more comprehensive than BGE Home check up. www.retrofitbaltimore.org
www.civicworks.com

Southern District Police and Community Relations Council (SDPCRC)

SDPCRC President Jack Baker discussed the purpose of the Citizens on Patrol (COP) walks, benefits to community, and how the "exchange of information shared is often that which stops crimes before they happen." Call 911 to see and officer. 311 is the Mayor's hotline (lights out/sidewalk repairs). He also discussed Crime Watch numbers. Our district is comprised of 4 Sectors. There are 5-6 officers present in each Sector during a shift.

Proposed Key Highway and Light Street Round About Project

Eric Costello discussed the proposed project and the recent short notice for members of the community to participate in an open house, specifically FHNA was notified the day of the Oct 10th event. Several concerns such as pedestrian crossings, proposed detours, schedule slippage, and the conversion of the Unit block of E. Hughes Street from one way west to one way east were brought up.

However, the scope of the conversation was limited to scheduling another meeting with DOT. As such, the membership discussed whether they would like: 1) another open house scheduled; or 2) would prefer representatives from DOT to attend an FHNA General Membership meeting.

After much discussion from approximately 15 neighbors, Jessica Damen moved to direct Eric Costello to email DOT (and CC Councilman Cole) the following language: "Please schedule (date to be determined within a period of 30 days) a town hall meeting with Eric. Please provide at least 30 days notice (so that FHNA can effectively promote it throughout the neighborhood via email, our print newsletter, and facebook). In addition, please have multiple officials so that we may have a productive and informative dialogue regarding the project."

The motion was seconded by Gayle McClure. By a voice vote, the membership voted unanimously to adopt the motion as described above.

Historically Hip Halloween Event

Will Runnebaum, President of the Federal Hill Business Association (FHBA) discussed the inaugural event sponsored by the FHBA 10/31/12 from 4-7. This is an opportunity for FHBA to thank their supporters and the neighborhood children. Thirty seven local businesses will be participating. Look for the orange & black balloons signifying participating businesses.

Mayors Fall Neighborhood Clean-Up

Mayor's Fall Neighborhood Clean Up was discussed by Walt Saxon, Chair of the FHNA Beautification Committee. This will take place Saturday October 27th from 9am-1pm. The dumpster will be located at William & Warren. Recycling will be attempted. Kathy McClesky will be working at Robert Baker park, bring tools and gloves if you have them.

FHNA Schools Liaison Update

Jessica Damen, Chair of FHNA's School's Liaison Committee, provided information regarding an upcoming project involving Nicole Veltre from Digital Harbor and the community garden the students will work with community volunteers to produce. This is in the planning stages and Jessica is calling all volunteers. Jessica can be reached at 301.919.9351 for more details. Key Highway Traffic Circle Project. Eric Costello discussed a DOT meeting most of the community members missed due to the six hour notice of the meeting. Neighbors are very concerned. Jessica Damen made a motion to call a "Town Hall Meeting" with DOT and all city officials and representatives involved in order to have all concerns addressed. There was a unanimous vote by FHNA membership to request this meeting.

Brief Announcements

Mellisa Colimore made the following brief announcements and info on upcoming events:

- Neighborhood Survey through Block Captains
- Oct 18th, Thu, 7pm – SDPCRC Mtg, SD Police Station, 10 Cherry Hill Road
- Oct 20th, Sat, 12pm – 4pm, Federal Hill Main Street Haunted House Tour
- Oct 25th, Thu, 7pm – COP Walk, Meet at Porters
- Oct 27th, Sat, 9am – 1pm, Mayor's Neighborhood Cleanup, Your Block
- Oct 27th, Sat, 12pm – 5pm, Vegtoberfest, Riverside Park
- Oct 28th, Sun, 1pm – 5pm, Neighborhood Association Picnic, Riverside Park
- Oct 31st, Wed, 4pm – 7pm, Historically Hip Halloween, Cross, Light, and S. Charles
- Oct 31st, Wed, all day, FHHA Street Closure, Cross Street

Call For Volunteers

Eric Costello stated that FHNA is looking for the following volunteers: Block Captains Chair, Hillside Contributors, Advertising Support

New Business

Captain Rheubottom with the Baltimore City Sherriff, who is also a judicial liaison, offered his contact information and support to help any neighbors in the future.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.