



Federal Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA)
 General Membership
 Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2013

Date: November 19, 2013	Start Time: 7:05 pm	Chair: Eric Costello
Location: Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Charles St.	End Time: 9:00 pm	Secretary: Kelly Sheehan
Board Members Present: Eric Costello, Jody Martin, Kelly Sheehan, Ginny Gerhart, Bob Merbler, Joe Halperin,		
Board Members Not Present: Bob O'Donoghue, Claire Bogdanski, Gayle McClure		
Members / Guests in Attendance: Major Dombroski, Officer Roney, Dr. Andrea Bowden,		
Itemized Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order – Eric Costello – 7:00 2. Adoption of Minutes (see attached) – Kelly Sheehan – 7:01 3. Treasurer's Report – Gayle McClure – 7:04 4. Announcement of Upcoming Meetings – Eric Costello – 7:07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wed, Nov 20, 7pm – COP Walk – Meet at Porters • Thu, Nov 21, 7pm – Southern District Police & Community Relations Council Mtg – SD Police Station, 10 Cherry Hill Road • Mon, Dec 02, 7pm – FHNA Parking Committee Mtg – YWGC Realty, 1011 Light Street. • Wed, Dec 04, 6pm – 8pm – DOT Open House on Light / Key Highway Intersection – Science Center • Thu, Dec 05, 6:30pm – Casino Local Development Council Review of Mayor's Budget – Leadenhall Baptist Church • Tue, Dec 10, 6pm – 10pm – Federal Hill Main Street Festive Flavors • Fri, Dec 13, 7pm – Midnight – Tree Lighting and Midnight Madness, starts at Digital Harbor Tech Center at corner of Light and E. Cross • Thu, Dec 14, Noon – 4pm – Santa at Cross Street Market • Tue, Dec 17, 7pm – FHNA General Membership Mtg 5. Digital Harbor High School Student Government and Ram Pride – Jessica Damen & Tiffany Powell – 7:15 6. Presentation of Parks & People One Park Award to FHNA's Tree Guy, Rich Polan – Eric Costello – 7:25 7. Southern District Coat and Toy Drive – Diana Sugg – 7:30 8. Update on FHNA's CHAP Efforts and Vote – John Thompson – 7:35 9. Vote on Supporting Changes to Federal Hill South Parking (Area 19) – Major Change on Restricted Hours – Eric Costello – 7:45 10. Update on Arabian Nights – Eric Costello – 7:50 		



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11. Crossbar Beer Garden Update – Eric Costello – 7:55
12. Crossbar Beer Garden Discussion – Group – 8:00
13. New Business -- 8:30
14. Adjourn

Call to Order – Eric Costello 7:05 pm

Adoption Of Minutes – Kelly Sheehan

Changes were made to the minutes and were unanimously adopted. Every month the secretary will hide a clue in the meeting minutes, a prize will be awarded to the person who finds it.

Treasurer's Report – Gayle McClure couldn't be there, so Eric reported on her behalf. We have about \$18,600.00 in the bank. Moving forward we will post all treasurer's reports on website. Eric read through the entire detailed report.

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Digital Harbor High School Student Government and Ram Pride – Tiffany Powell could not be there, Jessica Damen (Schools Liaison) introduced Assistant Principal, Dr. Andrea Bowden, who presented on Tiffany's behalf.

Digital Harbor is 11 years old, has about 1400 students, and a diverse population. There have been some incidents this year, sometimes kids don't act as nicely as we would like. The student government was upset by this and wanted to know what they could do to help the negative image of DHHS kids in the community. They decided to become a part of the "One Piece Program", which means that you pledge to pick up one piece of trash everyday, no matter if it is yours or not. The students participating in this program get to wear a stretchy arm bands



(donated by neighborhood associations) that says “Ram Life”. The name Ram comes from their school mascot.

If you have any trouble with kids please call the school’s main office at 443-984-1256. If you see something say something, if it is illegal or real trouble call 911, if it is not urgent call the school.

