

FEDERAL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

December 13, 2018 (no meeting in November)

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM October 2018 MEETING:

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

Juvenile Justice Legislation- Delegate Luke Clippinger

- Need good data for baseline
- No consistent tracking currently in place
- Initial Bill is to get the data and look at best practices
- Long, drawn out bureaucratic process
- Additional challenges with minors' identities protections
- Quality of life crimes not reported as a crime by police

DHHS- Johnathan Smtih Assistant Principal

- Several concerns voiced over underage students riding scooters around the neighborhood

Underage "Scooter" – Meg Young w/ Baltimore City DOT

- 6-month pilot programs for Bird and Lime terminate February 28, 2019
- City received \$15K/company, and then \$1/day/scooter
- DOT is evaluating reports for pilot program, including public perception, safety, access and other issues
- Birds are easy to hack; YouTube instructions are easily found
- DOT online survey to be released for public feedback in early 2019
- DOT to provide input to Vendors
- Companies are not regulated at the State Level
- DOT recommendation report to end or continue the program can be vetoed by City Council
- 540K rides reported over past 4 months of program in Baltimore
- Little enforcement in place with current program; any long-term program with either company will need to address ongoing issues voiced by neighbors (fleet size, where scooters are placed, how will enforcement be addressed, fines for vendors, improved GPS to prevent riding on sidewalks, etc.)
- Process to collect input from community is TBD
- Recent use of scooters in robberies (cell phone theft), accelerating crimes and creating further strain on law enforcement resources

South Baltimore Gateway Partnership - Brad Rogers

- SBGP funded with Casino revenue (Casino Impact Funds)
- 3 MD casinos pool revenue and Baltimore City receives 1/3
- Historically, all revenue went to City with Advisory Committee, but that offered no oversight and little change occurred
- SBGP is action oriented to move projects more quickly, but not recklessly
- Traffic Calming initiatives lead by Will Cowan(\$60K grant) will likely roll over to new applicant unless another engineer can lead that project

- SBGP is provided ½ of the City's funds (approx. 6-7 mil) to implement strategic planning around 3 primary areas:
 - Environmental Sustainability (parks/public spaces)
 - Health and Wellness (e.g. diabetes awareness, fitness)
 - Community Development and Revitalization (to drive economic growth)
- 3 program areas include:
 - Community Grants (2 grant cycles annually); approx. \$1 mil/year
 - Enhanced Services in parks and public spaces; approx. \$1.5 mil/year
 - Transformational Projects; larger scale projects with power to change City of Baltimore; majority of funds spent here (e.g. Middle Branch Revitalization including softscaping 11 miles of waterway, Recreation Center and concerts in Cherry Hill)

Business Relations Committee – Hank Schoffer, FHBA

- March 1, 2019 is new date for Light Street end of CSM to open
- New FH Main Street Executive Director hired
- Community support needed for local restaurants and business

Announcements and Requests for Letters of Support

- New sculpture installed at Robert Baker Park; Go Fund Me page set up to cover \$3k balance due
- Will Murdoch with Baltimore Charm City Run, requested letter of support from FHNA to allow for noise amplification at Women's Classic (Rash Field) and Run to Remember (FH Park); unanimously approved

New Business

- NTR

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:19 pm

Submitted by Michelle Li, Secretary