

Minutes

Medfield Community Association General Meeting

August 13, 2013

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 Dalmás
Treasurer Gary Sever
Member at Large: Sam Armacost, Jaclyn Paul, Dennis Dideriksen, Pat Dideriksen, Charly Carter

Chairpersons: Brian Parkinson – Traffic Liaison
Doug Rose – Garden Club
Gary Sever – Zoning and Land Use Liaison

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

Guests: Officer O'Donnell – Baltimore City Police, Northern District
Stephanie Murdock – Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke's office
Members of Baltimore City Fire Department

A quorum was present and seated.

Meeting Minutes: The Secretary distributed and read the Minutes from the July general Meeting. Sandy Finn and Michael moved and seconded to approve the Minutes. The Minutes were approved by voice vote with minor changes.

Treasurer's Report:

Gary Sever

Balance on June 1, 2013: \$2626.90
Deposits: \$150 in membership dues and newsletter ad revenue
Balance on July 9, 2013: \$2,776.90

A Finance committee is being formed to help formulate budgets for each committee to streamline the association's finances. Charly Carter and Doug moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The report was approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

Board of Directors Update

Cindy Cabales

President Cindy Cabales noted that the Association's by-laws are in the process of being updated. The board meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be at David's in Hampden on August 28.

Traffic

Brian Parkinson

The committee is listing and tracking several traffic concerns at specific areas of the neighborhood. Brian received approval from the general membership to proceed with a traffic request with regard to road pavement problems in the vicinity of the 4400 block of Clydesdale Avenue.

Crime and Safety**Charly Carter and Officer O'Donnell**

Charly Carter reported that door-to-door salesmen and canvassers are once again the area. It is recommended that you make an appointment with the salesperson; legitimate representatives will make and keep any appointments. Residents should call 911 for suspicious salespeople.

Officer O'Donnell reviewed some of the significant crimes reported in the Medfield area over the past month. The Northern District is focusing on the Medfield neighborhood to stem the larcenies. An arrest warrant is pending for an unarmed robbery. Petty thefts of opportunity have occurred in the area from porches, garages, and open doors. Electronics are popular targets for thefts. There have been a few thefts of Chrysler vehicles, popular with thieves due to the ease they can be started. Police recommend using The Club on Chrysler vehicles to help prevent their theft.

The police remind residents to keep their cars empty to dissuade anyone from breaking into their vehicle. If a theft is discovered, residents should call 911 to report the crime, even for small thefts, to ensure that the police are tracking activity in the area.

Fire Safety**Baltimore City Firefighters**

The fire department reminded everyone that smoke detectors are free to city residents, and should be used on every floor of the home. Anyone that needs a smoke detector should call 311.

The fire department will be participating in First Night Out, and invites residents to meet them at the event.

Zoning**Gary Sever**

The zoning committee met with the new owners of Red Fish liquors. The owners also own two Dunkin Donut franchises in the area, and want to improve the liquor store. They agreed to abide by the restrictions set in their license, which the previous owners had failed to do in the past. Gary made a motion to write a letter from the community to support the transfer of the liquor license, and Doug and Kathleen moved and seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

There will be a zoning meeting on August 22 at 7pm at the Christian Love Baptist Church meeting hall to discuss a variance to subdivide the property at 1102 W. 40th Street. All Medfield residents are invited to the meeting.

Garden Club**Doug Rose**

The Garden Club is working on maintenance projects on Weldon Circle, the Medfield sign on Grandview Avenue, and on the Medfield Heights Elementary School (MHES) butterfly garden. On Thursday the club will meet at MHES from 6 to 7:30pm to clean up and weed the elementary school garden. New plants are being planned for the Medfield sign.

New Business:**Fall Fest****Pat Dideriksen**

The Fall Festival will be held on October 5 from 9am to 2pm. A flea market is being planned with tables for rent for residents to sell items. A Goodwill truck will be there at the end of the day to take any items left over that anyone wishes to donate. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the Fall Fest should talk to Pat.

501c3 Proposal**Cindy Cabales**

President Cindy Cabales gave an overview of the benefits of 501c3 status, and the proposal for fiscal sponsorship with (Greater Homewood Community Corporation) GHCC. Information about GHCC and tier fee structure is available at www.GHCC.org.

The general membership authorizes the Board to obtain 501c3 status through GHCC as an interim action with a timeline for independent 501c3 application to be determined within one year by the MCA Finance Committee pending approval by the Board.

A motion was made for the MCA general membership to endorse the Board recommendation to obtain 501c3 status through GHCC as an interim action with a timeline for independent 501c3 application to be determined within 1 year by the MCA Finance Committee, pending approval by the MCA Board. Pat Dideriksen moved to approve the motion, and was seconded by Michael Witkowski. The motion passed by voice vote.

Announcements:

None.

Action Items

None.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 10, 2013 at 7:00pm
Christian Love Baptist Church meeting hall

Adjournment: 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Dalmas
Secretary, Medfield Community Association