

Minutes

Medfield Community Association General Meeting

November 12, 2013

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

Call To Order: 7:01 PM by President Cindy Cabales

Attending:

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

Chairpersons: Brian Parkinson – Traffic Liaison

Residents: See attached sign-in sheet
11 Total attendees not including guests

Guests: Officer O'Donnell – Baltimore City Police, Northern District
Stephanie Murdock – Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke's office
Cori Ramos – Councilman Nick Mosby's office
Ramona Baker-Moore – Judge on Orphans Court

A quorum was present and seated.

Meeting Minutes: The Secretary distributed and read the Minutes from the September general Meeting. Michael Witkowski moved and Cindy Cabales seconded to approve the Minutes with minor changes. The Minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:
Waived.

Gary Sever

Old Business:

Crime and Safety

Charly Carter and Officer O'Donnell

Officer O'Donnell reported that car break-ins are still occurring in the area. The overall crime statistics are improving from recent months, although there were 2 car thefts. Owners of Chrysler/Dodge vehicles are reminded that those vehicles are especially susceptible to theft, so The Club is highly recommended to reduce the chance of theft.

Residents are reminded to keep their porch lights on and to report anything suspicious to 911.

Cindy Cabales requested that more patrols be made in the Weldon Circle area due to petty crime in that area.

Communications

Jaclyn Paul

The deadline for any entries in the next newsletter is November 25. The team also needs block representatives to distribute newsletters on Buena Vista.

Membership
Waived.

Randy Dalmás

Traffic**Brian Parkinson**

The Traffic Committee met with DOT to discuss ideas to improve traffic flow through Medfield. One of the proposals was to alleviate traffic on Falls Road at peak hours. DOT had no specific plans, so the Associate approved by voice vote to send a letter to DOT that will read "The Medfield Community Association cannot commit itself to any particular traffic management strategies at this time. However, we look forward to considering any ideas that the DOT may propose, including those that might require a tradeoff between traffic flow and street parking."

Zoning Committee**Randy Dalmas for Brian Sever**

A zoning meeting was held on November 8 to discuss a proposal from Medfield resident Steve Lamphear for possible development of the City property at the western end of Old Cold Spring Lane. The committee will hold another meeting to solicit input from residents who will be directly impacted by the development before making a recommendation on the development plan.

Youth Group

Waived.

New Business:**Parks and People****Ashe Smith**

Ashe Smith discussed Parks and People, which is an initiative to improve and maintain the tree canopy in the City. The group trains residents to conduct a survey of trees in their neighborhood, as well as how to get grants and donations for new trees. Ashe spoke about when to plant trees and maintain them after planting. Residents can join CGRN for \$20 to be eligible for workshops and free plants. The Parks and People Program can also assist with getting grants. Ashe distributed written materials for the program for the Association to review.

Mayor's Christmas Parade**Tom Kerr**

The annual Christmas parade will be held on Sunday December 8 at 1pm. The parade is seeking donations. Anyone who would like to volunteer as a marshall for the parade should contact Tom at 410-366-0726.

A motion was made to reject the old Association donation amount of \$250, and to instead donate \$350 to Christmas Parade. Pat Dideriksen moved to accept the motion, and it was seconded by Michael Witkowski. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Clothing Drive**Cindy Cabales**

The MCA is taking donations for new clothing items to be donated to needy families. New unwrapped toys will also be accepted.

Fire Department Toy Drive**Baltimore City Fire Dept.**

The Fire Department is accepting new unwrapped toys at all its firehouses until December 22. However, no stuffed animals can be accepted. The Association will also accept toys at the next general meeting and will deliver them to the Fire Department.

Parking**Cindy Cabales**

Everyone was reminded that street parking is open to all residents and guests, and there is no reserved parking in Medfield (except where expressly marked, usually for Handicapped).

Announcements:

- None.

Action Items

Stephanie Murdock – investigate and report on the water tax credits offered by the City.

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

Adjournment: 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Dalmas
Secretary, Medfield Community Association