



AHCA Community Meeting
February 5, 2019 - 7:30 PM
AcademyHeightsMD.org

Called to Order at 7:37pm with President Joe Shinault presiding.

Board members in attendance (7): Linda Barnes, Jeannette Bonomo-Thomas, Mischa Bowen-Kreiner, Beth McSweeney, John O'Ferrall, Joe Shinault, Becky Stoll, Chris Waterman

Members absent: Seth Wheeler, Patrick Young

Minutes from January 2, 2019 were approved.

Community Outreach – The Wilkens precinct has been concentrating on this area—from 695 to the Baltimore City line.

The new captain is keeping track of calls for service by area and has sent additional patrol cars as a result.

Quick apprehension following recent vehicle theft was a result of the increased presence.

Officer Boone attended and spoke at a meeting regarding issues that have occurred after dismissal of a City school up Edmondson. A plan was developed to address the issue.

Dirt bikes were discussed. Sending pursuit cars presents additional safety threats.

A resident reported on Facebook that they heard someone at their basement door, but when they went downstairs, no one was there. Remember to call 911 as well.

A resident asked about a young man panhandling and becoming belligerent when refused near the Planet Fitness. Call 911. Beth will email Officer Boone.

The precinct has a panhandling database now so that offenders are not receiving unlimited warnings but are being cited.

Treasurer's Report – 11% of dues have been received for 2019. Many are using PayPal and Venmo, and approximately 20 envelopes were received back the first week after the newsletter was issued.

Architectural – Owner/landlord of 323 Greenlow has received a 30-day letter re: noncompliant door.

The noncompliant door on Northdale will reach the 30-day threshold this week. Another letter will go out. Further action may need to be discussed.

Application has been filed for a rat sweep. Email John or make an anonymous complaint to Code Enforcement if rat activity is observed. A raccoon was observed in daylight on Whitfield today. The Code Enforcement website can also be used to report other issues such as too many residents in a home.

Dumpster Day will be June 1. John cannot spearhead because he will be out of town. Funding is there for 2 dumpsters.

Communication – Facebook has over 400 members. Newsletter went out a few weeks ago.

Welcome Committee – Meg Daly, Vera Ferrer, and Natalie Kleinman each baked at least 3 dozen cookies. 10 houses, purchased in September, October, and November, received baskets, as did a resident who did not receive one after moving in this summer. Mr. Oh gave a discount on bottles. George continues to send addresses as they settle. 3 homes sold in December and 1 home sold in January; no delivery has been made to these properties yet. Currently 1 home is pending and 3 are for sale. Another neighbor also reached out to Beth to join the committee as a baker.

Dues – See Treasurer's report above.

Old Business

Playground – will hopefully be resolved prior to the Easter Egg Hunt at the end of April. Cathy Engers reported that there will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss next steps.

Sewer Project – On Thursday or Friday of last week, a third project manager came on board. The new superintendent will be invited to the March meeting. (Cathy will invite.) A resident reported that the city is unaware of the work that the county is doing.

Town Hall – w/County Executive at CHS next Tuesday from 6:30-8:00.

695 Project – Outerloop ramp will close at the end of February. Both ramps are scheduled to re-open at the end of April, depending upon weather.

736 Edmondson Avenue project – No update at this time.

Roundabout – Cathy will communicate the proposal to revisit putting in a roundabout, since MDS will be closing the entrance that prevented it from moving forward.

Archives – The former vice president, who had 68 years of documents in his possession, and his family have both moved out of the neighborhood. Several Board members and other neighbors have tried to reach out to both, but without success so far.

New Business

Proposed Maple Ave Development – There will be a community meeting on the 27th of this month, at the library (downstairs). Developer wants to put in 18 homes. Are new notification regulations in effect? Yes, but word of mouth is still most effective way to spread the word. When Cathy receives her notice of upcoming zoning meeting, she will email to Joe.

Open Discussion

Mini-bus Parked on Harlem – is causing turns onto Harlem to be even more hazardous. Call and request for traffic to come check it out. Try to identify if the vehicle represents a church or other organization and pass that information along.

Next Meeting: March 5.

Adjourned at 8:18pm. Recorded by Jeannette Bonomo-Thomas.