Police Update from Major Dombroski of the Southern District -

Digital Harbor High School kids are good kids and they come from all over. There were 9 reported robberies that are Digital Harbor related; 3 inside school building, 5 have been outside (kids robbing other kids), and one on the 400 blk of Warren on Oct 16th. This case is still being investigated. We have adjusted our strategy, increased our deployment around the major areas that kids walk like Federal Hill Park etc. Officer Jerry Roney is involved. We have bike units deployed. We have received grants for funding officers for extra police during schools hours 2 – 5 pm. We can’t do this everyday, but a couple times per week. If a kid sees a policeman before school this will stick in their mind. Our detective unit has the highest cleared rate in the city to solve these cases, we have the best detectives, we are confident crime trends will decrease. There is a daytime curfew law, which means that kids up to 16 years of age have to be in school from 9 am to 2 pm. Law enforcement can check to see if kid is lying about their age. Dr. Bowden spoke here - DHHS opens at 6 am, have an 8 am class start, latecomers arrive about 8:30 am, school is over at 2:50 pm. If a child comes late, there is a fingerprint record, which puts in a call immediately to home to let parents know the child came in late. Digital Harbor has hall sweeps, hall monitors and they are not to be off campus during the day except for a few exceptions; parent conference meetings, special events, You can view the school’s schedule on their website. There are about 125 kids that walk to and from school. They have safety searches in the building. Major Dombroski spoke - Cross Street Market is not allowed to sell to kids during curfew hours, they are in violation if they do. If you see something please call 911 immediately. The sooner the better. There have been 303 robberies in the Southern District. If we get info immediately it helps us greatly. Robbery is a priority call. The school has been very cooperative with the police. Thank you for all your support.

Presentation of Parks & People One Park Award to FHNA’s Tree Guy, Rich Polan – Eric Costello
Recognized Rich Polan, our tree steward for our neighborhood and presented him with this award. He has been doing this for over two decades. There are approximately 731 trees in our neighborhood. We have worked with FHHS, FHBA, Main Street, Parks and People the past few years to replace or plant 78 trees. We raised \$34,000 over the past 2 years. This is the most prestigious award in all of Baltimore City. Thank you Rich!

Southern District Coat and Toy Drive - Diana Sugg

We need coats for adult men/women, children of all ages, basically for the whole family. Please drop off gently used CLEAN coats to Diana before December 5th at 829 William Street. They are also in need of toys; the toys must be new and unwrapped. If you have any questions please contact Diana directly.



Update on FHNA's CHAP Efforts and Vote - John Thompson

It is in our best interests to have CHAP (Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation), proposed area are is Federal Hill, John has been reaching out to Business Association and will present to other neighborhood organizations. To initiate process we have to send a letter to the Mayor. Some opposition against CHAP tends to regard windows. If you have a house that dates to 1900, you are required to replace the windows in kind. MURO would be eliminated if we used CHAP. CHAP has more teeth than MURO; MURO is not enforced. Contractors will abide by CHAP not MURO. This is an 18 - 24 month process, we will have a place on website devoted to this information, give presentations etc. Sending a letter to the Mayor will get the ball rolling. The membership voted to send a letter to the Mayor, except one person abstained.

Vote on Supporting Changes to Federal Hill South Parking (Area 19) – Major Change on Restricted Hours – Eric Costello

Federal Hill South wants to match our hours of parking and South Baltimore, they do not have set hours. Parking authority contacted FHNA to see what we thought of supporting Federal Hill South. Would we write a letter of support for Federal Hill South? They have been working on this for 18 months. It will not affect our own parking meter hours. It was a unanimous vote to write a letter of support for area 19's efforts.

Update on Arabian Nights - Eric Costello

There have been 27 -28 arrests at property, 20 people opposed late night operations license, they were denied late night liquor license and were shut down, have since not opened past midnight, requested an appeal, BMZA will hear the case, and hear from the neighbors, operator accepted to come to our meeting and then declined, operator wants to come to board first, operator wants to be open until 4 am, only a certain amount are eligible to sign petition because of restricted territory, someone suggested getting extra petitions, how about the board meet and figure out the next steps.

Crossbar Beer Garden Update – Eric Costello

The following information is from the new revised proposal. Eric also added the report from the Presidents' coalition, liquor advisory committee, legal and Al Barry.

Capacity - MOU listed capacity of 185.

License structure -

Federal Hill Partners II (CrossBar) agrees to comply with two (2) of three (3) of the conditions of a B license, specifically, adhering to a 50/50 food to alcohol sales ratio and executing the reporting requirements prescribed in Article 2B, as well as forgoing any privilege for carry out sales. These conditions should be memorialized in an MOU such that if the license were to be transferred by either location or different owner, that these restrictions would remain, unless the license was removed at least 1 adjacent election ward/precinct from the Cross Street area. We hope you will consider not restricting the 3rd condition of a B license, the privilege to sell growlers.

