

**Minutes for the Medfield Community Association**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
May 2, 2011

NOTE: These notes are considered drafts until approved at the general meeting on June 2, 2011. Once approved by the community they will be posted on the [www.medfieldmd.com](http://www.medfieldmd.com) web site. Unless stated otherwise, any required written communications will be drafted by Gary Sever and where necessary, reviewed by Rick Kaminski.

**Board members in attendance:**

- Gary Sever – president
- Doug Barry- vice president
- Dennis Dideriksen- treasurer
- Rich Kaminski – zoning/land use chair
- Ray Szymczak – board member
- Pat Dideriksen – board member
- Faye Rivkin – acting communications secretary
- Cindy Cabales, acting board member

**Community members in attendance:**

14 (there were more who didn't sign in)

See sign in sheet for names

**Meeting Communications**

- Pastor Bailey, Pastor of Christian Love Baptist Church (formerly Aldersgate) welcomed the community association to his church and reiterated that the community should contact him to use the church for community activities. He welcomed the community to come to their Sunday services, 11am to 12:30pm or so. FYI, Zumba at 7:30 on Mondays, for \$5/class.
- The Medfield dumpster has been rescheduled for May 28, 2011 from 9am-1pm. It will be at the Weldon Circle
- Elections will be held at the June meeting.
  - Motion was passed by Richard Kaminski to nominate the following individuals. The motion was seconded. No one opposed.
  - Gary Seever – president
    - Doug Barry- vice president
    - Dennis Dideriksen- treasurer
    - Rich Kaminski – zoning/land use chair
    - Ray Szymczak – board member
    - Pat Dideriksen – board member
    - Faye Rivkin –communications secretary
    - Maureen Burke – board member
    - Cindy Cabales – board member

- Paul Smith – alternate board member
  - Tom Kerr – alternate board member
- Rich Kaminski gave an update on the plans for the sidewalk installation/expansion for Skyview, the proposed townhouse development located at Hickory Ave and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, in the lot behind the Falls Road Apartments.
  - In fall of 2011 construction will begin on the new development
  - The developer will be building 300 feet of sidewalk connecting the development to the Superfresh Shopping Center on 41<sup>st</sup> street. This will start in January 2012.
  - The City will build another 200 feet of sidewalk connecting 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Streets; city will extend sidewalk from 42<sup>nd</sup> St. to the shopping center, and alongside the Falls Rd Apts, in early 2012;
  - City may complete 300ft of sidewalk along 43<sup>rd</sup> St. from Hickory Ave to Falls Road at a later date.
- 4418 Buena Vista wants to add a 9 x 12 addition on the side of their house. This would encroach on the 10 foot setback from property lines required by the City.
  - Richard Kaminski made a motion to support the addition, on the condition that the homeowner first gets approval from the necessary neighbors. The motion was seconded. No one opposed.
  - The suggestion was made that the processes related to topics like this be added to the [www.medfieldmd.com](http://www.medfieldmd.com) web site. It will be explored.
- Discussion occurred around the proposed digital billboards at the Union Mill and Mary Sue Candy properties. Clear Channel is working with the property owners to replace the traditional billboards with electronic billboards.
  - Cindy Cabales provided an overview of what had been discussed with Clear Channel and Seawall Development (the developers of the Union Mill property) at the April MCA board meeting.
  - These billboards will comply with City regulations for electronic media. Images will change every 10 seconds
  - The plan is to angle the billboards so that the lighting does not impair residents in the homes that surround the billboards.
  - From an environmental standpoint, the new billboards will give off less light than traditional billboards.
  - Clear Channel is offering Hampden/Medfield/Woodberry 15 year Community Benefits Agreement that would include:
    - Clear Channel will agree to display public service announcements on the traditional billboards on Falls Road.
    - Clear Channel is agreeing to donate a set amount of money each year to the local communities impacted to be used for community service support.
    - Clear Channel agrees to support community interests over that 15 year period.
  - Hearings will be held for the vetting process

- Community support is needed for this to occur.
  - Rich Kaminski made a motion to support Hampden's decision to support this change to electronic billboards. The motion was seconded. No one opposed.
    - Woodberry hasn't asked for our support
- National Roofing Company – on the evening of April 15<sup>th</sup> there was a tanker truck fire on the paper street owned by the City on which National Roofing illegally parks their trucks and leaves their equipment. It took approximately 2 hours to put out the fire. No one was injured and there wasn't any property damage.
  - They have been cited in the past for illegally storing materials on this street, which is not part of their property but is attached to it. . They have told the Association in the past that they were no longer using tanker trucks, nor would they be storing equipment there.
  - The first time they were cited, an inspection occurred within 30 days and they were caught storing materials on this same street.
  - Rich Kaminski filed a complaint in the fall with the Office of Minor Privileges & Encroachment. And he will do the same with this event.
  - There were no National Roofing employees on site at the time of the fire.
  - Residents are concerned. Erin, who lives on 40<sup>th</sup> street, spoke on behalf of her neighbors?
  - The question was raised – are they storing hazardous material on their property and on city property.
  - A motion was made that Rich Kaminski will generate a letter including all of the details and the back story and send it to the Office of Minor Privileges. Mary Pat & Belinda will be copied on the letter, which will be sent by mail, not by email. The letter will request an inspection be done at National Roofing. Gary Seever seconded the motion. No one opposed.
  - Rich K asked Erin to ask residents of 40<sup>th</sup> street to call 311 and independently ask for an inspection.
- ABC Supply – 3901 Buena Vista
  - They've renewed their lease for another 10 years.
  - The Association has asked ABC to bring dumpsters behind their building to clean up the lot
- Medfield Community Association Fair and Flea Market
  - Suggestion was made to change the name & date to the Medfield Harvest Festival and hold it in early October.
  - Brings in about \$1000 to the Association
  - Need permits about 90 days out
    - Permit is \$90
  - At the meeting in June a committee will be formed and a date will be chosen.

- Noise and light issues from Loyola stadium
  - Residents in our neighborhood have concerns
  - Rich K will bring this up with Jim, Woodberry's community president – they have issues with this as well. He'll talk to Hampden about it as well.
  - Motion was made by Cindy to write a letter to Loyola expressing our concerns and inviting them to a meeting in the fall to discuss it. Motion was seconded by Erin. No one opposed. Mary Pat and Belinda will be copied on the letter.
  
- Clydesdale Apartments
  - Trash is often picked up at 3 or 4am and the noise from the trucks bothers residents on the surrounding streets
  - Apartment residents play music loud at all hours
  - It was suggested that when this occurs, 911 should be called, not 311. It is up to 911 to determine how to handle this issue.
  - Rick K will follow up with Southern Management, who manages the apartments.
  
- Trees –
  - If the city cuts down a tree, they don't automatically plant a new one.
  - Erin Bolton asked about a stump remaining where the city had cut down a tree. The city is supposed to remove the stump but hasn't yet, despite multiple calls. Erin asked if requesting a new tree to plant might expedite the stump removal. Gary Sever has dealt with this issue previously & advises that requesting a new tree will not expedite the stump removal, and mentioned that the city might actually decline planting a new tree because there may not be enough space by the stump.
  - A form can be filled out requesting one to be replanted. Gary Sever has one and will forward to resident Erin Bolton. A link to this form is on the Medfield web site, accessed from the navigation on the left side.
  - If the City plants a tree, the homeowner must agree to water it for the next 2 years.