

FEDERAL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting April 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

President Beth Whitmer call the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the January and February general meetings were approved.

Key Highway Medical Marijuana Dispensary (Culta) – Mackie Barch

- Barch spoke of his background as an investment banker and member of the Kensington Town Council
- Now operator of Culta, a medical marijuana dispensary
- 55 employees
- Working on regulations for advertising; no regulations currently
- Operation mimics a pharmacy; cannot tell what goes on inside
- Security wearing suits on site while open; closes at 9 pm
- If recreational marijuana is approved, Culta will not dispense from Key Highway location
- It was suggested he contact John Bacci about parking issues

City Council Neighborhood Liaison – Scott Davis

- Mr. Davis introduced himself the neighborhood liaison representative of City Council President Jack Young

The Wheelhouse Project – Alex Mandel

- Mandel presented a rendering of the project at Charles and Cross Streets
- “Co-living”, roommate living
- High end, modern building (outside CHAP district)
- Room for about 90 residents
- 3 and 4 bedroom units with private baths
- Common areas with a community manager onsite
- Occupancy of about 90 people, geared to folks 18 – 80 years of age
- Rent will be \$900 - \$1,000/bedroom
- Cannot participate in RPP; all residents get bikes
- Amenities include grocery delivery lockers

Business Relations Committee – Faith Millspaugh

- Chaired by Faith and Beth Whitmer; looking for members
- Met with FH hospitality and business associations; same challenges – parking, security, greening
- Restaurants can hold happy hours for the neighborhood association and offer discounts
- Caves Valley reports a 50’s theme for the market; parts opening this Fall
- Brian Aquavella owner of Blue Agave and Outpost working on the huge trash problem

Digital Harbor High School Update – Dr. Bowden

- April 20 – Digiball; has raised \$250,000 for 138 scholarships
- April 27 – International Fair representing 32 countries; 30% are Latino
- May 5 – Kinetic Sculpture Race; Students have been working all year on their “float”
- May – June – testing; parents come in
- June 3 – graduation; then more kids on the street
- June 12 – last day of school
- School custodians responsible for emptying trash but neighbors use receptacles for household trash
- Community garden has been planted with many improvements

Federal Hill Business District Private Security Update – Craig Stoner

- Wolf Security hired; service began on March 29 (Opening Day)
- Unarmed, no arrest powers, there to “diffuse situations”
- More heavily patrolled on Friday and Saturday nights
- All employees are former military/law enforcement; all trained
- Lots of complaints about security company hired
- Gets a daily report; vagrancy is a big problem
- Difficult to monitor effectiveness
- Per Eric Costello, increased patrol in Otterbein; auxiliary police meeting with Commissioner
- Wolf Security FH Community Phone – 410-504-3006 to alert patrol officers of a situation
- Short term (1-2 yrs) funding goal - \$130,000; Long term (3-5 yrs) \$300,000

Clean Air Ordinance – Letter of Support Vote

- Two incinerators emitting harmful fumes
- Bill introduced to limit the time of operation and amounts emitted; should pass
- FHNA was asked for a letter of support for the bill; vote taken; passed unanimously

Announcements and Reminders

- April 28 - Mayor’s Spring Cleanup followed by Neighborhood Cleanup and Happy Hour
- April 19 – Baltimore Station Home Run for Recovery – Frieda Ulman thanked FHNA for their support
- April 20 – Digiball at AVAM
- May 5 – Kinetic Sculpture Race

New Business

- No new business

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Nancy Gordon