

Minutes

Medfield Community Association General Meeting

April 09, 2013

Location:

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

Call To Order:

7:00 PM by President Cindy Cabales.

Attending:

President Cindy Cabales
Acting Secretary Randy Dalmas
Acting Secretary Faye Rivkin
Board Members Doug Barry, Maureen Burke, Richard Kaminski

from Hampden station

students

Councilman Nick Moseby's office

Guests:

Baltimore City Firefighters
Goucher College political science
Corey Ramos - representative from
Stephanie Murdock

Meeting Minutes: The President presented and distributed copies of the Minutes from the March General Meeting. The Minutes were approved by voice vote with no changes.

President's Report: Cindy Cabales outlined plans to change the association's tax status to 501(c)3, as well as the mission of the organization to act as a conduit for neighborhood issues. A new Crime and Safety Liaison has been appointed who will coordinate with the Baltimore City Police Department and communicate crime alerts to the organization and through NextDoor.com.

Old Business:

Traffic

Cindy Cabales

The association is in the process of appointing a Traffic Liaison to organize and coordinate traffic issues.

Communications Team

The Newsletter is now 2 pages and is selling ad space to help raise funds for the association. The Yahoo! List Serve is now no longer being used and has been replaced by NextDoor.com.

Gardening Club

Cindy Cabales

The club will be participating in the project "Power In Dirt", a new mayoral initiative to create community gardens. The club meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month and can be contacted through NextDoor.com.

Membership

Cindy Cabales

The promotion for 2014 memberships with payment in 2013 is continuing.

Zoning

Richard Kaminski

Improvements are planned for the intersection of Falls Rd and 41st Street are continuing, which will include changes to the stop light and turn lanes.

There will be a meeting on April 29 to discuss the proposed zoning changes and future uses for JT's.

Crime and Safety

Cindy Cabales

Tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

Hampden Fire Department

Firefighters

The city fire department reminded everyone to stay hydrated in the upcoming hot weather. They also reminded everyone that open fires are not permitted in the city, even in steel fire pits. Only charcoal and propane grills are allowed.

Medfield Heights PTA Partnership

Chris Williams

The Spring Fest will be held on April 27 at Medfield Heights Elementary school to raise funds for the PTA. Spaces are still available to sell or advertise any goods or services. Each 10' x 10' space costs \$5. There will also be silent auctions of donated items. In the past, teams such as the Ravens and Orioles have donated items for the auction.

Crime Report

Multiple

Salesmen for an alarm company (reported to be Select Security) were canvassing the neighborhood and knocking on some doors after dark. The activity was considered suspicious and concerns were raised that these were thieves masquerading as salesmen. Attendees were reminded to call 911 whenever suspicious behavior is seen, and to contact companies to verify that salesmen are legitimate. Questions were raised as to any city ordinances or laws that govern door-to-door salesmen after dark.

Residents were reminded that they can sign up for Operation Crime Watch to simplify crime reports to 911, and that any city residents can request a security review of their homes from the city police.

Action Items

None.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 14, 2013
Christian Love Baptist Church meeting hall

Adjournment: 7:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Dalmás
Acting Secretary
Medfield Community Association