Hours of operation -



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“Beer Garden” portion of the facility to close at 11 PM, Sunday through Thursday and 12 AM, Friday through Saturday.

Parking -

A responsible pro forma valet plan, conforming to new Valet Regulations, will be provided as an Addendum to the MOU and enacted upon with PABC deployment of Valet Regulations.

Live Entertainment -

To conform to FHNA acceptable criteria, per the attached. Any future live entertainment at CrossBar will comply with all noise ordinance requirements.

It is our understanding that the above items are of particular concern to the community. In addition, we would also like to offer the following as items for inclusion in an MOU with FHNA;

- The management of CrossBar agrees to meet with leadership of FHNA, at a minimum on an annual basis, to review operations and standing.
- Security staffing shall be provided Thursday through Saturday evenings and during all major events.
- Vehicle loading, unloading and delivery shall be in accordance with parking and related access ordinances.

Revised architectural elevations are attached here and have taken into consideration the following community concerns; Exterior building heights and articulation of exterior vertical differentiation at 16 East Cross Street, re-consideration of interior canopy line for sound mitigation purposes, expansion of interior tree placement, door/gate swing and, design capacity conforming to the stated MOU capacity. Upon our review, we believe that the proposed design is in compliance with the South Baltimore Business Area, Urban Renewal Plan and, conformity to the FHNA Live Entertainment Acceptable Criteria, both attached for reference.

In addition, I believe we are in agreement on the following:

- Exterior tables will not be relocated during normal operations but may be moved for private events.
- FHNA concedes rear setback requirement with operator agreement for use of garbage/grease storage facility by CrossBar, 8×10, Pub Dog, Stalking Horse, Spoons, Ryleigh’s and No Way Jose.
- FHNA concedes parking requirements with operator agreement to maintain valet operation in compliance with PABC Valet Regulations.
- FHNA concedes outdoor seating requirement with operator agreement having addressed issues with wall height and roof slope.

Per our understanding, we have postponed the pending BMZA hearing (seating/outdoor dining, 30’ rear setback, parking) to December 10, 2013, allowing time for MOU execution with FHNA. Predicated upon successful execution of this MOU with the above as it’s framework, we look forward to future community support regarding Liquor Board, BMZA and Planning Department actions.

On an unrelated mater, Federal Hill Partners, LLC (Ryleigh’s) is prepared to execute a FHNA MOU for Ryleigh’s, as provided by FHNA. We look forward to beginning this dialog at your convenience.



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We would appreciate your response indicating your willingness to proceed with discussions regarding the above at your earliest convenience.

Legal Opinion – Our attorney believes the license is dead and we have a good case.

Presidents Coalition - Is in favor of proposal. SBNA would like to make two changes. Change the weekly time from 11pm close to 10 pm close in regards the outdoor beer garden, and report 50/50 food ratio quarterly instead of annually.

Al Barry – Design is in accordance with South Baltimore Business Area Urban Renewal Ordinance.

Liquor Committee - They want to reject the proposal and here are their recommendations.

Recommendations on Revised CrossBar Proposal

To: FHNA Board

From: FHNA's Liquor and Live Entertainment Committee Nov. 19, 2013

SUMMARY: The LLE committee appreciates the new proposal from CrossBar, as well as our chance to give feedback to the board. We have analyzed the proposal very carefully, and we respectfully recommend that the FHNA board should reject it. Our reasons include the following key points:

1. Capacity: We believe it is important to turn down the proposed expansion of capacity to 185. We recommend keeping the capacity at what the license says: 155.

2. Design: Under this revised plan, the proposed building is still the same size, with very little change from the original design when the proposed capacity was about 300. It would be extremely difficult to enforce the lower capacity. This is a deal breaker for us, because, as demonstrated at the CrossBar hearing in June, the neighborhood is already overwhelmed by bar patrons.

3. License designation: We appreciate CrossBar's offer to move to a 50/50 food/liquor sales ratio, but we stand by our earlier position that the license must be downgraded to a "B" designation. That is the only reasonable way for the neighborhood to ensure these provisions are enforced. Otherwise, how can we, as a voluntary neighborhood association, possibly monitor a profit-making business?

4. Moving forward: Given how far apart we seem to be at this moment - after months of clearly stating what the neighborhood needs - we strongly believe the right course for the FHNA is to follow through with the Dec. 13th appeal on the validity of the license. We also believe that any other negotiations between CrossBar and the FHNA should be via written proposals.



