

Minutes

Medfield Community Association General Meeting

February 11, 2014

Location: Christian Love Baptist Church Meeting Hall
42st Street and Falls Road

Call To Order: 7:03 PM by President Cindy Cabales

Attending:

MCA Board: President Cindy Cabales
Vice President Brian Parkinson
Secretary Randy Dalmas
Members at Large: Sam Armacost, Jaclyn Paul, Dennis Dideriksen, Pat Dideriksen, Charly Carter

Chairpersons: Brian Parkinson – Traffic Liaison
Charly Carter – Crime and Safety

Residents: See attached sign-in sheet
12 total attendees not including guests

Guests: Officer O'Donnell – Baltimore City Police, Northern District
Shalik Fulton – Councilman Nick Moseby's office
Stephanie Murdock – Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke's office

A quorum was present and seated.

Meeting Minutes: The Secretary distributed and read the Minutes from the January general meeting. Erin moved and Pat Dideriksen seconded to approve the Minutes with minor changes. The Minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

No report.

Gary Sever

Committee Reports:

Crime and Safety

Charly Carter and Officer O'Donnell

Officer O'Donnell reviewed a number of arrests made by the Northern District of suspects in larcenies and burglaries in the Medfield and surrounding neighborhoods. He reported a burglary on the 1300 block of Old Cold Spring Lane. There were 3 stolen autos in the area around Medfield.

Officer O'Donnell asks that any reports of drug activity should be reported to him on his cell phone.

Board Update

Cindy Cabales

The Board is working on a Mission Statement and will be presented at the next general meeting.

Communications

Jaclyn Paul

The newsletter advertising has been increasing so the newsletter might increase in size to accommodate the demand. Ads for the newsletter can be placed by contacting Jaclyn or medfieldmd@gmail.com. The deadline for newsletter submissions for the March newsletter is February 24.

Membership

Randy Dalmas

The Association has 84 paid members. There are 388 members on Nextdoor.com.

Finance

Cindy Cabales

No report. Gary Sever is putting a budget plan together for the Association and its committees.

Garden Club

On hiatus.

Medfield Height Elementary School

Charly Carter

The new design for the elementary school is continuing. An architect is being hired and a feasibility study is taking place to decide whether to renovate or rebuild the school based on many factors, including available space and condition of the existing buildings.

Traffic

Brian Parkinson

No report.

Zoning Committee

Gary Sever

New construction is planned for the Greenspring Tower Shopping Center on 41st Street to accommodate a new tenant.

Youth Group

No report.

New Business:

Volunteers

Cindy Cabales

The Association has created a website to allow residents to volunteer for activities that they are interested in. The link will be made available soon.

Food Truck Rally

Cindy Cabales

Western High School Alumni are planning a food truck fundraiser. However, liquor is not allowed in a school zone, and the fundraiser participants will require a liquor license. The organizers have requested the Association's support.

Candidate Speaking Requests

Cindy Cabales

Candidates for local and state office have requested to speak before our members and residents. The Association is considering ways to accommodate these requests to meet with interested residents. The Association will be sending a survey out online to ask residents what type of meeting they would prefer to attend.

Announcements:

- Shalik Fulton, from Councilman Nick Moseby's office announced that he is the Community Liaison for the councilman's office. He had several announcements:
 - The Horseshoe Casino will be having a job fair on Wednesday February 12 at Mondawmin Mall.
 - Councilman Nick Moseby has introduced legislation to restrict when employers ask about prior criminal convictions.
 - There will be a town hall meeting on March 5. More details will be out soon.
- Members of the Baltimore Fire Department spoke on several topics:
 - Carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every 10 years. The department has responded to several false CO alarms due to old detectors.
 - Smoke alarms should be on every floor of a dwelling, and replaced every 10 years. Residents can request smoke alarms or a CO detector by calling 311.
 - During snow storms, please clear snow away from fire hydrants so they can be easily found by firefighters. Residents are also reminded to park at least 15 feet from hydrants.

- Stephanie Murdock from Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke's office discussed several items:
 - Street sweeping will begin in Medfield, and a meeting will be held on February 25 at 1111 E Cold Spring Lane to introduce the program and rules to residents. On sweeping days, cars will be required to be moved from one side of the street.
 - Water Mains will be replaced in Medfield over the next few months. Expect to see construction and service vehicles in the area.
 - Mary Pat Clarke had a meeting with state officials about the Hampden Health Clinic at 36th and Falls Rd. To gather more information about the clinic and possible nuisances, Mary Pat will request volunteers to report on any problems they see.

Action Items

- Cindy Cabales – investigate reporting parked cars
- Randy Dalmas – Confirm new flag is up and old flag disposed off properly
- Charly Carter will review the crime report and summarize it at the next general meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 11, 2014 at 7:00pm
Christian Love Baptist Church meeting hall

Adjournment: 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Dalmas
Secretary, Medfield Community Association