

**FEDERAL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**September 19, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Beth Whitmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04pm.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2017 MEETING:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the June General Membership meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

**Southern District Crime Report/Recap of 9/18 Safety Meeting:**

- DHHS new school year has gone well so far; call 911 to report issues
- A resident reported witnessing drug dealing and large groups of people congregating at FH Park, after park is closed; when calling 911, give detailed description
- Larceny from Autos: residents encouraged to request fingerprinting if car is broken into
- 5 juveniles reportedly conducted a robbery on Cross Street around 10pm
- Several bike thefts reported lately
- Rumored rape near Cross Street – not a lot of details are known yet
- Be aware of your surroundings and put the phone down
- Baltimore City Police force is down 500 officers since 2015; approximately 100 new officers are starting this year

**BAINBRIDGE (Key Hwy/Covington) Project Update:**

- Developers presented planned 8-story apartment building; construction starting in Nov. 2017 and lasting 18 months
- 224 units with 300 bedrooms; 1 parking space/unit; ~75% 1-BR; 25% 2-BR units
- During construction, sidewalk will be closed along Covington and Key Hwy; no parking along Covington
- ~\$2K/month in rent; avg. 830 SF/unit; amenities include pool and observation deck
- Apartment residents of building will not qualify for Area 9 permit parking
- Meeting attendees voiced concern over truck/construction vehicle traffic, impact to parking spaces along Covington, and parking of trucks in front of DHHS
- DOT to install No Stopping signs at bus stops on Covington in front of DHHS
- Discussed possibility of allowing residents to park on Key Hwy at meters during construction; councilman Costello to consider that option w/h DOT/parking authority
- Other parking options may be Harborview

**DHHS Community Update – Ms. Mobley**

- DHHS received Gateway Grant to host incoming freshmen, Project Relate, Community Cookout, and other events
- Green Team – residents encouraged to volunteer at neighborhood cleanup at location voted on by the students
- Encouraged residents to be more proactive communicating with police and school police re: students loitering during school hours (8a-2:30p); report directly via text to Ms. Mobley or Dean of Discipline, Travis Laird, and send photo to identify student/s; only small percentage of students have adjusted schedules
- Ms. Mobley met with Light Street restaurants recently to reiterate that they should not be serving students between 7:30a-2:30p; asked for support of residents to report
- Upcoming events with opportunity for residents to volunteer: Monthly Professional Development, Homecoming Game and Dance

**Transform Baltimore Zoning Analysis - Millspaugh:**

- Summary of new zoning law changes, effective 6/5/1, including overview of zoning

- district in FH; permitted vs. conditional uses
- Non-conforming uses of current structures grandfathered into new code
- CHAP and Building Codes are not included in Zoning Code (CHAP to be final 12/4/17)
- Baltimore City website is a good resource for information
- Public hearings held with BMZA every two weeks

**UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

***Liquor Committee/ Jamroz/Whitmer***

- MadRiver: vote held to write letter of support; all in favor
- Oktoberfest: inquire w/ Major Ward
- Fat Larry's Closure

***Coordinated Effort to Clean-up the Business District- Allan***

- Meeting 9/2017 with other stakeholders, including Main Street, FH Hospitality Association, Caves Valley

***HH CHAP Courtesy Review***

- Scheduled to be finalized by City on 12/4/17

***Neighborhood Patrol- Allan***

- Looking for volunteers to patrol neighborhoods (South Baltimore Community Patrol FB page)

***BGE Grant:***

- \$5,000 grant for trees awarded

***Key Hwy/Light Street Public Meeting:***

- October 11 w/ DOT

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- During repaving, parking restrictions on Cross Street effective on weekends, too
- Baltimore Museum of Industry presentation: upcoming events promoted

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55pm.

Submitted by Michelle Li, Secretary