

# March 2025 FPCA

## General Meeting Minutes



### 7:08: Commence

Approved February minutes

Call for Committees/board member volunteers.

Charles- Crime and Safety:

- Monthly commanders meeting: Setting up Central larceny program, focused on after-hours business robberies
  - There were 19 handgun, 23 drug arrest recently in Central district. However, analysis of crime stats appear to disassociate recent events with our area. There was a carjacking near Butts and Betties, but otherwise largely not affiliated with our neighborhood.
  - BPD advises to expect incidences of petty crime to rise in summer. Officer Tores is working to set up youth activities to keep kids busy after school ends for the year.
- Safety walk is tentatively scheduled for May.

Barri- Beautification:

- Meeting next Monday, invitation extended. Discussing events and goals for the year ahead + how to execute on them.
- Cleanup event April 5<sup>th</sup> 200-300 block of Collington (near Butts and Bettys). Looking for 8 more volunteers to reach 20 person sign-up to satisfy DPW rules.
- Looking for ways to fundraise; possibly host gardening expert with admission fee.
- Attended with Friends of PPK spring kickoff: April 17<sup>th</sup> tree planting event.
- Looking into grants, especially Love Your City grant. Seeking ideas and grant writers.
  - Cathy: Suggested painted rocks, flowers and plantings.
  - Ryan: Every block is eligible for the grant.
- Advise to submit 311 requests for uneven sidewalks to get new concrete. Please send 311 confirmation emails to FPCA ([beautification.committee@f pca](mailto:beautification.committee@f pca)) for any topics. Video attachments help. They will be added to President's spreadsheet to track open requests.
- Dumpster event location: Chester @ Gough 7am-12pm Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - We are looking to partner with UFPIA for future dumpster events.
  - We requested tools for our cleanup event from DPW on 2025-03-15.

Merger:

- We met with UFPIA Merger Committee last week to evaluate the prospect of merging. We will be sending members of our Beautification and Community Engagement committees to their respective meetings. We will be providing a report on our findings before any voting occurs.

Community Engagement:

- 600+ newsletters delivered in first physical delivery run.
- Legal size paper request.
- Three new attendees at tonight's meeting because of receiving a newsletter! We are seeking more carriers and backup carriers.

Upcoming speakers:

- Council member Mark Parker- April.
- Redline Project Team- May.
- BPD Officer Tores will be here in June.

VP introduction- Jamie Reed: 200 S Chester. Looking to improve block and neighborhood. Enjoyed delivering newsletter and meeting residents.

Jamie Reed nominated for VP role.

Vote:15 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Open discussion:

- Maryanne: neighborhoods around us have RPP. Side streets park on Washington. Buffered intersections. Washington St residents didn't know about the plan: no fliers. There is a DOT survey open until tonight. Concerns about double-parking for Wolfe St Academy.
- More information about the Washington Street Bikeway is available at [StreetsOfBaltimore.com](http://StreetsOfBaltimore.com). The next meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bucher's Hill Association, 7pm at St. Andrew Orthodox Church.

7:55pm Motion to adjourn was seconded.