

Minutes

Medfield Community Association General Meeting

July 09, 2013

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

Call To Order: 7:05 PM by President Cindy Cabales.

Attending:

MCA Board: President Cindy Cabales
Vice President Brian Parkinson
Secretary Randy Dalmas
Treasurer Gary Sever
Member at Large: Sam Armacost, Jaclyn Paul

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 Smith – Baltimore City Police, Northern District
Stan Janczak – Superintendent, Northeast District Inspections
Stephanie Murdock – Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke's office
Members of Baltimore City Fire Department

Meeting Minutes: The Secretary distributed and read the Minutes from the June General Meeting. Hannah Flaks and Gary Sever 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: \$2,541.90
Deposits: \$75 in membership dues and newsletter ad revenue
Balance on July 9, 2013: \$2626.90.

Old Business:

President's Report

Cindy Cabales

President Cindy Cabales introduced the new board members and committee chairpersons in attendance. Cindy reminded everyone that we will be working with the Medfield Heights Elementary school PTA regarding the new design for the school. Charly Carter will be the liaison for this effort. The community has been invited to participate in the design. The Mayor's Christmas Parade will be on December 8. Planning has started and the Association will be assisting. The Association is planning a Fall Festival on October 5 or 12, with a possible movie. A sign-up sheet was available for volunteers since we need volunteers and planners in order to hold the event.

Cindy also reported that the Association has written an email to the city Department of Public Works requesting more advance notice for sewer system maintenance to avoid traffic and parking problems.

Zoning

Gary Sever

No report.

Crime and Safety**Officer Smith**

Officer Smith attended for Officer O'Donnell, who could not attend the meeting. He reported that in the last 28 days there had been one arson, and 12 auto larcenies, which are high. Most of the crimes reported in the area are crimes of opportunity with little damage, so residents are reminded to lock their doors and secure any valuables.

Major Sabrina Tapp-Harper has been promoted, and will be succeeded as commander of the Northern District by Kimberly Burrus.

Residents were reminded that they should call 911 to report any suspicious activity.

Fire Safety**Firefighter Clark Cathey**

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.

Communications and Newsletter**Jaclyn Paul**

Jaclyn Paul is now the newsletter editor, replacing Faye Rivken.

Traffic**Brian Parkinson**

Brian reported on an accident at 42nd and Edgehill, and the Association will be requesting a 4-way stop sign at that intersection to improve safety. Concerns about the intersection at 42nd and Elsa Terrace has been reported to the city, and while a 3-way stop has been requested, the city has not agreed to the change. Hannah Flaks raised concerns about students crossing the streets in front of cars, which could create a hazard.

Membership**Randy Dalmas**

Randy Dalmas will be chairing the membership committee, and will be working toward improving membership tracking and ways to remind members to renew. Requests were made to give members a membership card, or some sort of receipt, when making payment for membership. He will be taking suggestions for improving Association membership benefits.

New Business:**Code Enforcement****Stan Janczak**

City residents can go to the city website at BaltimoreCity.gov. Stan reported that during the office focuses on sanitation enforcement, ensuring that trash cans have lids and trash is cleaned up. The city will issue 30-day notices and citations for grass over 8 inches high and unregistered vehicles. Vehicles may also not be parked on lawns. Any problems should be reported to 311. If the report is unresolved, residents can call Stan at 410-545-7550 to escalate the issue.

Announcements:

None.

Action Items

Officer Smith will confirm the dates for the crime reporting period used by the Baltimore City Police Department.

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 13, 2013 at 7pm
Christian Love Baptist Church meeting hall

Adjournment: 8:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Dalmas
Secretary, Medfield Community Association