

May 2025 FPCA General Meeting Minutes



7:05pm Commence

1) Introduction & Welcome Remarks

2) Approval of prior month's meeting minutes. Approved.

3) Committee Updates

a) Seeking additional committee members:

- i) Fundraising
- ii) Land Use
- iii) Social

b) Beautification- Kat

- i) May 31st clean-up & dumpster event. Dumpster 8a-noon.
- ii) Late April neighborhood walk to look for opportunities to clean up, install lights.
- iii) Met with Friends of Patterson Park: Plantings to the entrance of PPK.

c) Community Engagement

- i) Barri- Newsletter Team: Printed newsletter distribution and expansion

d) **Crime and Safety**- Ryan attended Commander's meeting last month. Warm weather; opportunistic crimes tend to increase in late spring/summer.

e) **Merger**

- i) Ryan- UFPIA Pres/VP attended FPCA May meeting. We have a meet/greet between both boards in June.

4) Presentations

a) Upcoming FPCA guests / presentations:

- i) Torres BPD- June
- ii) DPW Community Liaison
- iii) Friends of Patterson Park

b) **MDOT - RedLine Project Team** - Steven Kolarz. Della Moore, Red Line Environmental Manager and Marco Ávila, Red Line Southeast Ambassador

- i) FPCA will post links to the recent meeting on the website.
- ii) Overview of the project timeline, including most recent decision for lightrail mode.
- iii) Economic impact and investment projections are available in the presentation packet.
- iv) Alternatives under consideration: A1- Tunnel under downtown and east Baltimore; A2a- Surface on Fleet + Eastern; A2b- surface on Pratt + Boston.
- v) Locations for stations and tunnel entrance are in discussion. Design is 10% complete (for Lightrail)
- vi) Average Parking spaces cost between President and Haven Alternative1: 125; Alternative2A: 655; Alternative2B: 395

- vii) Studies are planned for vibration effects on local buildings, as well as other concerns.
- viii) Federal grant is being used to investigate investment in the West Baltimore MARC station area.
- ix) Next phase is to decide which of the 3 Alternatives is aligned across stakeholders.
- x) Additional projects information is also included in the packet.
- c) Community questions:
 - i) Harold: Why was Orleans corridor abandoned? NE Baltimore area has low car ownership, compared to SE.
 - (1) Steven: Report about decision process will be made available.
 - (2) MTA has first/last mile pickup service for ADA passengers.
 - ii) Road traffic may need to be altered to accommodate tracks, including parking loss and bi-direction car traffic. Tracks are 10-11ft of clearance.
 - iii) Is there an impact study for traffic flows?
 - (1) 30-60% progress phase will have traffic flow information for the Alternative selected. At least one Alternative will be eliminated by that stage.
 - (2) Will parking garages be free? How will the community be consulted?
 - (a) Not looking for parking at stations. Larger Park & Ride is likely near to the end of the line.
 - (3) Will bike lane be in conflict with Red Line?
 - (a) They are perpendicular and unlikely to be in conflict.
- d) **DPW Water main project** (Contract 1313) - Christopher Monroe, Construction Project Manager
 - i) Batista- DPW Community Liasson is in attendance.
 - ii) 2 year, 6 miles of open lines. 1 mile of large main concrete maintenance. Approx 1,600 residences. On schedule and budget.
 - iii) Flier should have been delivered to every house in the coverage area (not USPS)
 - iv) Neighborhood repairs will run through the summer into fall.
 - v) Smaller mains get street cut, larger mains get relining service.
 - vi) Last phase is paving and restoration. Expect late summer/fall. Paving generally stops around November 15th.
 - vii) Planned water service interruptions can expect a 72hours notice.
 - viii) Spinella is usually gone by 3:30/4:00
 - ix) Parking restrictions are a 25ft coverage in both directions.
 - x) Community:
 - (1) Request to hang signs on street parking signs.
 - (2) Why isn't there a website registry, if the PM is able to send upcoming restrictions to Baltimore City when submitting pictures?
 - (a) Data is not available to the public.
 - (3) Who does ticketing?
 - (a) Baltimore City DOT is responsible for enforcement.

- (4) Upcoming paving restrictions will be 24hr effect.
- (5) DPW asks DOT to relocate, not tow to the lots.
- xi) Christopher answers calls to his cell any time. Please use discretion.
- e) **Fontana Properties** - John Fontana, Manager for 2033 Eastern Ave (former BK)
 - i) History: 20yr lease ended August 2021. A lease was signed with Popeyes in September. In November, requested to switch to Arbys. Requested to terminate lease soon after. March 2024, another quick food service company expressed interest. As of August 2025, letter of intent had not progressed. Beginning of May 2025, another interested business sent letter of intent, no progress as of May 29.
 - ii) About \$30,000/yr “carrying cost”. Requesting residents input for what type of business to invite.
 - iii) 2017 City went from C11 to a B11 zone. The existing drive-thru requires a new zoning. Cost is about \$200K for rezoning.
 - iv) Community
 - (1) Attendee: Prefer to not open fast food. Request to have more parking.
 - (2) Is reason for courting fast food due to the previous use?
 - (a) Yes.
 - v) Is Rita’s included in the property?
 - (1) Yes. Rita’s closed because they relied on the BK traffic. There is hope they will return.
 - vi) How long will it take to open *something*?
 - (1) Could be two years, hopefully sooner.
 - vii) Ryan: FPCA can help with City Council

5) Community Input

- a) Marianna: Encouraged smaller vehicle ownership by neighbors.

8:04pm Adjourn