Analysis and Recommendations:

CAPACITY

Original (April) Proposal: Licensees' original design of building involved consolidation of four properties to create large liquor-licensed establishment with estimated capacity of 285-293; this

represented a very large increase over the prior capacity exploited with this license (fire marshal record of 155).

Original (April-June) Response of the Neighborhood: The central objection of the community to the Crossbar proposal was that the area could not accommodate the proposed expansion in capacity. Given the over-saturation of the area with liquor establishments and the effects of the bar crowds on the surrounding residential area, the neighborhood was strongly opposed to the addition of capacity (especially on the level contemplated here) and the corresponding exacerbation of problems. FHNA President Eric Costello wrote in his letter to the liquor board, "This neighborhood cannot possibly support more patrons." Similar opinions were expressed by myriad neighbors, as well as by all of the locally elected politicians.

October Proposal: Licensees proposed to set capacity at 155 to start, with eventual expansion to 185; no design provided.

What we told them on October 25: We reiterated of our standing policy of keeping capacity as close to its earlier level as possible – our goal is to stay at 155. We told them we wanted one capacity number rather than one that changed over time. We required the building design to match the recorded capacity (i.e., we did not want a large building with an artificially low capacity).

Current Proposal: Licensees offer to sign an MOU with the FHNA setting the official capacity of the establishment at 185; they claim that their design reflects this number.

The Committee's Judgment:

1. We were disappointed in the proposed capacity number; by choosing the highest number from the October proposal, they have gotten further from, rather than closer to, our position. We think it is important to reject the proposed expansion – to keep the capacity of the establishment at 155.
2. After reviewing the proposed floor plan, we do not think that the proposed design comes even close to matching the proposed capacity. We note that there are almost no changes in the proposed floor plan from the original plan, which was slated for 285-293 people; the only changes appear to be the introduction of two additional tree wells in the outdoor area, and a reconfiguration of the tables drawn onto the floor (including subtraction of some tables). We do not think that these changes are remotely adequate to the task of reducing the building's



capacity to a level that the community can accommodate.

3. Although it is not expressed directly, the implication of the proposal seems to be that the proposed capacity of 185 would be enforced by adherence to an MOU. We think that such an MOU provision would be too difficult for the neighborhood to enforce effectively, without extraordinary effort. We think this proposal is unworkable.

Overall, we think that this component of the proposal represents a major failure to meet the minimum needs of the neighborhood. Given the central importance of this component, we feel that this failure is a deal-breaker for the whole agreement.

OUTDOOR SEATING

Original (April) Proposal: The original design of the building featured large outdoor area, furnished with picnic tables, for patrons to sit at while eating and drinking. No hours limitations for the outdoor area were contemplated; likewise, the proposed licensees insisted that no additional design considerations were necessary to prevent noise from adversely affecting neighbors.

Original (April-June) Response of the Neighborhood: The neighborhood saw the outdoor design as a potentially major source of adverse consequences for nearby residents. The potential for the outdoor area to compound problems with noise and other nuisances was one of the three objections mentioned specifically in the petition opposing the plan. The FHNA membership identified this as one of their top two concerns (the other was the proposed capacity expansion).

October Proposal: Licensee proposed to limit the hours of operation in the outdoor area to 11pm on both weekdays and weekends for an initial period; these hours would then eventually be moved back to 12 midnight for both weekdays and weekends.

What we told them on October 25: We reiterated the position we had advanced in June – that the outdoor area should be closed at 10pm on weekdays and 11pm on weekends. We identified a number of changes to the building's design that would be geared toward abating the noise coming from the outdoor area. We discussed the employment of a sound engineer to aid in design modifications. We indicated that the neighborhood would be willing to support the licensee's outdoor design if all of these requirements were met.

Current Proposal: Licensees offer to close the outdoor area at 11pm on weekdays and 12 midnight on weekends (Friday and Saturday). Additionally, our understanding is that they have incorporated some, but not enough, of the suggested design changes. The proposal does not mention anything about a sound engineer.

The Committee's Judgment:

1. We believe that the proposed closing times for the outdoor area are too late; we think the FHNA



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position of 10pm and 11pm is reasonable.

2. We are happy to see some design changes, which we hope will abate the noise to some extent. But we do not have any confidence that the changes are sufficient to control the noise adequately. We think that much more information should have been provided about the how the new design will abate noise. In particular, a sound engineer's report would have given us more confidence in the effectiveness of the abatement measures. Given the fact that nearby residents are already struggling with noise from establishments that have roofs on them, we think that licensees should bear this burden.
3. We would like to see any agreement add some teeth to the hours limitations: if the hours limitation is exceeded, there should be some automatic repercussions.

