

Minutes for the Medfield Community Association
Monthly Meeting
February 6, 2012

NOTE: These notes are considered drafts until approved at the general meeting on March 5, 2012. They will be posted in on the 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
- Dennis Dideriksen- treasurer
- Pat Dideriksen – board member
- Faye Rivkin –communications secretary
- Maureen Burke – board member
- Richard Kaminski - zoning/land use chair
- Doug Barry- vice president

Community members in attendance:

See sign in sheet for names; many didn't sign in
There were attendees from neighboring communities as well

Meeting Communications

1. November 2011 meeting minutes were read, approved and seconded. Minutes are posted on the www.medfieldmd.com website.
2. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

December balance:	\$2,634.90
Service charge:	\$0 (we're no longer being charged)
January expenses:	\$0
February 1 balance:	\$2,634.90
3. St. Mary's Outreach Center overview of services
 - a. Sandy Simmons is our contact for making senior's lives a little easier
 - b. she'll make home visits if necessary
 - c. St. Mary's Outreach Center
3900 Roland Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21211
410-366-3106
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4. Loyola Stadium noise – representatives were in attendance to discuss residents' concerns.

- a. Joan Flynn- AVP for Community Relations, Tom Hendleman – Director, Environmental Services and Joe Bradley – Director Event Services
 - b. They gave an overview of the process to approve the stadium within the community. Process ran from 1999 through 2009. the first event was held in March 2009
 - c. Medfield wasn't included in the discussions; held prior to any of the current board member's MCA membership.
 - d. Several residents expressed concern over the noise and lights and asked the representatives if they've come out and looked and listened to noise in our area during Loyola events. They said that they have.
 - i. there are about 30 school events per year that use the sound system; volume is adjusted based on event attendance
 - ii. the lights are supposed to be off by 10pm, except in unforeseen overtime situations
 - e. Community members in attendance seem to be in agreement that the issue is more one of noise than of lights.
 - f. Rich Kaminski asked the Medfield be included in any future discussions. Representatives agreed. The Woodberry Coalition, which was involved in the majority of the earlier discussions, hasn't had dialogue with the school since 2009.
 - g. Council president's office commented that the added visibility due to the additional lighting is a good thing, even though there are no official statistics on it yet.
 - i. Morgan State, Hopkins and Coppin State have similar lighting and the residents in these areas feel the lighting is an additional safety mechanism.
 - ii. Officer. Bexley Collins, the new BCP Medfield liaison told us that there are a few mobile lighting units placed throughout the city that run all night. and in these areas, there has been a decrease in violent crime, property crime, and robberies.
 - h. Loyola agreed to future simulation testing for sound
 - i. MCA will work with the community to determine appropriate dates
 - ii. MCA president Gary Sever said that since we can't eliminate it, we will entertain a compromise, and testing is the 1st step.
 - iii. Loyola to send MCA schedule of events – game and practice schedules.
 - iv.
5. Officer. Bexley Collins, the new BCP Medfield liaison introduced himself and spoke for a few minutes. He'll be patrolling Medfield, Hampden, North Remington
- a. he has a new sergeant, Sgt. Morales
 - b. stats:

- i. January 1, stolen auto; only 1 from January 1 through February 6th and decrease over same time last year
 - ii. Jan 12th, armed robbery on the 4100 block of Edgehill; handgun, 2 African American males, wearing hoodies, dark complexions; still pending
 - iii. Jan 17th, 1300 block of W. Old Coldspring, 2 burglaries, both are still under investigation; don't seem to be related; 1 was entry through a basement door at night, and the other used a handgun during the day.
 - iv. There have been no burglaries since then, through Feb 6th.
 - v. We asked about the JT's and Royal Farms burglaries in fall 2011 and Officer Collins will follow up on the outcomes.
 - vi. The recent issues in Roland Park were brought up. Officer Collins spoke about the increased patrols in the area around Petit Louis and they're working with the management company of that shopping center for increased lighting. The issues are still being investigated.
 - vii. A resident asked about a recent issue at Fresh & Greens. Officer Collins will follow up.
 - viii. Item of note: the liaisons adjust their schedules as needed in response to issues in the Northern District.
 - ix. Want a home security investigation, contact the MCA and we'll put you in touch with Officer Collins. They'll do an assessment of your home.
6. Rich Kaminski brought up the failing traffic light at 41st and Falls Rd and spoke to the council president's representative about it. Their office will follow up with DOT ASAP
7. Council President's rep – Tommy Phillips
- a. February is Heart Awareness month and his personal crusade
 - b. Nuisance Abundance law – “if you don't take care of your property, we'll take it from you.” this will be voted on in February
 - c. Homestead Tax Credit. Information will be distributed to us as it becomes available.
8. Fresh & Greens is leaving and the MCA welcomes the new tenant, Giant.