

**Federal Hill Neighborhood Association
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2022
(via Zoom)**

CALL TO ORDER:

Beth Whitmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Approximately 71 participants were in attendance via Zoom

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the January FHNA General Membership Meeting were approved.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Cross Street Market Proposed Changes – Arsh Mirmiran of Caves Valley Partners shared that the Atlas Group who owns Watershed will have more involvement in the running of Cross Street Market. They will increase marketing, plan events and try to drive increased traffic to the market. Arsh would like to get the FHNA to approve some changes to the market to increase patronage.

- The first proposal is to increase the hours of Cross Street Market’s liquor license. Currently the market has to cut off liquor sales during sporting events due to the current liquor license hours which causes the market to lose business during games. The current liquor license hours end on Sunday at 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday at 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday at 11:30 p.m. Arsh is proposing the new liquor license hours be extended to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday. **Votes: 42 Yes 8 No**
- The second proposal is to increase the capacity for liquor sales from 20% of the market to 25% of the market. This will accommodate two new tenants who want to sell alcohol. **Votes: 42 Yes 8 No**

Arsh took questions regarding the proposals and then, after Arsh left the call, residents expressed their support and concerns over the proposals. Nancy Gordon made a motion to vote on the proposals and Michelle Li seconded the motion. Any residents present on the call who have paid their 2022 FHNA dues are eligible to vote. Send your vote for or against each of the proposals to ehillsider@gmail.com within 24 hours of the meeting. Beth will share the results of the voting.

Meeting Vote:

Expansion of hours:

Expansion of square footage from 20 to 25% : 42 Yes, 8 No

Parking – The next issue discussed was parking. Eric Costello shared that he is aware and working on the issue of the expansion of Harbor Hill Apartments and related parking issues. The start of construction has been moved from June to August. According to City code, Harbor Hill residents will not get parking permits in Area 9. Eric plans to have a parking mitigation plan in place by June, prior to

construction. Eric also shared that parking enforcement is done by the Department of Transportation and it is complaint driven and zero tolerance. Eric also wanted to address the rumors that there was going to be a conversion from parallel to angled parking. If that is considered, the community will be engaged in the decision. Eric shared that angled parking is a contentious issue in the community. A resident asked Eric if the 2 hour parking could be removed and Area 9 permits would be required at all times. Eric said that removing the 2 hour parking would significantly hurt the business community. John Bacci shared that in order for that change to happen, 60% of the households would need to approve and each household would get one vote.

Sanitation Committee Update – Vincent Andrews shared that the blue recycling cans were delivered last week. The Sanitation Committee launched a campaign prior to the distribution of the cans asking residents who did not want cans or wanted smaller cans to call 311. Unfortunately, 80 households had cans wrongly delivered. FHNA is getting a list together of cans that should not have been delivered or were delivered the wrong cans. If you received a can in error, send an email to ehillsider@gmail.com with your address and 311 request number. The Sanitation Committee is coordinating the pickup of unwanted cans. The tentative date is February 26th and location is to be determined. If you have an unwanted can, flip it over and tape a piece of paper to it that says “UNWANTED”. The Sanitation Committee will then know which cans should be picked up.

BGE Pipeline Renovation Update – FHNA has been pushing to get CHAP involved to intervene in the replacement of the BGE regulators on the outside of houses. CHAP has agreed to intervene and a hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 8th. Beth will send out more information when she receives it. Everyone is welcome to attend and testify.

Block Captain Committee Update – Zac Blanchard shared that he has been able to identify several new block captains. He is still looking for block captains for several of the blocks in the neighborhood, including some blocks on Churchill Street and on S. Hanover Street. There is a Block Captain meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Beth reminded FHNA residents to renew their memberships for 2022. In addition, if you are no longer receiving emails from FHNA and would like to, please email ehillsider@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michelle Li shared that the 400 block of Grindall is working to install traffic calming measures due to the dirt bikes and cars speeding down Grindall and sometimes driving the wrong way down Grindall. Call 311 to share your concerns over this issue.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.