

## BOARD

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# CITIZENS OF PIGTOWN

HISTORIC PIGTOWN'S COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**June 13th, 2017 at 7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**Location: Hamilton Bank** SW Charter School  
1300 Herkimer St

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1. Introductions/updates
  - a. Board Members Attendance:
    - i. Aparna
    - ii. Hernan
    - iii. Gabrielle
    - iv. Christine
    - v. Brendan - absent
    - vi. Kelleigh – absent
    - vii. Sherry – absent
  - b. Stacy has stepped down as a Director and as Board Secretary. Sandy will fulfill Board Secretary Roles in the interim.
  - c. Still have vacancies on the Board, members are encouraged to apply.
2. South Baltimore Gateway Partnership (SBGP) Grants
  - a. We are going to call a Special Meeting to review external groups' requests for letters of support for SBGP grant submittals. The membership agreed that Tuesday, June 27th will be the date for the special meeting. Details on the meeting time and location will be shared via the paid membership list serv, NextDoor, and Facebook.
  - b. Pigtown Community Garden - postponed. A Garden representative will speak at the special meeting on June 27th.
  - c. COP Grant Submission Ideas
    - i. Sandy presented each of the ideas COP Board has discussed and would like to move forward with writing and submitting to SBGP's June 30th grant cycle. Members were asked to vote in favor or against submitting the project idea to SBGP.
    - ii. Vote passed to submit a grant for all proposed projects:
      1. Marketing Support for COP
      2. Movies in the Park
      3. Community Block Party
        - a. A member suggested also partnering with other Baltimore City departments to help put on the Block Party, such as DPW.
      4. Sponsorship of Pigtown Mainstreet's Annual Festival

5. Recycling Program:
  - a. A member proposed submitting an idea in the future for more public Trashcans/Trash Compactors on the streets in Pigtown. The Board will review the idea, and if time allows write and submit a proposal with this grant cycle or the next. Members were also encouraged to come up with their own ideas, write their own applications and present them to the COP membership for a letter of support.
6. Homeownership Grant Incentives for west side of Pigtown
7. Transformative Grant for Scott/Ostend
  - a. A member suggested that whatever contractor/consultant that is selected to complete the study should be from the area.
  - b. Another member commented that the development of the plan should also include engagement from the neighbors in the vicinity of the study area as well as other stakeholders in the area (i.e. business owners and COP).
3. Hernan announced that Leslie will be leaving the staff at Pigtown Main Street. Hernan and the COP membership extended a big "Thank you!" to Leslie for her service at Pigtown Main Street.
4. Cheat Day Bar & Grill
  - a. Brent Fuller (property owner), and Stacey and Sheree (Cheat Day Bar & Grill Owners) attended to present their request for a letter of support as they seek the following at the Liquor Board:
    - i. Transfer of Liquor License from Brent to Stacy and Sheree
    - ii. Live Entertainment License for inside only, but also for the 2nd floor.
    - iii. Minor Privilege addition to the license which would allow for outdoor food and drink service
  - b. Requesting Outdoor seating. Asking the community for support to serve Alcohol, but they can get permission to serve food and have seating as long as they pay the fee. They just need community approval for the serving of Alcohol.
  - c. Also looking for support for Live Entertainment use. They would still have to comply with all noise ordinances.
  - d. Have sought input from adjacent neighbors, and they requested no stoop/steps be added, so they removed that from the original plan.
  - e. They will need to go to a liquor board hearing and post a sign about the transfer process as well as the request for outdoor serving of alcohol and adding live entertainment.
  - f. Outdoor seating will end around 10pm.
  - g. Currently open at 5:30pm and close at 11:30pm on Monday to Sunday.
  - h. Membership would like a written agreement about outdoor seating terms prior to providing the letter of support
    - i. MOU or written and signed agreement will be brokers by the COP Board and Cheat Day owners and the property owner prior to providing the letter of support.
    - ii. Condition: 10:00 pm outdoor seating and serving.
    - iii. Attach the Layout provided at the meeting as an exhibit to the written agreement.
  - i. Membership Voted for providing the Cheat Day a letter for support for their request (contingent upon the completion of the above written agreement) for liquor license transfer, outdoor serving, live entertainment
5. Hammerjacks MOU
  - a. Membership received the MOU between COP and HammerJacks prior to the meeting via the paid members list serv.
  - b. Community members asked some questions to Andy Hotchkiss (Owner) and his lawyers.
    - i. One member asked a question about having events the same days as Ravens/Orioles events: Andy confirmed that they will not have ticketed events the same days as events as games/events at stadiums.
    - ii. One member asked for the "official" address: 1300 Russell Street is the address of the new HJ
    - iii. There was a question about parking at Games vs parking and traffic anticipated for HJ: Comparatively, HJ said that games are roughly 12,000 parking spaces short, so this shouldn't be a problem to the