Overall, we think that this component of the proposal has not met the requirements of the community. However, with some modifications responsive to the judgments above, we think that the requirements could be met.

FOOD SERVICE / LICENSE DESIGNATION

Original (April) Proposal: The original claim of the proposed licensees was that the license in question was a perfectly valid, BD7 license, which had no requirements for food provision whatsoever, permitted the selling of alcohol on a carry-out basis, and allowed the establishment to operate until 2am, 7 days per week. Licensees presented a business plan that included a heavy focus on beer and a small complementary menu featuring German sausages and made-in-house pretzels.

Original (April-June) Response of the Neighborhood: The neighborhood believed that the license was invalid, and filed a protest asking the liquor board to rule it so. The neighborhood consensus about public need and accommodation was that: a) a venue focusing heavily on alcohol consumption was unwelcome; and b) a venue operating primarily as a restaurant (emphasizing food consumption) would be welcome. Accordingly, FHNA tried, during negotiations, to encourage a change in favor of a greater focus on food.

October Proposal: Licensees proposed to submit to an MOU requiring that at least 35% of their sales come from the sale of food.

What we told them on October 25: We reiterated the position we had advanced in June – that the licensee needed to downgrade their license to a “B” designation, which requires the licensee to operate as a restaurant and triggers liquor board enforcement of various provisions. (Note: the working horse of the provisions is a requirement that 50% of sales come from food, but there are other provisions in the regulations, including restrictions on carry-out sales, minimum requirements for kitchen operation, and so on.)

Current Proposal: Licensees offer to submit to an MOU requiring that at least 50% of their sales come from the sale of food, as well as limiting its permission to alcohol on a carry-out basis. In addition, the



MOU would require that these provisions remain in effect in all subsequent ownership scenarios, unless and until the license were transferred out of the area. Licensees propose to retain the right to sell “growlers.”

The Committee’s Judgment:

1. Our interpretation of our lawyers’ counsel is that the license is very close to death, and an agreement with the neighborhood would bring it back to life; we believe that if it does come back to life, it should come back with a “B” designation. We do not agree with the contention sometimes advanced that this would result in a loss of value to the licensees – we think it represents a large increase in value in comparison to the worth of an invalid license.
2. We think that, given the neighborhood consensus on need and accommodation, the

establishment should only be welcomed to the extent that it is planning to operate as a restaurant and not as a place with a primary emphasis on alcohol consumption. We would have been interested in seeing a new business plan, even in rough form, to bolster our confidence in the new proposal.

3. The carry-out / “growler” provision is not particularly troublesome to us *per se*, but we note that the sale of alcohol for carry-out would diminish licensees’ ability to meet the requirement for food sales. We would like to note that a holder of a “B” license can receive permission to sell growlers for a \$500 fee.
4. We think that the proposed avenue for restricting the establishment’s actions – which leans heavily on the proposed MOU – is inadequate to ensure compliance. Our understanding is that such compliance has two, vital elements: a) the automatic monitoring of the sales records; and b) the automatic authority to impose consequences on the licensee if sales thresholds are not reached. We have heard that some language could be introduced into the MOU to trigger liquor board monitoring, but we have not heard anything about the process for imposing consequences. Absent a written guarantee from the liquor board, we are not comfortable with the proposal to implement the food requirement through an MOU.

Overall, we stand by the position expressed at the October 25 meeting: we think a downgrade of the license to a “B” designation should be required; given demotion to a “B” license, we would be willing to support licensee’s permission to sell growlers.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Original proposal: The first offer from the licensee was no live entertainment.

Current proposal: The new proposal is that the licensee will abide by the FHNA protocols for live entertainment, and then after one year, will abide by the noise regulations only.



The Committee's judgment:

1. Under the FHNA's live entertainment criteria, any establishment with a liquor license must be operating for at least two years prior to applying for live entertainment. During that time, the establishment cannot have a record of any violations of zoning or liquor laws. So this establishment would not be eligible for live entertainment until it has been in operation for two years.

2. The FHNA protocols for live entertainment are to be followed beyond the first year. The only changes contemplated are additional days and or hours of live entertainment. To ignore them after one year is not acceptable.

Overall, the committee feels that live entertainment does not belong in these discussions at all and should be addressed separately in two years.

