

FEDERAL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
April 16, 2019

General Membership Meeting held at Cross Street Market with Tour

- 30K SF of retail space
- Farmers Market planned for south side of market every Saturday, starting May 4th
- Ceremony Coffee – confirmed tenant to open in early to mid-May 2019
- 1800SF produce vendor/general store concept
- Steve's Lunch and Fenwick Meats to open in May/June
- Hours set by CSM, but will differ by vendor based on business
- Friday-Saturday, CSM open until 12/12:30am

Atlas Restaurant Group, Alex Miller

- Announcement that they will be opening an upscale seafood restaurant and fresh market with bar, outdoor component, more casual counter seating, and rooftop deck
- Food sales must be at least 65% of total sales; last call will be at 12:45am
- Atlas Rest. Group owns 12 restaurants in Baltimore and employees 500 local hires with no reported violations
- Although aesthetics will be higher-end, menus will include varied price points during lunch and dinner service, with brunch on the weekends.
- Construction to begin late Fall 2019 with grand opening in late-March/early-April 2020
- Alex can be reached at Alex@AtlasRestaurantGroup.com for questions

Baltimore Relations Committee (BRC) – Faith Millsbaugh

- BRC comprised of Federal Hill Main Street (FHMS), residents, business and community members
- Clean and Green received \$100K grant for greening and brick replacement projects around the neighborhood, with year-round maintenance contracts
- Upcoming events include a family-friendly Crush Fest block party at the end of April; looking for volunteers

Baltimore City Code Enforcement-Housing Authority and CHAP

- Housing and Community Development – Mr. Shea; responsible for Code Enforcement in Southern District
- Several residents of the 400 block of Grindall Street were in attendance and questioned the status of the property at 440-444 Grindall, including the decades of ongoing work
- Home owner was ordered to take the scaffolding down by the end of that week, or after an additional week to comply, city would take homeowner to court
- Neighbors cited retaining wall and sidewalk damage at the frontage of this property, expired permits, and unlicensed contractors, ultimately requesting that the City stop issuing permits
- Walter Galas with CHAP was also present at the meeting, but noted that CHAP is a review board and has no authority; the BC Housing Department
- Also noted that citations for trashcans being in front of properties are being issued; current Code requires them to be out no earlier than 6pm the night before pickup, and then back behind the residence before 6am the following day
- Encouraged neighbors to file 311 complaints in order to fine violators
- Noted that the current trash cans were deployed with the intention of using mechanical arms to hoist and empty cans in garbage trucks; however, these are not installed widely on the current trucks

Councilman Eric Costello

- Mayor Pugh has been on paid medical leave since April 1, making Council President, Jack Young Ex-Officio Mayor, to manage the day-to-day operations
- New mayoral role to remain until 2020 elections, unless Pugh returns
- Council VP, Sharon Green Middleton, made temporary Council President
- Council members called for Pugh to resign
- Although there is no current mechanism to remove the Mayor elect, a Charter Amendment to allow for this is in the works for 2020 elections
- Ex-officio Mayor Young does not have authority to reverse Mayor Pugh's Executive Orders, but does have power to hire and fire
- Resident in attendance questioned amount of street construction in the neighborhood, in particular at Hanover and Hamburg Streets
- Councilman Costello reported that much of the construction is due to an ongoing BGE gas line utility infrastructure replacement project in South Baltimore, currently in Phase Four

Baltimore City Liquor Board, Matt Achhammer, Community Liaison

- Community Liaison role created one year ago
- Social Club Taskforce created based on decision from City Council and Mayor
- Slides provided showed different types of licenses available and community involvement, including letters/emails and attending license hearings
- "Booze News" blog with reviews of inspections noted by attendee
- Actual owner of license could be owner of building or business

Announcements

- Mayor's Spring Cleanup on April 27; with dumpster
- May Elections for Board will be held at May General Membership Meeting; nomination forms available on FHNA website

New Business

- Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:03 pm

Submitted by Michelle Li, Secretary