

## FHNA General Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2022

- ◆ 6:30 Call to Order
  
- ◆ 6:33 Adoption of May Minutes incl. Results of Election and New Logo Poll

Minutes approved.

- ◆ 6:35 Public Safety

Officer Owen - Presented recent crime stats for Federal Hill, “mainly crimes of opportunity,” email police about community events.

- ◆ 6:40 BG&E Update - Q&A

Lineta Duren (BGE Community Liaison for “East Montgomery Project”) introduced the NPL/BGE team and gave an overview of the project including map and property service line upgrades. 900 block of S. Charles and 100 Block of E. Churchill will lead off the project. NPL will go door-to-door to schedule service line upgrades. If no contact is made, a “cutoff letter” is sent. Gas can be shut off 14 days after the “cutoff letter.” BGE will inspect gas appliances and “red tag” appliances with defects. It is up to the owner to replace/repair these appliances. BGE will repave and repair streets and sidewalks including cobblestones and bricks. Cobblestones will be the same stones, but the bricks would be new. A 6-foot trench will be dug out from every house to make room for “riser” per BGE standards.

James Wilcox (FHNA Member) has spoken with multiple regulator companies who report internal regulators are of similar cost and safety. BGE has not yet addressed this issue and how it relates to the historic neighborhood. NPL/BGE believes it is a safety issue. Lineta will need to ask BGE for clarification. Fran (FHNA Member) requested a timeline and mode for responses. James W offers a call with NPL and BGE to walkthrough alternatives. James Wilcox asks if BGE is doing this for cost and convenience and not for the benefit of the community and CHAP district. FHNA has been asking this question for months with no response from BGE. Lineta will take this back to her team at BGE. Fran again requested a

timeline and pros and costs relating to safety for all options available. Beth Whitmer (FHNA President) requests that a response happens prior to any door knocking. Odessa Phillip (NPL Representative) commits to meeting with BGE tomorrow and to sending a follow-up email by end of week

Emily Mendenhall (FHNA Member) asks why no accommodations have been made regarding parking. Odessa Phillip (NPL) reports they have been looking into this but per regulations they are only required to provide notification. They are looking into options with the city to find parking.

Chris Moore (FHNA) asked about Montgomery Square houses which were built in 1995 and he believes they do not need the regulator work. However, they have received a letter informing them of the work. Dave (BGE) confirmed that these addresses will not be included. Lineta will provide a list of impacted blocks.

Question from chat: How will BGE staff identify themselves? Jason (NPL - on the call) will have an ID Badge as he walks around the neighborhood. Jason will drop off tags with his phone numbers for contacting residents. Most knocking will occur 10-3. If you will be on vacation send an email to BGE. Residents could switch all appliances to electric to opt out of the regulator installation. Timelines would be determined by BGE.

- ◆ 7:10 Baltimore Outreach Services
- ◆ 7:20 Announcements and Updates
  - Digital Harbor

Brooke Shird reports no summer school at DHHS this summer. Brooke requests support in their annual donations campaign. Hygiene/toiletries can be dropped off at DHHS.

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

4th of July Parade is on.

- Neighborhood Cleanup – Dumpster Day on July 30

- ◆ 7:25 New Business

None.

- ◆ 7:30 Adjourn