**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

**Guests:** Baltimore City Firefighters from Hampden station

Goucher College political science students

Corey Ramos - representative from Councilman Nick Moseby’s office

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 replace 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 Dalmas

Acting Secretary

Medfield Community Association