

# Minutes

## Medfield Community Association General Meeting

### September 10, 2013

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

**Call To Order:** 7:04 PM by President Cindy Cabales.

**Attending:**

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

**Chairpersons:** Brian Parkinson – Traffic Liaison  
Doug Rose – Garden Club  
Gary Sever – Zoning and Land Use Liaison

**Residents:** See attached sign-in sheet  
30 total attendees not including guests

**Guests:** Officer Morales – Baltimore City Police, Northern District

A quorum was present and seated.

**Meeting Minutes:** The Secretary distributed and read the Minutes from the August general Meeting. Hanna Flaks moved and Hollis Jackson seconded to approve the Minutes. The Minutes were approved by voice vote without changes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Gary Sever**

Balance in July: \$2626.90  
Deposits: \$155 in membership dues and newsletter ad revenue  
Balance in August, 2013: \$2,781.90

**Old Business:**

**Crime and Safety**

**Charly Carter and Officer Morales**

Charly Carter reported that 2 robberies were reported on Nextdoor. Residents should remain vigilant about any suspicious activity in the neighborhood since thefts from vehicles are still high. Residents should call 911 for suspicious persons or salespeople. Residents were reminded to get a Crime Watch number in order to report any activity to 911 anonymously.

The police remind residents to keep their cars empty to dissuade anyone from breaking into their vehicle. The police also remind you to use a Club as a visual deterrent to prevent attempts at vehicle thefts. If a theft is discovered, residents should call 911 to report the crime, even for small thefts, to ensure that the police are tracking activity in the area.

**Communications**

**Jaclyn Paul**

Complaints are now being tracked that are reported to the Association in order to better follow up on complaints in the area, and to raise issue with the City about repeat problems. An example is broken streetlights in the neighborhood that have been made to the Association, and the committee is looking at ways to expedite the repair requests.

The deadline for any entries in the next newsletter is September 30.

#### **Membership**

#### **Randy Dalmas**

The membership committee is working to move all membership records to a digital format, and has begun work on a list of present and former members. Plans are being made on how to remind residents to renew their memberships via email or a similar format. Members are reminded that they can pay dues for multiple years if they wish, and that the membership period is from July to June.

#### **Traffic**

#### **Brian Parkinson & Erin Bolton**

The committee is raising issues with cars blocking traffic at Medfield Heights Elementary during pickup and drop-off times. Parents are double-parking and blocking traffic through the area.

The Hedwin Corporation has been contacted about trucks driving through Medfield at late hours of the night, despite a previous promise to limit truck activity after 10pm. The company has promised to keep to the limited hours, and reported that some of the trucks that have been driving at late hours are not Hedwin trucks. Hedwin is passing the word to these drivers and companies and asks for a little time to spread the word.

Stop signs have been requested for 42<sup>nd</sup> and Edgehill and 42<sup>nd</sup> and Elsa Terrace. The City has reviewed the requests and said that due to limited traffic through these intersections that stop signs are unlikely. Residents were asked to report any traffic accidents, no matter how minor, to help build a better case with the City. A motion was made to request that the City place signs at both intersections that crossing traffic does not stop to warn motorists. The motion was moved for approval by Cindy Cabales and seconded Sam Armocast, and approved by voice vote.

### **New Business:**

#### **Fall Festival**

#### **Pat Dideriksen**

The Fall Festival will be held on October 5 from 9am to 2pm. Out of 40 spaces available, 25 have been rented so far. JT's has donated ice, and Giant has donated a \$25 gift card. WJZ has donated a studio tour to the silent auction. Anyone who would like to donate items, or volunteer to help, should contact Pat.

#### **Mayor's Christmas Parade**

#### **Tom Kerr**

The annual Christmas parade will be held on Sunday December 8 at 1pm. Anyone who would like to volunteer for the parade should contact Tom.

#### **Methadone Clinic**

#### **Cindy Cabales**

A neighborhood rally will be held on Thursday September 12 at 6pm at 1104 West 36th Street by Councilman Nick Moseby and Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke. The meeting will be to discuss issues with the methadone clinic at Falls Rd and 36<sup>th</sup> Street in Hampden. Recently residents have been complaining about a number of issues and have requested action against the clinic. Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting, and to send specific complaints in writing to both City council members. See the attached flyer for more information.

#### **Day Care Center**

#### **Agnes Molloy**

Agnes Molloy is moving her after-school day care center to the Christian Love Baptist Church later this year. The day care center a zoning hearing on September 17 at 3pm to approve the move in the church. Her service has been running for 25 years in the Medfield area for MHES students, and her license allows her to up to 60 students. She has about 45 students now, mostly Pre-K, and expects to average around 50 students. The program operates from 2pm to 6pm. Agnes asked for support from the Association for the zoning hearing. Residents raised concerns about parking issues around the church, especially since parking and traffic are already an issue, and side streets around the church are narrow. The day care center will use Falls Rd as a drop-off and pickup point to reduce traffic problems.

A motion to write a letter of support in favor of the day care center, along with concerns about the negative impact on parking, was made. The motion was moved to be approved by Kathy Sloat and seconded by Betty Crue, and approved by voice vote.

### **Announcements:**

- Jean Hare, a Medfield book author and former Sun Paper writer, passed away on September 6, 2013.
- Allen Cohen announced that there will be a trash pickup party on Tuesday September 24 at 6pm at 36<sup>th</sup> and Roland Avenue to clean up area litter, meet neighbors, and socialize afterwards.

### **Action Items**

President Cindy Cabales will write a letter of support in favor of the day care center planned for CLBC (including concerns raised by members).

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday October 8, 2013 at 7:00pm  
Christian Love Baptist Church meeting hall

**Adjournment:** 8:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Dalmas  
Secretary, Medfield Community Association