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Federal Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA)
 General Membership Meeting
 Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2013

Date: July 16, 2013	Start Time: 7:03pm	Chair: Eric Costello
Location: Christ Lutheran Church	End Time: 8:10pm	Secretary: Kelly Sheehan
Board Members Present: Eric Costello, Jody Martin, Kelly Sheehan, Bob Merbler, Joe Halperin		
Board Members Not Present: Gayle McClure, Ginny Gerhart		
Members / Guests in Attendance: Approximately 25 Neighbors		
<p>Itemized Agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to order 2. Special Election - Eric Costello 3. Adoption of Minutes - Kelly Sheehan 4. Treasurer's Report - Gayle McClure 5. City Council - President Jack Young 6. Liquor Committee Update - Keenan Dworak-Fisher 7. Community Garden Update - Jessica Damen 		
<p>City Council President Jack Young</p> <p>CC President Jack Young came to the meeting to hear our issues and concerns. President Young congratulated us on our victory in regards to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners Hearing (BLLC) on June 27, 2013.</p> <p>Concerns/Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renters not giving back their permit/stickers when lease is up and move out of Federal Hill. One idea is to have landlords put in lease that the first month rent returned only if parking pass is returned and sticker scrapped off. <p>Answer - He wasn't sure how to make that happen, no way of knowing who is a renter and owner in system. Get Pete Little at Parking Authority involved and see if the owner/renter information can be put into the system. Eric Costello added that zoning database which lists owners/renters doesn't always talk with the Parking Authority database. Eric has been vocal that the system needs to be updated.</p>		



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2. Vitality and economic concerns about Cross Street Market and area businesses. Need successful businesses around here, Cross Street Market needs to be updated/improved inside and out.

Answer - Federal Hill Main Street is supposed to look at that, We don't know reason why businesses are leaving, is it economics?, parking?, etc. To revitalize the market we have to figure out what the community would like. The Market Corporation runs the market, not the city. Talk to John Patarakis, Chairman of the Board to let them know what people want. Also talk with Casper Genko and provide the FHNA survey we did last year to him. If there is an interested developer let President Young's office know.

3. Lack of Parking Enforcement and keep an eye on zoning ordinances, RPP program.

Answer - There have been budget cuts to the Department of Transportation, which is why the parking enforcement is short staffed. President Young will talk with Finance Director to see what can be done about the budget. He said he will keep an eye on zoning ordinances.

4. Some other concerns were angled parking, building a new garage, and limited parking space due to renters, businesses, special events.

Election - There was a vacancy on the Board that needed to be filled. The Board appointed Bob Merbler to At-Large Director and Kelly Sheehan to Secretary. The vote of the Membership was unanimous to confirm Kelly Sheehan as Secretary and Bob Merbler as At-Large Board Member.

Adoption of Minutes - There were no corrections made to the previous general meeting minutes. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Eric Costello reported that we are financially sound. The Hillside advertisers are up to date, nothing beyond 90 days. Gayle could not be at the meeting so Eric presented on her behalf.

Liquor Update

Keenan could not be there, so Eric reported. At the BLLC Hearing we challenged the validity of the license and we lost. We protested the expansion and transfer of the license and we won. We have 30 days to appeal, deadline is July 26th. Brian McComas has approached the Board to get a deal done, no deals have been made. The Board voted to appeal the validity of the license. Keenan, Eric, and Marie Sennett will meet to find out more about the process to appeal the validity. No new evidence would be presented and the Judge in Circuit Court will look at the transcript of the hearing, the BLLC's rules and procedures and the ruling.

Michael's – South Baltimore Neighborhood Association has taken lead on this, we are involved every step of the way. Michael's wants to work with us. We have gone over potential MOU's (memorandum of understanding), not quite there yet. No validity issues with their license. Ivo



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Jamrosz will be representing FHNA on the coalition of five neighborhood associations when they meet with Michael's on Sunday. Capacity is the number one issue. A lot of conditions need to be met for the MOU, for example: limited hours for outdoor area, valet parking, public safety, sanitation, food receipt restriction up to 60%, etc. The proposed site of Michael's would have a courtyard, one story area, a 2 story indoor area, offices on the 2nd floor.

Community Garden Update - Eric Costello presented on behalf of Jessica who could not be there. On June 1st, 12 raised vegetable beds and mulching were completed. Volunteers are helping to water the garden, while they wait for plumbing to be installed. If you volunteer to help with the garden, please help yourself to the fresh herbs. The vegetables aren't ready yet. Volunteers are needed for an upcoming Perugola project, care of the garden and working with Federal Hill Prep. If interested contact Jessica Damen at jdamenart@gmail.com.

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. 07/18, Thu, 7pm – SDPCRC Mtg, SD Police Station
- b. 07/23, Tue, 7pm – Federal Hill South Mtg, Holy Cross Church
- c. 07/25, Thu, 7pm – COP Walk, Porters
- d. 07/25 – Hillsider Submissions DEADLINE
- e. 07/30, Tue, 7pm – Grants Committee Mtg, 813 William Street
- f. 08/06, Tue, 6:30pm – FHBA Meeting, 42 E. Cross Street
- g. 08/06, Tue, 7pm - Liquor Committee Mtg, YWGC
- h. 08/07, Wed, 7pm – Parking Committee Mtg, YWGC
- i. 08/13, Tue, 7pm – SBNA Mtg, South Baltimore Learning Center
- j. 08/14, Wed, 7pm – FHNA Board Mtg, YWGC

Other Discussions:

Someone asked to invite the new director of Federal Hill Main Street to come to our meeting to introduce herself and perhaps we can work together on some of the business, economic issues in our neighborhood.

The new pastor of Christ Lutheran Church introduced herself. Her name is Susan Tjornehoj and she welcomed us and all of our guests. She also lives in the neighborhood.

Action Items Moving Forward:

Eric Costello – Invite new FHMS Executive Director to FHNA Mtg

Minutes Approved On: 9/17/13

Minutes Approved By: Gen. Mem. Mtg. Vote