



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) 10a-12p.*
 - (2) *September 28th is the next planned event. We are seeking recommendations for blocks that need cleanup.*
 - (3) *Tree Baltimore: Tree Keepers certification workshop series begins Sept 3rd – visit 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) *3rd 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 15th (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 Starhouse 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.