



## Fells Prospect Community Association

### August 28, 2025 - Kisling's Tavern 7:00PM

7:08pm Commence

- 1) **Introduction & Welcome Remarks**
- 2) **Approval of prior month's meeting minutes**
  - a) *Minutes approved by motion.*
- 3) **September Annual meeting**
  - a) *Ryan described the Board of Director positions for September's election. Nominate your friend and they can run immediately. Current secretary is not intending to run for re-election.*
  - b) **Positions**
    - i) President
    - ii) Vice President
    - iii) Treasurer
    - iv) Secretary
    - v) Board Members at large
- 4) **Committee Updates**
  - a) **Beautification**
    - i) General update
      - (1) *Cleanups: Have had 4 cleanup events in the few months. Volunteers meet the last Sunday of the month (Labor Day weekend excluded: we have leaf bags and gloves available for self-run events- email [Beautification.Chair@FellsProspectCommunity.org](mailto:Beautification.Chair@FellsProspectCommunity.org) 10a-12p.*
      - (2) *September 28<sup>th</sup> is the next planned event. We are seeking recommendations for blocks that need cleanup.*
      - (3) *Tree Baltimore: Tree Keepers certification workshop series begins Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – visit [TreeBaltimore.org](http://TreeBaltimore.org) to sign up for the free classes.*
      - (4) *Charm City Cleanup- DOT, DPW and other agencies were in Upper Fells fulfilling 311 requests*
    - ii) Love Your Block Grant update
      - (1) *Garden workshop is awaiting response on approval. Review committee is about a week behind schedule.*



- (2) *Chris Broughton is no longer installing café lights; we are seeking vendors to use in 2026 for FPCA sponsored and self-organized installs.*
- (3) *Rawlings Conservancy is looking for volunteers for their kids-oriented programs "Little Leaves." Visit RawlingsConservatory.org and click on Volunteering in the site menu.*
- iii) *Potential grant opportunity: Preliminary site visit with Blue Water Baltimore: looking into conservation garden; rainwater management. Also looking into long-term partnership (3-5 year larger projects).*
- b) **Community Engagement**
  - i) *Recap of events*
    - (1) *3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays (no more are scheduled, moving forward) at Patterson Pins*
    - (2) *Sunday Park Walks*
  - ii) *Newsletter update*
    - (1) *About 6 months of physical delivery. Looking for additional volunteers to help as carriers.*
- c) **Crime and Safety**
  - i) *Safety update*
    - (1) *Violent Crimes- 2 MOM Trending up 76% YOY*
    - (2) *Property Crime- 16 MOM Trending down 4.3% YOY*
  - ii) *Pedestrian Safety around Patterson Park*

*Ryan and Jamie attended meeting in early August. Looked at every intersection, pedestrian access issues, traffic control.*
  - iii) *There is discussion with City Council to install a gate on Luzerne St. entrance to PPk.*
  - iv) *Police have requested training to be better prepared to ticket various infractions causing issues for park-goers. BPD is looking to create a permanent route. Currently, the police presence is overtime work. Routes tend to be early mornings and evenings when park attendance peaks.*
  - v) *Safety walk in October 15<sup>th</sup> (tentative date) : Walk around the neighborhood, looking to identify vulnerable areas, lighting deficiencies*
- 5) **Community Input**
  - a) *Jack installed café lights and determined it was a reasonably approachable project for handy residents who have trees for stringing lights.*



- b) *The City has a single preferred vendor (American Water Resources) to cover water/sewer lines ruptures or backflow from the sewer. Residents have been receiving mailers and there has been some concern expressed about legitimacy. Homeowners insurance may/may not cover the costs; check with your insurance carrier if you need to purchase a special rider.*
- c) *Member noticed a sign on the old Burger King lot indicating intended use as a parking lot.*
  - i) *FPCA sent a letter of support for the zoning variance. That variance was pushed back because a previous property infraction was still be resolved. A new zoning variance hearing will be set and posted upon resolution.*
  - ii) *Skateboard Karl is in Starthouse rehab center. Prosecutor has indicated he is facing 3 years of deferred incarceration, if he fails to complete rehab. He has been living in on 400 block of S PPk Ave. The judge who is overseeing his supervision has left a positive impression on the resident.*

**6) Upcoming Presentations-**

- a) September- Matias C. Cacheiro- Central District Community & Legislative Liaison
- b) October- Leah Bass, Community Liaison Officer II, Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks

7:41 Motion to Adjourn passed.