

Minutes

Medfield Community Association General Meeting

October 8, 2013

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

Call To Order: 7:02 PM by Vice President Brian Parkinson

Attending:

MCA Board: Vice President Brian Parkinson
Secretary Randy Dalmás
Member 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: Major Burris – Commander, Baltimore City Police, Northern District
Captain Garrity - Baltimore City Police, Northern District
Keenan Jeter – Mayor's Office
Ramona Baker-Moore – Judge on Orphans Court
Stephanie Murdock – Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke's office
Cori Ramos – Councilman Nick Mosby's office

A quorum was present and seated.

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

Treasurer's Report:
Balance in August, 2013: \$2,781.90

Gary Sever

Old Business:

Crime and Safety

Charly Carter and Major Burris

Major Burris and Captain Garrity introduced themselves, and polled the attendees for most important issues in the neighborhood. They reminded everyone that cell phones are top targets for theft and to be aware of your surroundings. On November 1 increased patrols will begin in the area. They also discussed concerns about the methadone clinic in Hampden. Residents raised concerns about door-to-door energy salespeople and asked about their allowed operating hours.

Charly Carter raised the possibility of a neighborhood watch program, which the police recommended for the neighborhood.

Fire Safety

Baltimore City Fire Dept.

Firefighters spoke about concerns on the new smoke detector laws that will go into effect in January of 2018. Smoke detectors will be required on every level of homes, including near any sleeping areas. The fire department will install up to 3 smoke detectors free of charge per home. Requests for detectors can be made by calling 311. Carbon monoxide detectors are recommended outside bedrooms, and hardwired smoke detectors should have batteries installed as backups in case of a power outage.

Communications**Jaclyn Paul**

Complaints to the Association are now being logged, and all issues should be reported to the proper City authorities first. Streetlight outages and repairs should be reported to BGE.

The deadline for any entries in the next newsletter is October 28.

Fall Festival**Pat Dideriksen**

The Fall Festival was held on October 5 from 9am to 2pm. Pat provided a detailed accounting report of the event (see attached), and provided these highlights:

Income	\$1145
Profit	\$885

New Business:**Mayor's Office Initiatives****Keenan Jeter**

Keenan reported that the City is working on new plans to increase home occupancy and the residents in the City. He is also working with the State Legislature to improve communication with neighborhood organizations to better address local concerns at the state level. To that end, he will be attending more community meetings, including for this Association. He can be reached at 410-227-4846 and at keen8@msn.com. Stephanie Murdock reported that a skate park is being planned for Roosevelt Park.

Mayor's Christmas Parade**Tom Kerr**

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

Traffic**Brian Parkinson**

There have been reports of cars speeding, running a stop sign, and going the wrong way on W 40th Street. A motion was made for the Association to request a study on W 40th Street for traffic calming measures. Charly Carter moved to approve the motion, and Allen Coen seconded. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Brian reviewed the agreement with the Hedwin Corporation to limit the hours of the trucks driving through the neighborhood. Hedwin was contacted about keeping to those hours, and they have reminded their drivers and suppliers of the agreed times and routes.

Announcements:

- Charly Carter announced that on November 2 there will be a school design expo at Morgan University Student Center to discuss designs for the new schools in Baltimore.
- Charly Carter reported that middle school students are being organized to volunteer for the Mayor's Christmas Parade, and will get special credit for working.

Action Items

None.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 12, 2013 at 7:00pm
Christian Love Baptist Church meeting hall

Adjournment: 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Dalmas
Secretary, Medfield Community Association