

FEDERAL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
November 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

President Beth Whitmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00pm.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2017 MEETING:

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

Treasury Report for September

- No questions were posed regarding the provided report

Public Safety-Councilman Costello

- Councilman Costello provided a recap and updates on recent crimes in the area, and ongoing challenges with the City, such as staff shortage of 500+ police officers in the BPD, average attrition rate of 19 officers/month, 70% turnover of lawyers in States Attorney Office, light sentencing handed down from the same judges, few consequences for juveniles convicted of violent crimes, watered down bill for illegal firearms possession
- Ongoing initiatives: \$2,500 property tax credit offered to officers that live in the City; 184 new cadets graduating from current academy class
- Ways to help address the ongoing crime in the city: Registering personal surveillance cameras with the City database; community involvement/presence at court hearings for charged offenders (including writing Community Impact Statements), additional COP/Community walks
- Five (5) DHHS students were among the victims assaulted on Halloween night

DHHS Community Update – Dr. Bowden

- Provided list of upcoming opportunities for community to volunteer and/or engage with students, including FAFSA Workshop for Parents & Students, chaperoning field trips, etc.
- Additional December 2017 event scheduled for students to practice mock job interviews
- Two student representatives also provided recaps of recent activities, including ESOL Thanksgiving, and upcoming International Fair in 2018

Sharp Kids-Kristan Hubbard:

- Non-profit mentorship and after-school program working with elementary school aged children
- Partnership with Sharp-Leadenhall Elementary School and Grace City Church; considering partnering with Thread program starting at DHHS
- Volunteer opportunities include reading with children, mentoring, monthly family dinners

CHAP Process Update – Fran Landolf

- ☐ Application process drafted for neighbors to propose exterior changes for the FHNA Architectural Review Committee and CHAP Committee
- ☐ The Architectural Review Committee acts as an advisory committee for CHAP, but has no real legal authority
- ☐ Design specifications located on CHAP website (major vs. minor changes)
- ☐ Typically takes 2-5 calendar days for decision

Parking Update – Bob Merbler

- ☐ South Baltimore Parking Study Public Meeting at DHHS on 11/13 discussed \$150K study conducted (with Casino impact funds) and recommendations to address findings
- ☐ Baltimore City phasing in “virtual parking” registration (no stickers or passes issued); Area 9 was proposed, but City opted for two smaller areas for test cases
- ☐ Study found that there was very little parking enforcement, and contrary to residential real estate developers, the parking needs are increasing (not decreasing)
- ☐ Angled parking would create 85+ more spaces
- ☐ Comment period for study open through mid-December
- ☐ No funding available yet to address study findings

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Road Closures/Traffic Impacts

- ☐ Crosswalk installation on Cross Street is still TBD
- ☐ DOT will be present at January 2018 meeting

Other Events

- ☐ Festival of Flavors – December 5
- ☐ Moonlight Madness – December 8
- ☐ SantaCon – December 9

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:26pm.

Submitted by Michelle Li, Secretary