

FEDERAL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting June
20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

President Beth Whitmer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02pm.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2017 MEETING:

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the May 16, 2017 General Membership meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

SPRING 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE – DELEGATE BROOKE LIERMAN:

State Delegate Lierman provided updates to bills and initiatives presented and/or passed during the most recent legislative session including:

- Crafted bill to provide funding grants to schools with declining enrollment to create better, safer neighborhoods with good schools
- Baltimore City is the only jurisdiction in the state that provides fully paid, full-day Pre-K programs
- Bill passed to prohibit expelling PreK-2nd graders (2,400 children expelled and moved to another school, but never addressed problem)
- Bill passed for MTA to provide free transportation to eligible riders, including 2-week Balti-Link trial in in June; metrics will be gathered to analyze ridership, performance of MTA drivers, etc.
- Attempted to pass earned sick leave bill, but vetoed by Gov. Hogan
- State assistance requested for police presence in Baltimore City, focused on reducing uptick of crime, violence, and illegal handgun violations

Team 46 Kickoff event to be held June 27th at the Visitor's Center (6-8pm).

Members thanked Delegate Lierman for the updates.

REQUESTS FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Letters of support were requested of the FHNA (no monetary donations), for the following South Baltimore Gateway Partnership grant projects:

DHHS (Rufus Lusk and Principal Shannon Mobley)

- ☛ DHHS is applying for a \$5,000 Tier 1 grant to fund planned activities, specifically food/refreshments, including:
 - Monthly "Relate" project to facilitate communication between students, residents, and other community members
 - "Getting to Know You" kick-off event for incoming 9th graders
 - Back to School event in September to include the whole community
 - November/December holiday gift coordination in conjunction with Christ Lutheran Church
 - Career fair in December, including non-college options for graduating students
 - Green Team joining the Mayor's Citywide Cleanup to give back as members of the community
- ☛ Approximately 400 incoming freshmen/9th graders anticipated this upcoming school year (~20-30 more than last year)
- ☛ Week of August 14, 2017: 9th grader orientation scheduled with approximately 200 students attending for the full week
- ☛ August 30, 2017 "Sneak Peek" event in afternoon for teachers and ~200-250 students
- ☛ DHHS impacted by recent state/citywide budget cuts and layoffs
- ☛ Motion to write letter of support passed unanimously.

Jesus Our Redeemer Church

- ☛ The church is applying for a \$3,500 grant to fund the replacement of a tree outside the building entrance on Warren Ave, including enlarging the tree pit and installing two planters
- ☛ Motion to write letter of support passed unanimously.

Traffic Calming – Light and Warren

- ☛ Will Cowan, area liaison for Bikemore, is applying for a grant to fund the following initiatives:
 - Pedestrian improvement at six (6) intersections in neighborhood, including traffic calming strategies with landscaped curb extensions
 - Environmental sustainability: researched and discussed vegetation with landscape architect to determine "correct" way to build these extensions
- ☛ Estimated cost of approximately \$20,000 per intersection
- ☛ The narrowness of the resultant roadway at these intersections was raised as a concern by

members

☂ The motion passed: All present, except for three abstaining to vote, voted to approve.

CHAP UPDATE:

- Baltimore City CHAP agenda item for Federal Hill destination reportedly tabled by Commissioner Larry Gibson and postponed until July 12, 2017 due to concerns over Cross Street Market (CSM) not being included
- Discussed perimeters of CHAP designation, inclusions and exclusions, and whether or not CSM should be included (city-owned building with a 50-year lease)
- CHAP does not dictate use of building; those are outlined with zoning restrictions
- Application of CHAP restrictions on CSM would significantly delay any redevelopment
- A previous CHAP survey of 2,000+ FHNA members only resulted in 150 responses received
- Question: is there a current/updated map of all proposed CHAP boundaries available? (Beth to request map from Eric Holcomb of CHAP)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

819-821 Light Street Renovation (Parking) MOU – July 18, 2017

- Structural survey conducted by Fran Landolf confirmed the building was structurally sound
- Rich Polan negotiated a MOU with the new building owner/developer to reduce the allowable residential parking permits to 3 decals and 1 visitor pass (down from potentially 16 permits)

CHAP Hearing – July 12, 2017

- Next city CHAP hearing, including postponed Federal Hill agenda item

Bandito's Hearing - June 29, 2017

- Letter was sent by the FHNA Board to the Baltimore City Liquor Board voicing FHNA concerns

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business was discussed
- No General Meetings to be held in July and August

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30.

Submitted by Michelle Li, Secretary