Crossbar Beer Garden Discussion – Bob Merbler moderated for the general membership input. The following is input from people at the meeting. Most names are left out.

1. Wants a parking plan, any new development needs a parking plan.
2. Overall proposal looks good, think its close to what we want to see, hours, food restriction, having a parking plan is a good step forward, architecture design looks good, in general this seems like a good plan
3. Wants to stick to capacity of 155
4. Wants a place to have space, likes this plan and thinks it's reasonable.
5. Hates having vacant buildings on cross street.
6. Thinks we have lost businesses because of the bars, we have allowed expansion over the years, no more bar stools in the neighborhood
7. Owns property behind bar proposal, put gate there because of it being so bad, homeless, rats etc., against it initially, then saw that the plans seem to improve property. Brian approached me and made sure that anything that goes on is good with me, and he has worked with the neighbors for anything they want, if anyone should be a versed to this, it would be me. I believe that this is a great deal.
8. This is really close to what we want, neighborhood desires development, we need to think about future development, long term, what we will be saying to others by this decision, this is so close to what we want. It will negatively impact us if we refuse this, lets be business friendly and send the signal we will work together.
9. Thinks the beer garden is a good thing, it sounds like it will be a nice quality establishment, will not get college crowd in there like other bars.
10. 185 – plus staff? Does the 185 include staff? Which would mean less capacity if that number includes staff.
11. No way to enforce the number of people, still the same size space as original, no open roof.
12. Would the agreement be in writing, and what if he wants to increase capacity, if he wants to change the rules of the game? Answer – If they change the rules of the game, they need to get



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our 100%, if they didn't they would be in violation of MOU, then we would have teeth.

13. MOU would be enforceable when they go before the liquor board. 10 signatures and a protest.

14. Supports the new proposal, the more restaurants that go in the better, I would want to go to this establishment, he runs a top notch business. The rest of the city is watching what we do.

15. Liquor committee is not saying not to support it, they just don't like what it says, it seems impossible to enforce, unless the license can be permanently changed from BD7 to B, it is still a tavern license.

16. Would FHNA decide not to pursue the license being valid? Would the board be making a decision whether or not to pursue the validity, why are we talking about this before we find out about the liquor license.

17. Shouldn't the general membership be voting on this?

18. Differential is \$200,000 between the licenses, we don't want to take away a license from anyone.

19. Support this plan, it is an eyesore and a nose sore, hears the dumpster every morning, likes the new plan with the garbage room.

20. It is not about this plan or that plan, we have to go back to the drawing board to work out the best response.

21. Wants to stand firm on capacity of 155. Wants a bar to dine in and no deafening noise, parking is a concern, no real plan, the casino is opening, so maybe the bars want to have large capacity to accommodate them.

22. Cost of license – \$150,000. This owner has owned this building for years and has done nothing to improve it.

* Point of order – Brett – It cost \$390,000 for the business and license together.

23. When coalition met did they have the committee's recommendation, Answer - no they did not.

This is a business deal - take on risk when doing business, in support of liquor committee's recommendations, not against the development, but want criteria.

24. Coalition - Eric did not vote, no decisions have been made, coalition are not subject to our advisory committee, those associations have their own set of protocols to make decisions.

25. Tearing down buildings, historic preservation? Can't tear down building and if you do you have to build it back to what was there, would love to see a bar like Bandaloo's.

26. Enforceability? Answer - The MOU – Bill 392, requires liquor board shall take into consideration any violation; they have to take it seriously. In the past they did not have to do that, there are conditions that can be written on license.

The person continues - enforcement is pretty weak, we are negotiating from a very strong position, we should make sure it is enforceable.

27. MOU with Porters, they stuck with their MOU. I think voting is important, from FHNA membership, then make final recommendation.

28. What is the vision for our neighborhood? We lost a lot of businesses, would like to see some development, this will hurt our neighborhood and we need to take charge of our neighborhood.

29. I am in support of Liquor committee recommendations.

30. Have a problem that we can't vote on this issue, I think the liquor committee report doesn't reflect my personal views; it seems biased, so we need to hear from everyone.



31. Age distribution in fed hill? (part of this person's statement was inaudible) The noise is usually from the people outside of bars, it would be great if people had a place to go.

Board decided not to take straw vote.

New Business – no new business.

Adjourn – 9:00 pm

Action Items Moving Forward: none

Minutes Approved On: December 17, 2013

Minutes Approved By: Unanimous vote by general membership.