



AHCA Community Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2019 - 7:30 pm
AcademyHeightsMD.org

Called to Order at 7:34 pm with President Joe Shinault presiding.

Board members in attendance (5): John O’Ferrall, Joe Shinault, Becky Stoll, Chris Waterman, Mischa Bowen-Kreiner

Members absent: Jeannette Bonomo-Thomas, Linda Barnes, Beth McSweeney, Seth Wheeler, Patrick Young

Minutes from June 4, 2019 were approved.

President Remarks - Thanks to Mount de Sales Academy for the continued use of the Bird Room for the next year. The January meeting will need to be relocated to the Cafeteria. Also many thanks to the staff & faculty for cleaning the areas along Northdale, Whitfield & Academy as part of their Service Day on Aug. 29. Thirty trash bags were collected. Thanks to everyone that has assisted with the four gardens by keeping them watered through this hot summer. Reminder that we have the Farmers Market next door every Wednesday at Christian Temple parking lot from 10 -1pm.

Community Outreach – Officer Keith Boone reported of some car vandalism in the area over the summer. Keep those doors locked. Residents brought up speeding concerns on Academy and Edmondson. Ofc Boone will look into possibly of installing speed monitor. Cathy Engers will follow-up on request of posting ‘Crosswalk’ signs along Edmondson to alleviate speeding, maybe even repainting of the crosswalks. Concerns were raised about recent home burglary and an assault on Harlem Lane. Some officers may attend the Block Party.

Treasurer’s Report – The balance in the checking account is currently \$9,257.66.

Architectural – John O’Ferrall met with legal counsel, Lou Weinkam, Jr, to discuss outstanding covenant violations. Any needed litigation will be coordinated by others within the firm. Weinkam & Weinkam has sent non-compliance letters to 5826 Edmondson Rd. and 323 Greenlow Road. Correspondence is being drafted to communicate to properties with exterior issues in need of repair and paint, such as porches, foundation, trim work and railings.

There has been a noticeable improvement by residents addressing and repairing previous violations. The committee will develop a proposal to update the guideline for rear deck stairways.

Communication – Facebook now has 422 users. The newsletter was distributed at the end of July. The next edition will go out at the end of October. Please email with any suggestions.

Welcome Committee – There are currently 6 homes for sale, 0 pending and 6 sold over the past three months

Dues – We are at 21% participation. Dues will be collected at the Block Party.

Old Business

Block Party – is scheduled for September 28. We continue reaching out for sponsorships and volunteers. We are hoping for at least 2 or 3 more sponsors; otherwise the board will have to reevaluate the budget in a few weeks.

The MDSA Homecoming is the same day but will end by 3pm; will inform the school about road closures.

Food and events will be similar to last year. There will be a DJ in place of live music.

Flyer will go out week prior.....setup at noon.

Playground – The equipment has been moved from the flooded area. No decision on the resolution for the ground water at this time.

Fall Yard Sale – No Fall Yard Sale is scheduled due to low participation and traffic in past years. This will be reevaluated after the May 2020 Spring Yard Sale. Some residents may be holding yard sales over the next few weeks.

Relief Sewer Project Update – The project ran into some issues as it prepares to cross Edmondson Avenue. The project is currently on course to complete by end of year. There was a related discussion about the new MDSA building connecting to the sewage line. The added usage is not supposed to be an issue, but we are reaching out for additional information.

Community Grant – An Epson Projector and ‘SLOW DOWN’ signs were purchased in June. A resident also had some new signs in storage. We will reach out for volunteers to replace the current signs, paint posts and install new poles & signs in about a dozen locations. New posts need to be purchased. Joe & Kim Shinault completed a sample pole on Lambeth.

July 4th Parade – Thanks to everyone that participated and to Carrol Gourley for leading the parade once again.

New Business

Halloween Party - will be reaching out for volunteers to coordinate this year's Halloween Party. Linda Barnes is unable to coordinate but is available for assistance.

Elections/Nominations – The annual terms for President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer will be open for election. There will also be 6 positions (out of 11) open for elections (2 year term). Terms are ending for Linda, Becky, Seth & Patrick. All members are eligible for re-election. Nominations will be announced at the November meeting.

Dumpster Day – John O. will be contacting the county in order to ensure funding for Dumpster Day in June.

Open Discussion

Royal Farms – it appears that Royal Farms will break ground for the new store by late October -November. Cathy Engers will approach about a Block party sponsorship.

Sidewalk Repair – Cathy Engers will follow-up with BGE on the unfinished section of sidewalk at Stratford & Edmondson.

Catonsville Parade - Joe S. mentioned that 2020 will be the 70th Anniversary of Academy Heights. He suggested the possibility of celebrating this event as part of the Catonsville Parade on July 4, 2020. Joe Pallozzi (Parade Chair) was in attendance and gave details and encouragement to participate.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2019

Adjourned at 8:24 pm. Recorded by Joe Shinault.