

# Minutes

## Medfield Community Association General Meeting

### May 14, 2013

**Location:**

Christian Love Baptist Church Meeting Hall  
42<sup>st</sup> Street and Falls Road

**Call To Order:**

7:00 PM by President Cindy Cabales.

**Attending:**

**MCA Board:**

President Cindy Cabales

Secretary Randy Dalmas

Doug Barry, Maureen Burke, Pat Dideriksen, Dennis Dideriksen, Gary Sever

**Chairpersons:**

Charly Carter – Police Liaison

Brian Parkinson – Traffic Liaison

**Residents:**

See attached sign-in sheet

**Guests:**

MaryPat Clarke – City

Councilperson, 14<sup>th</sup> District

Baltimore City Police

Specialist, Mayor's office

Neighborhood Liaison, Mayor's office

Baltimore City Police

Attorney

Code Enforcement Office

Major Sabrina Tapp-Harper –

Alejandro Colon – Prevention

Demetrius Mallisham –

Officer William O'Donnell –

Patricia Deros – Office of States

Stan Janczak – Superintendent,

**Meeting Minutes:** The President distributed copies of the Minutes from the April General Meeting. The Minutes were approved by voice vote with minor changes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Dennis Dikerikson**

Balance on April 1, 2013:

\$2371.90.

Deposits: \$89

Balance on May 1, 2013: \$2460.90

**President's Report:**

**Cindy Cabales**

The President reported that the board is progressing with plans to change the association's by-laws and tax status to 501(c)3. Randy Dalmas was approved by the board as the new Secretary of the association. Brian Parkinson has accepted the position of the Traffic Liaison, and Charly Carter is the new Police Liaison. There have been several resignations from the Board of Directors, so several members have been nominated to the open board seats. Nominees so far include:

Sam Armacost

Brian Parkinson

Charly Carter

Jaclyn Paul

## **Old Business:**

### **Gardening Club**

**Cindy Cabales**

The Gardening Club participated at the Medfield Heights Elementary School Spring Fest, and raised \$71. The club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month and can be contacted through NextDoor.com.

### **Medfield Heights PTA Partnership**

**Chris Williams**

The PTA raised over \$4000 at the Spring Fest on April 27<sup>th</sup>, and extended its appreciation to the community for its support to the school, and for making the Spring Fest a success.

### **Zoning**

**Gary Sever**

There was a zoning meeting on April 29 to discuss the proposed zoning changes and future uses for JT's on Falls Rd. The residents at the meeting proposed the following recommendation:

*The Zoning/Land Use Committee recommends that the MCA support the re-designation of the zoning of 4300 Falls Road, from R-7 under the current zoning code, to C-1 under the proposed zoning code, as of the date that the new zoning code takes effect.*

The result of this redesignation would be to provide the property with zoning that would allow it to continue operating as it currently does, without being a "non-conforming" property that is at risk of losing licensure. The recommendation was moved and approved by voice vote of the membership.

### **Traffic**

**Brian Parkinson**

Nothing to report.

### **Crime and Safety**

**Multiple**

Major Sabrina Tapp-Harper of the Baltimore City Police presented crime statistical comparisons from last year to this year for the Medfield area. Some statistics had remained relatively unchanged, but she referenced that property crimes, particularly vehicle break-ins, had increased. She and Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke reported that one arrest was made in connection with some vehicle break-ins and that police presence in the area will continue, as well as following the cases through the court system. Major Tapp-Harper took questions from those in attendance about suspicious activity and police patrols.

Officer O'Donnell said to be aware of any suspicious behavior late at night, and to call 911 to report strange activity. He reminded everyone to lock their cars, as well as remove any items from vehicles, especially items such as CDs, or phone or GPS chargers (since they can indicate the presence of electronic equipment in the vehicle).

Residents were reminded that they should sign up for Operation Crime Watch, which allows anonymous crime reports to 911. Forms are located on line at Nextdoor.com.

## **New Business:**

### **Housing Inspections**

**Stan Janczak**

Stan asked anyone that wishes to report a city code violation to call 311. Violations can include dumped trash, and grass over 8 inches high. Residents were reminded that trash cans must have lids, although recycling does not require a lid. The city will also ticket unlicensed vehicles on city streets. If any complaints to 311 are not responded to in a timely manner, you can contact Stan at 410-545-7550.

## **Action Items**

None.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday June 11, 2013 at 7pm  
Christian Love Baptist Church meeting hall

**Adjournment:** 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Dalmas  
Secretary  
Medfield Community Association