

**Federal Hill Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
(via Zoom)**

CALL TO ORDER:

Beth Whitmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Approximately 44 participants were in attendance via Zoom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February FHNA General Membership Meeting were approved.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Reimagine Middle Branch Update- Kristina Bigby, Outreach Consultant for Reimagine Middle Branch, shared a video update of the status of the Reimagine Middle Branch project.

Digital Harbor High School Update- Brooke Shird, Dr. Swinton-Buck (Principal) and Mr. Travis Laird (Dean of Students) joined the meeting. Brooke shared that the school is holding a vaccination clinic on March 23rd, a green up cleanup day on March 26th, and a Big Bash on April 30th to celebrate DHHS 20th anniversary. DHHS is also participating in a Global Exchange Program.

A resident asked about the incident with students gathering in Cross Street Market. Dr. Swinton-Buck said that the manager of CSM has a direct connection with the Dean of Students if students are gathering at CSM. There have been no additional incidents in the last 3 weeks.

BGE Hearing- There was a CHAP hearing on March 8th. CHAP is talking with the City legal department and the Public Services Commission. If a BGE representative or contractor tries to start work on your home, don't let them start until further notice. They need to have CHAP approval to proceed. BGE will not be placing meters outside homes in Federal Hill but regulators are still up in the air.

Committee Updates-

Public Safety Committee – Brad O'Brian shared that there is a new Major in the Southern District. The Community Relations Council meets every third Thursday of the month from 7 to 8 p.m.

There was a bar crawl on March 12th and the neighborhood associations received late notification about the crawl. FHNA and SBNA sent a letter to City officials with displeasure of the lack of communication about the crawl.

FHNA is working on improving lighting on Battery Avenue at Federal Hill Park. They are working on SBGP funding.

Sanitation Committee – Vincent shared that from Thursday through Saturday all unwanted blue cans were collected by DPW. Legacy cans will be picked up during the Mayor’s Cleanup on April 30th. Dumpster is scheduled for April 23rd. There is an effort to remove the solar cans in Federal Hill because they are not working and oftentimes overflowing.

Social Committee – Sheri shared that FHNA is holding a Spring Social at Cross Street Public House on March 25th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. In addition, the Social Committee is planning a Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, April 23rd from 1 to 5 on the north side of East Cross Street. They plan on having a DJ, face painter, balloon artist, corn-hole contest and many other games and events. Everyone is welcome.

Parking Committee – John Bacci shared that there was a Harbor Hill flyer issued saying that Harbor Hill Apartment residents could get parking permits. John confirmed that residents will not be eligible for Area 9 parking permits. There is no word on street closures during construction of the expansion of Harbor Hill apartments. Construction is supposed to begin in August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.