



Fells Prospect Community Association
October 30, 2025 - Kisling's Tavern 7:00PM

7:07pm Commence

- 1) Introduction & Welcome Remarks**
- 2) Approval of prior month's meeting minutes**
- 3) Board of Directors Elections**
 - a) Secretary : Vacancy beginning January
- 4) Presentations**
 - a) Sadiya Muqueeth, Chief Health Policy and Strategy Officer, Baltimore City Health Department.**
 - i) Longest running Health Dept in the country, since 1793!
 - ii) 700 employees covering variety of issues. See flyer for details, including policy issues, services, direct service providers.
 - iii) Aging Agency is within Dept of Health.
 - iv) New Commissioner: Dr. Michelle Taylor- Pediatrics, MPH, flight surgeon, National Guard.
 - (1) Priorities: Overdose response; August 2024 Mayor executive order for city-wide strategic plan.
 - v) New behavioral health division
 - vi) "Mayor is allocating funds to cover lost SNAP benefits. Is there a place/plan to catch what Medicaid cuts no longer cover."
 - (1) Baltimore City Health Dept and Planning Office- Office of Food Policy is addressing shortages- approx. \$1M. Gov. Moore allocated \$10M to food pantries.
 - (2) Medicaid: reversed expansion, immigrant removal. OBB lack of guidance is pushing policy details to local level.
 - vii) "Is Mental Health Clinic giving out covid shots or covid tests?"
 - (1) Unknown.
 - viii) Suggestion that Schools are a good point of contact for distribution.
 - ix) "City sued/won pharmaceutical companies. What are the plans for those funds. There have been 3 recent overdoses."



(1) The website has a Strategic Plan document on the website. Approx 13 point plans. Breaking silos between, reducing barriers to treatment, improving quality of treatment. Looking to create mass casualty response plan.

x) "There is treatment bed scarcity. What is being done, especially for women with children?"

(1) Maternal and Child Health Efforts is covered in the document.

b) Brett Thorne, Interim Asst. Deputy Director of Planning & Sustainable Transportation, Baltimore City Department of Transportation

i) 2021 began review of plan.

ii) Updates to green and orange routes.

(1) <https://www.instagram.com/p/DPzj75Eih2M/>

iii) Green route: Fleet between Maritime park will be served by Orange route.

5) Shae Winpiger- Legislative Aid, Constituent Services Liason and creates newsletter.

a) On Monday: Cnc Blanchard- Smoke shop bill- Compliance, enforcement improvements, proper zoning in place to curb smoke shop growth.

b) Dept of Health, Dept of Planning, Police department, Cannabis licensing Board- asking for assistance on the bill. Citizens are encouraged to testify or comment. Hearing date not set yet. Please email Shae your questions.

c) Harold: "Have we figured out how we got here?"

i) Asked the Dept of Health and the ATTC for growth numbers since 2019.

ii) Non-delta-9 products are illegal as of October 1st, 2025. Same as cartoons and candy marketed toward kids.

iii) Is there an attempt to restrict acreage density of sellers?

(1) No, Maryland law prohibits restriction. Though 2,500ft between each store and not within 500ft of a school.

iv) What is the Councilperson's vision of what will replace these shops?

(1) Smoke Shop Task Force- Mayor's Small Business Administration XXX is evaluating. "How many penalties before license is revoked?"

v) Penalties for violators are between \$500 and \$10,000.

d) What is the comparison between smoke shops enforcement and alcohol retail enforcement?

6) Committee Updates

a) **Beautification: Kat:**



- i) Last Saturday Saturday event was 10/26 on the 2000 block of Portugal St.
 - ii) Evaluating whether to have November event, potentially collaborating with UFPIA, otherwise will resume in Spring.
 - iii) Still searching for contractor for café lights,
 - iv) Awaiting update from Blue Water Baltimore about the rain gardens.
 - v) Love Your Block tree grant is coming in December.
 - vi) We have excess leaf bags and gloves available. DPW will take up to 5 bags along side trash pickup. Please leave leaves be where there is natural soil.
- b) **Community Engagement**
- i) Recap of events
 - (1) Next Walk in the Park is November 16th. Patterson PK at Gough entrance 9am
 - ii) Newsletter update
 - (1) Good month for distribution, looking for anchor sponsor to cover the cost of printing. Please email President.
- c) **Crime and Safety**
- i) Crime and Safety Update
 - (1) 1 violent crime and 22 property crimes. Package theft increases during holidays. Recommend utilizing Tochtermans, Canton Games for safe delivery.
 - (a) Suggestion to post locations in newsletter.
 - (2) SafeStreets Survey: "Have you had an incident or know someone who has?" Funds are allocated based on reports.
 - (3) Pumpkin composting. (Kat, Jack and Chelsea have suggestions) Please remove soon after Halloween to prevent nuisance vandalism.

7) Community Input

- a) 2033 Eastern Avenue Update-
 - i) FPCA wrote a letter of support for a temporary change of use to have a parking lot. Building must be un-vacant (with Use and Occupancy Certificate) before purpose can be changed.
 - ii) We ran into the same issue at the hearing yesterday regarding the vacant building notice. The Board took more time to consider our argument that the appeal should be heard, but ultimately decided against allowing the appeal to proceed. We've postponed the hearing and I can update you after I convene with the Fontanas to discuss how they wish to proceed.



- iii) CodeMap can be used to view vacant properties. Contact Shae for information about how to accomplish the “vacant building notice” step of the process.
- b) November meeting- November 20th
- c) Resident expressed concern about getting a resource to speak about how to interact with immigration raids and public safety.
- d) Reminder to deal with ice, water and snow on sidewalks as it gets colder.

7:58 Adjourn