

**Federal Hill Neighborhood Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 2022**  
**(via Zoom)**

CALL TO ORDER:

Beth Whitmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
Approximately 29 participants were in attendance via Zoom

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Brad O'Brian introduced Major Velte who is the new major of the Southern District of the Baltimore Police Department. Major Velte addressed the increase in robberies, car jackings, commercial robberies, the Sweet Pea shooting and the firearm discharges on Light Street. The BPD is increasing business patrol and traffic enforcement. He expressed the importance of video cameras as the key to solving crimes. Brad encouraged neighbors to join the camera network. Currently there are approximately 130 homes and 250 cameras in the network. Please fill out the survey if you have a camera to register it in the network.

There is a Public Safety Walk next Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. Brad encouraged everyone to join.

Committee Updates-

Public Safety Committee –There was a discharge of a weapon at the corner of Light and Warren where 15 rounds were fired. This location has been an area of concern. FHNA Board wrote a letter to the landlord of Zeeba Lounge asking him not to renew their lease. Zeeba Lounge has had many violations in the past. Beth shared that the pedestrian lights along Battery Avenue have been installed but are not yet operational. There will be 4 security cameras installed around Federal Hill Park. Beth encouraged neighbors to turn their porch lights on to keep the neighborhood lit to reduce crime.

Sanitation Committee – Vincent shared that the collection of trash cans was successful during the Mayor's Cleanup. Approximately 200 cans were removed from the neighborhood. Some will be cleaned and given to local schools.

Social Committee – Sheri shared that the Cross Street Block Party was a success and shared a video of the Block Party. There will be a FHNA Social Hour on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Abbey Burger. There will be a Peninsula Night at Camden Yards on June 8. We are also planning a Federal Hill Neighborhood Association night at Camden Yards in July and working on a Homebrew Contest in the Fall. More details to follow.

BGE Update – Beth and Fran spoke to CHAP about the BGE Pipeline project to receive an update. The regulator installed on the outside of the house is a safety issue. BGE will require an application to proceed by each house. You can talk to BGE to encourage them to install the regulator inside but there is no guarantee that it will be installed that way. Encourage homeowners to have regulators installed in the least visible location that meets safety requirements.

EV Chargers – Zac Blanchard is working on having electric vehicle chargers installed in the neighborhood. There are currently approximately 11,000 residents and one public EV charger. Zac is working with the City to install EV chargers without impacting residential parking.

FHMS Update – Cathy Rosenbaum has resigned as Executive Director of FHMS. Brittany Skinner has joined FHMS as Event Planner. A new cleaning group started cleaning 5 days per week. Pinehurst will continue landscaping, weeding and planting the round pots. Faith is working with the City to replace trees.

New FHNA Logo – Chase Farmer has developed new logos for FHNA. Two options were presented to the meeting attendees (flag versus cannon). Vote for your preferred logo by Sunday night by emailing [ehillsider@gmail.com](mailto:ehillsider@gmail.com).

Annual Elections – Beth shared the list of the nominees for the FHNA Board. The officers running include:

Beth Whitmer – President

Zac Blanchard – Vice President

Emily Mendenhall – Treasurer

Throop Wheeler and Aderonke Omotade – Co- Secretaries

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

**Update:**

1) A motion to approve the new slate of board members was approved by email vote. All terms are for 2 years except for Gordon, Li, Omatade and Whitmer who will term out in May 2023.

2022/23 Board members were voted in as follows:

Officers

Beth Whitmer – President

Zac Blanchard – VP

Emily Mendenhall – Treasurer

Co- Secretaries - Aderonke Omatade and Throop Wheeler

At Large:

John Bacci

Nancy Gordon

Pamela Howard

Fran Landolf

Michelle Li

Nick Mayr

Brad O'Brien

Kate Sylvester

2) New Logo for FHNA voted on via email. – The logo was unanimously chosen.