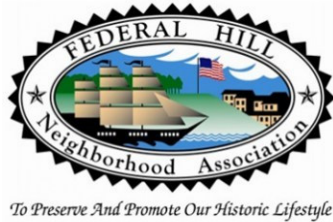


Federal Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA)
 General Membership Meeting
 Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2014

Date: May 20, 2014	Start Time: 7:02 pm	Chair: Eric Costello
Location: Christ Lutheran Church	End Time: 8:55 pm	Secretary: Jessica Damen
Board Members Present: Eric Costello, Jessica Damen, Walt Ettinger, Bob Merbler, Aimee Sanfilippo, Gayle McClure, Bob O'Donoghue, Jody Martin		
Board Members Not Present: Claire Bogdanski		
Members / Guests in Attendance: approximately 85 people		
Adoption of Minutes of April 15, 2014 – so moved by Gayle McClure and seconded by Susan Bridges. Unanimously adopted.		
Announcements Eric Costello made the following announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 05/22, Thursday, Casino Mater Plan Part 2, Montgomery Park • 05/22, Thu, 7 – C.O.P. Walk – Meet Outside Porters • 06/03, Tue, 6:30 - FHNA Parking Committee, 1011 Light Street • 06/05, Thu, 6 Casino Master Plan Part 3 - Montgomery Park • 06/07, Sat, 11am 7pm - FHMS Jazz & Blues Festival Andrea Sommers, executive director of Federal Hill Mainstreets requests that volunteers contact her. • 6/22/14 Federal Hill Field Day – briefly described. 		



Elections- Eric Costello recognized Claire Bogandanski and Bob O'Donaghue thanking them for their service over many years.

Introduction of Candidates For Uncontested Vacancies

- Secretary- Jessica Damen
- At Large Director- Walt Ettinger
- At Large Director -Gayle McClure
- At Large Director-Bob Merbler
- At Large Director- Deb Nelson
- At- Large Director- Aimee Sanfilippo

Motion made by Kelly Sheehan to accept the above members for the designated positions. Seconded by Lynn Halpern. Accepted unanimously

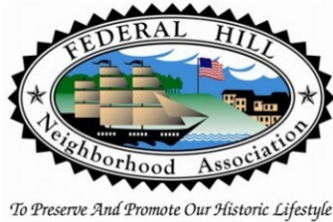
Introduction of Candidates For Contested Vacancies

Each candidate had 60 seconds to speak about their goals and their anticipated focus for the respective positions and answered 3 questions from audience each.

- Vice President- Jody Martin- identified three major challenges: helping the neighborhood to improve common community purpose(s), solve the parking problems, and work together regarding hospitality issues.
- Vice President- Brooke McDonald- spoke her remarks first delineating her community activities with the Hillsider, 4th of July parade and Renaissance group of Federal Hill Park. She spoke about three major challenges for the neighborhood: bars and finding the right balance, Cross Street market needs to be revitalized with a process that does not concentrate ownership and parking. She sees herself as one who can contribute to a dialogue between membership and Board.
- Treasurer- Ivo Jamrosz- Briefly reviewed his volunteer work as a resident of FH for 35 years. His main goal is to improve financial reporting and transparency and the careful analysis and use of potential grant monies. Gayle McClure made a Point of Order to clarify that the transparency issues Ivo spoke of were under the previous administration.
- Treasurer- Beth Whitmer- moved in November from Texas. She has been in finance for 20+ years and is now retired. She did a lot of volunteer work in TX such as, Casa, Project Hope. Her last position was treasurer of Perot Systems. She attained her CPA, but did not renew the license upon moving to MD. As a relatively new resident she believes she can bring a fresh outlook to knotty neighborhood issues. She sees her role to be a good steward of FHNA's money.

Final Tallies (Vote by Secret Ballot)

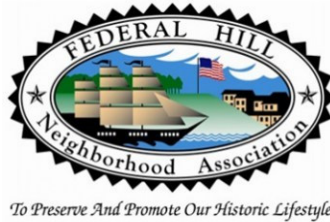
- Vice President
 - Brooke McDonald – 42 Votes
 - Jody Martin – 35 Votes
- Treasurer
 - Beth Whitmer – 46 Votes
 - Ivo Jamrosz – 31 Votes



Jamie Webster, Baltimore Beach Volleyball and Peggy Peek, Embrace Baltimore - presented information regarding -Block party Saturday June 7th, activities for young and old kids and volleyball requiring no skill. Also a Charity event at Baltimore Beach Volleyball, Saturday, 31 benefiting: BARC Second Chance and Time Out. Flyers distributed.

Senator Bill Ferguson, 2014 Legislative Session Update – he spoke of the highlights of the last state legislative session. His overarching prism through which he sees legislative issues is: Will it retain families in Baltimore? The State’s balanced budget passed and The State retains its triple A tax credit rating. He spoke about the educational achievement gap in Baltimore City and legislation that he believes would lessen the gap. Other issues presented: change in minimum wage from 7.20 – 10.10/hour, RISE zones- similar to economic development, Increase tax credit for cyber security firms, Baltimore property taxes – Homestead tax credit with incentives to keep people here, marijuana decimalization. Regarding the Casino – 15million will be spent on the immediate community. Reviewed information regarding the Baltimore City Liquor audit and the Liquor Board Reform Act, which will make the Board transparent.

A Questions and Answer session followed.



Larry Davidov, Fat Larry's Liquor License Transfer - Larry Davidov presented with his counsel, Frank Shaulis representing him for obtaining this Class D liquor license. Larry spoke of his business plan to sell craft beers, wines, and high-end spirits and his willingness to sign an MOU with FHNA. Larry and his lawyer were excused from the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of the hearing and the need for this motion. Questions from the audience centered on validity question of the license and cigarette smoking vs. cigar smoking in the outdoor area. Joe Halperin moved to end discussion and that the question be called.

Nearly unanimous yea, 2 opposed to end discussion. Motion carried

Eric Costello moved that FHNA support the liquor license transfer from 1400 Light Street to 1026 S. Charles Street, with off premise catering and outdoor table service, at the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) for Baltimore City upon successful execution of an MOU with FHNA, covering the terms below in principle. Terms of the MOU at this time includes:

- Maximum capacity of 140 (including 20 total for back patio)
- 50/50 food alcohol receipt restriction
- Sanitation / delivery not before 8am
- Conformance to FHNA Live Entertainment criteria if applying in the future
- Specific to outdoor back patio area:
 - Closing time of 10pm (Sun–Thu), 11pm (Fri–Sat) No ingress/egress of patrons through back gate
 - No music
 - Other provisions up for negotiation after tonight's meeting (no smoking and no street closures on Olive)
- Mutual acknowledgement by Mr. Davidov and FHNA that license may be unviable

Ivo Jamrosz requested that the vote regarding the above MOU not be considered a precedent setting vote. Duly noted by Eric Costello.

Eric Costello's motion was seconded by Peg McCarthy. A hand vote was called and the motion carried with 4 opposed to the motion and rest of the membership (approximately 70) in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm

Minutes Approved On: May 28, 2014

Minutes Approved By: Unanimous vote of FHNA Board of Directors (Yays: Costello, Damen, Ettinger, McClure, McDonald, Merbler, Nelson, Sanfilippo, and Whitmer; Nays: None; Abstentions: None)

FHNA Board approved meeting minutes due to time sensitive issues requiring documentation of election results (i.e., changing names on Bank Accounts and updating D&O Insurance. –E. Costello, May 28, 2014