

MCA General Meeting
MINUTES – April 2, 2012

Meeting convened: _____

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. February minutes approved
- b. March minutes approved

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: End of month **\$2634.90**

3. Guest Speaker: Thomas Allen Phillips II, Liaison, Neighborhood Relations. Mayor's office

- a. Senior shuttle will be available.
 - b. Comments on the new Giant: Benefits included new hires as well as retaining long term employees. There's an agreement with Rite Aid to not have a pharmacy. Giant can allocate space for additional community needs. Contact the General Manager for Community Benefits such as scholarship information, community donations.
 - c. Traffic: seen as an improvement to the Falls Rd. Corridor. Peak traffic at intersection 7-9am, 5-7pm.
 - d. Local games at Buchanan Elementary school (Gilman vs. Roland Park)
 - e. COP walk - initiative from the Baltimore City Police Dept
 - f. April 21 Clean Sweep initiative by Mayor's office.
 - g. 443.326.6656
4. **GIANT:** Valerie (sp?) from Customer Service will attend next meeting.
5. **Update from Councilman Nick Mosby's office,** per Eli Lopatin: Falls Rd to be repaved, crosswalks planned afterwards. Intersection of 41st & Falls will be included in next work effort. Discussion of pending water work, work on sections of Falls Rd.
6. **LOYOLA TESTING UPDATE** (Rich Kaminski): Wed 4/11 @ 8p, meet at Buchanan & Roland Hts. Looking for block captains: Redfern, Clydesdale, Roland Hts & Buchanan
7. **HAMPDEN DOG PARK:** next meeting 4/26, guest speakers from Canton & Locust Park. Tent at March for the Animals @ Drud Hill Park, Sunday April 29th
8. **ZONING/LAND USE:** Greenery Project - plan is to put together a proposal to submit to ABC Rental (between ABC Rental & Edgehill 40th Street, south of 40th - could be community project), spearheaded by Mary Yates. No timelines.
9. **NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING GROUP:** Kickoff May 1st 6pm, start at Giant, approx 1 mile loop, estimated 30 minutes. For all abilities, following AHA model. Announcement to be posted in next newsletter, will use AHA resources.
10. **NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME UPDATE:** defer, for report from Faye. **ACTION ITEM:** Will post via list-serve, website, FB

11. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/QUESTIONS:

- a. Next month: nominations for officers at May meeting, post to public, vote at June meeting. Open election. Board will make recommendations at next meeting. Officers stepping down: President (Gary),
- b. Andrea _____: Question - how to request a stop sign or make 42nd & Elsa a 4 way stop. Concerns current hazards, such as people cutting. There's concern of this practice increasing now that Giant is open. Discussion ensued with experiences reported by other residents present. **ACTION ITEM:** invite DOT representative to hear concerns. Extends to Redfern & 42nd. Possible considerations include traffic calming.
- c. Andrea: another issue cited regarding Roland Heights turning left onto Buchanan. Steps: Request stop sign, DOT will test site, DOT then makes recommendation. **ACTION ITEM:** Rich to take the lead to get liaison from DOT & coordinate with Andrea. Plan for **May** meeting.
- d. Parking at intersections: are signs needed to indicate no parking approaching a corner? **ACTION ITEM:** Eli Lopatin, Councilman's Nick Moby's office, recommends **that residents call 311 for Service request.** This approach can support traceability & follow-up action.

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- e. Rich Kaminski reported that Councilman Mary Pat Clarke is advocating a homeowner's tax discount for homeowners with income < \$60k per year. This is different from the homestead tax, & is instead a tax discount that can be used in addition to homestead tax.
- f. Festival/Yard Sale: discussion regarding when it should be held, pros, cons May or October. **ACTION ITEM:** Gary to add to agenda for the May meeting.
- g. Recommendation from Cindy, Gary to re-examine the bylaws. Rationale: given the current state of the organization, the recommendation is to look at what's realistic & feasible, & bring the current by-laws up to date. Motion to convene an ad hoc committee to re-write the bylaws for presentation to the Board before the next MCA year (Sept. 2012), & if approved by the board, then present to the general membership. Key considerations include: gift giving, increase membership. Motion approved.
- h. FLAGPOLE: Grommets & repair are still needed. Gary provided a recap. \$200 maximum approved to Tom Kerr to repair flagpole.
- i. **ACTION ITEM:** Suggestion for May meeting: consider a Mayor's Christmas Parade corporate sponsorship committee.
- j. **ACTION ITEM:** TREES - Gary willing to contact city Parks & Rec department for trees on public streets. Target: Falls Rd & _____, looking for other locations. No promises - Parks & Recs has not responded to inquiries.

Meeting concluded: _____

ACTION ITEM SUMMARY:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Target date</i>
1. Post Neighborhood Crime Update to list-serve, (Yahoo), website, & Facebook	Faye	Next month
2. Traffic issue Elsa & 42 nd : Invite DOT representative to hear concerns. . Extends to Redfern & 42nd. Possible considerations include traffic calming.	Gary/Rich	May meeting
3. Traffic issue – parking at Roland Hts & Buchanan: Invite DOT representative to hear concerns.	Gary/Rich	May meeting
4. Traffic issue – parking at intersections: Residents should call 311, to support traceability & follow-up	All Residents	--
5. For May meeting, add an agenda item for discussion regarding timing for the next neighborhood "festival" (May or October)	Gary	May meeting
6. For May meeting, add an agenda item for discussion of a corporate sponsorship committee to fund the Mayor's Christmas Parade	Gary	May meeting
7. Follow-up with the city's Dept. of Parks & Recreation regarding planting more trees.	Gary	May meeting