

FHNA General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday Oct 18, 2022

- 6:30 Call to order

- 6:33 Adoption of September 2022 Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved.

- 6:35 Community Non-Profits and Volunteer Opportunities
 - Baltimore Outreach Services – Joann Levy

Joann Levy gave a presentation on Baltimore Outreach Services and its mission. Joann invited FHNA members to visit, tour and volunteer at the shelter.

- Hosts for Humanity – Emily Weidow

Emily Weidow gave a presentation on Hosts for Humanity and its mission. The organization is looking for volunteers in Federal Hill to host families who will be receiving treatment at local hospitals.

- Federal Hill Prep Holiday Gift Drive – Celine Plachez

Celine Plachez requests that neighbors donate to the gift drive. She provided her email (celineplachez@yahoo.com) for information on donating.

- 6:50 Public Safety

Officer Owens gave a crime update. Three recent robberies have occurred from juveniles asking people to use their phones to call parents.

Nancy Gordon asks for an update on crime outside Harbor Hill apartments on 10/16. Officer Owens was not aware of the incident but will request an update.

Officer Owens requests that residents call the police to report illegal dirt bike activity.

Officer Owens reports there will be extra patrols in the neighborhood on Halloween.

Throop Wheeler asked for an update on the City Watch camera in Federal Hill Park. Officer Owens was not aware of the camera but will look into its impact. Beth Whitmer reported it had been put there as part of a community grant.

- 7:00 Grant Activity

Beth reports the Battery Ave cameras that were installed in May will be lit in December.

Brad O'Brien gave an update on the ongoing issues with Zeeba Lounge. The landlord did not follow through with plans to end the lease for Zeeba at the end of September. A letter has been sent from the FHNA Board to multiple local leaders about the issues without a response. Brad is going to escalate the issue to additional local leaders.

Brad O'Brien presented the data for the number of 911 calls for each block in the neighborhood. Most calls are within the Federal Hill Main Street Area. Most calls are from incidents outside of the businesses.

Brad is working on two grants:

1. Two License Plate Readers - still in process
2. Improved lighting in Federal Hill Park - has been awarded to us but we are waiting on State to transfer money

Grant Applications - **VOTE** (Email Vote After Meeting was unanimously in favor of applying for both grants)

The Public Safety Subcommittee is working on two grant applications that require FHNA vote. FHNA members can vote by email w/in 72 hours of meeting.

1. Grant 1 - Multiple public safety projects a part of this grant

- a. An artist along with Federal Hill Prep students would paint a crosswalk across Light Street at Warren Ave.
 - b. Large planters would be placed in frequent illegal parking spots. A landscaping vendor would be engaged to do this work. Flex posts would also be installed to prevent illegal u-turns at Warren and Light.
 - c. Cameras would be installed in high trafficked locations.
2. Grant 2 - Large Collaborative Grant in Process with all South Baltimore neighborhood associations. Four neighborhood organizations would submit a grant application for \$250,000 each. The money would be spent to deploy supplemental police officers with Federal Hill business areas on Thursday-Sunday nights from 8pm-3am. Eight officers and four patrol cars would police the business district. Those participating officers would be sworn officers working overtime.

- 7:10 Website Reconstruction Expenditure - **VOTE** (Email Vote After Meeting was unanimously in favor of spending \$1500 to reconstruct the website.)
 - Request to spend up to \$1500 to reconstruct and renovate the website (make it more user friendly).
 - Web developer will need to provide training to administrators to manage the website.
 - Neighborhood app mentioned as an option.
 - Suggestion to reach out to neighborhood tech companies (Mindgrub, Vitamin)
 - Chase, professional website engineer, offered his services.
 - Motion was made. Vote to be sent to the e-hillsider email address.
- 7:15 Harbor Hill Updates
 - Construction
 - Engineering information being collected. Neighborhood association has requested the building plans.
 - Parking
 - Federal Hill Prep principal has been asked to allow parking at moderate fee for Harbor Hill residents.
- 7:20 Social Committee Update
 - Clean up crew did amazing job at Robert Baker park.
 - Fall social planned in mid-November.
 - Fest of Flavors in December.

- Group Christmas light decorating competition in December

- 7:25 New Business - None

- 7:30 Adjourn - 7:52pm