

FHNA May 2023 General Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:35.

The April minutes were approved unanimously.

Delegate Clippinger provided a summary of the 2023 Maryland legislative session. Delegate Clippinger sits on the Judiciary Committee and provided information on several legislative accomplishments.

- Cannabis legalization
- Sexual abuse survivor claims
- Community solar program
- Additional money for the second phase of Rash Field is in the budget

Delegate Clippinger will distribute a legislative summary letter to constituents.

Mr. Brooks will act as a liaison between the neighborhood and the Attorney General/State's Attorney offices. Mr. Brooks reported that the State's Attorney will be focusing on quality of life crimes to prevent more violent crimes.

Dirt Bikes - Zac Blanchard asked about dirt bike enforcement strategy. Mr. Brooks will bring additional information on the strategy to the June meeting per Zac's request. Chase Farmer asked about the prospects of a dedicated dirt bike park. Mr. Brooks will talk to stakeholders about the project to determine feasibility. Beth Whitmer asked about enforcement of use of motor vehicles within Federal Hill Park. Ondoria reported that she can assist with compiling 311 complaints related to dirt bikes.

Committee Updates § Public Safety Committee (Brad)

Zeeba lounge no longer functioning in their previous location. The owner of the property may be attempting to lease the property to a new hookah bar. Rosa's is unable to serve liquor because they failed to update their liquor license. Crimes of opportunity occurring. Larcenies from autos and stolen autos. Reminder of steps to take to protect from Kia's and Honda's being stolen. Have not been able to get in contact with DOT and concerns have been shared with the mayor by Eric Costello. No one can deal with dirt bikes unless the mayor gives the ability to do so. Must contact the mayor's office if have concerns about dirt bikes. Reiterated the revenue that the city is losing by not enforcing parking.

Comment made regarding shortage of police officers and car being vandalized despite taking precautions and not having valuables visible. Discussed steps that BPD has been taking to try to increase recruitment.

School Liaison – Updates (Donna Price)

Digital Harbor- (Donna Price) School year ends June 13th. There is summer school this year. Working on renovations of sports field. Food bank is going slowly. Interim Principle is now permanent Principle.

Federal Hill Prep- (Celine)Spring Fling just occurred, with Home Brew contest. The roof at the school is currently being replaced. Trying to determine if and how can get access to cameras at the school to monitor potential activity outside of the school.

Social Committee

o Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour – May 21 (Celine). 10 homes, 10am-5pm. Selected lunch not included in ticket price. Ticket price is \$35 now, \$40 on the day of the event. Volunteers are still needed. Tickets can be purchased on website.

o SGBP Grant Awarded for FHNA Block Party (Beth).

FHNA Annual Election – Voting on Directors as a whole (13 in total) and then voting on officers (executive committee) as a slate. Positions are uncontested. Reminder of 6-year term limits. Voting via email. Election results will be posted on website and sent via email.

Comment made that there is no substantial information on the website on the election and would have been helpful to know who was going to be running for office in advance. Note was made that more volunteers are needed to help manage communication within the organization.

Introduction of slate of directors: Vincent, John Bacci, Zac Blanchard, Pamela, Fran, Nick Mayr, Christian Nuccio, Brad, Celine Plachez, Donna Price, Locchanan Sreeharikesan, Kate Sylvester, James Woody

President- Zac Blanchard, VP- Kate Sylvester, Secretary – Pamela Treasurer-Christian Nucci

Clarification of voting procedures and rules regarding who is eligible to vote (active members within boundary). Deadline to vote is Thursday at 12am.

Jeanne moved to approve slate of directors and seconded to approve.

Faith Millsbaugh moved to approve slate of officers with Marianne Bacci seconded.

Question asked regarding businesses on the 800 block of S. Charles which have been affected by water main break. Suggestion to support the businesses.

New Business- Introduction of Corey (special assistant to Eric Costello)

Per Zac Blanchard - \$5000 of the 2nd round of DHCD grants rec will be for community connection. Call for proposals from the neighborhood for marketing etc.

Block captain annual appreciation dinner occurring tomorrow.

7:44pm Meeting Adjourned

By Aderonke Omatade and Throop Wheeler 5/16/2023

Entered on 5/19/2023 by Beth Whitmer

Results of election:

Votes via email due on Friday May 18th at 12AM.

27:1 in favor of slate as follows:

2023/2024 FHNA Board Nominees

Officers

President: Zac Blanchard

Vice President: Kate Sylvester

Secretary: Pamela Howard

Treasurer: Christian Nuccio

At Large

Vincent Andrews

John Bacci

Fran Landolf

Nick Mayr

Brad O'Brien

Celine Plachez

Donna Price

Locchanan Sreeharikesan

James Woody

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**Retiring**

Nancy Gordon

Michelle Li

Aderonke Omatade

Throop Wheeler

Beth Whitmer