



To Preserve And Promote Our Historic Lifestyle

October 26, 2012

Mr. Bill Pencek
Maryland War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission
World Trade Center
401 E. Pratt Street, 14th floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Pencek:

I am writing to ask you to fund improvements to Federal Hill Park via the South Harbor Renaissance (SHR) application for the Star Spangled 200 grant.

South Harbor Renaissance would like to use Star Spangled 200 funding to ensure that Federal Hill Park and Playground is used as an educational meeting place where Baltimoreans and visitors alike can learn about the strength, vision, courage, and preparedness of Marylanders during the War of 1812.

I am the Acting President of Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, and our group has enjoyed working with South Harbor Renaissance in its efforts – which have already led to an improved park via the Flag Staff Plaza. SHR has been very inclusive, able, and willing to work with the community and we all have a shared vision of a 21st century playground and park area for the whole community and its visitors.

In summary, I believe that this is an important application which could result in wide-spread benefit to our neighborhood and the City as a whole. It will benefit the community at large by educating visitors and Baltimoreans about the importance of Baltimore City during the War of 1812. Feel free to contact me should you have questions at costello.eric@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Eric Costello, Acting President
Federal Hill Neighborhood Association