same extent with HJ because their concert venue has a max occupancy of about 4,000, compared to the max occupancy of Ravens Stadium (70,000) and Camden Yards (45,000).

- c. Andy noted that last month, they received conditional approval for the arena liquor license
- d. A member not present asked that language be added to the MOU about the MOU being revisited each year. HJ agreed that this could be added to the MOU, but also noted that the MOU establishes a Citizens Advisory Board for HJ, so issues can also be addressed through that venue as they arise.
- e. Vote passed in favor of the HJ MOU.

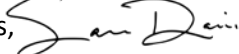
6. Mobtown Ballroom Liquor License Transfer

- a. Michael from Mobtown Ballroom attended the meeting to ask for a letter of support from COP to transfer Mobtown's business license. He also wanted to update the community about what was going on with this transfer request before he placed the sign in his window.
  - i. Would like to transfer the liquor license, which was 50-50% owned by Michael and his former business partner, but she has left the business, so Michael will be seeking to put the liquor license entirely in his name. This will not be a transfer to a new owner, nor will it be the establishment of a new business in that location.
- b. Vote passed in favor of providing a letter of support.

7. Committee Updates

- a. Social Committee - no update
- b. Greening & Cleaning - COP was awarded a \$5,000 grant for greening!
- c. Communications - Let Gaby know if you need to be added to the Paid member list. Email the Board at [board@citizensofpigtown.org](mailto:board@citizensofpigtown.org).
- d. Safety - no update
- e. Bylaws Committee (temporary committee)
  - i. Hernan gave an update to the Bylaws process.
  - ii. Changes to the boundaries: Barre Circle has been functioning as a separate organization and neighborhood. COP presented three options for Barre Circle in terms of being "part" of Pigtown official in the Bylaws:
    - 1. Have Barre Circle stop functioning as a separate neighborhood and dissolve their community association and then be absorbed into Pigtown.
    - 2. Barre Circle completely breaks off from Pigtown, and their community organization establishes a separate 501©(3) and COP no longer acts as Barre Circle's Community Association's fiscal sponsor.
    - 3. Create a reciprocity agreement between COP and Barre Circle's community association. Residents of Barre Circle could be members of COP, and Pigtown residents could be members of Barre Circle's organization.
  - iii. Barre Circle voted on the above, and they voted to separate from COP/Pigtown completely.
  - iv. Based on the above information, Hernan/COP Board will finalize the boundaries in the Bylaws. These will be sent to the paid membership and posted to the website.
  - v. We will vote on the new ByLaws at next month's membership meeting. Please be sure to review the Bylaws ahead of time, and send questions or comments to [board@citizensofpigtown.org](mailto:board@citizensofpigtown.org).
  - vi. If Barre Circle residents that have Paid COP dues this year, they can request a refund of their dues by emailing [board@citizensofpigtown.org](mailto:board@citizensofpigtown.org).
  - vii. Bill expressed being upset about Barre Circle being excluded from COP's boundaries.
  - viii. Barre Circle residents are still welcome to attend the COP membership meetings, they will just not have voting privileges because they are not able to be dues-paying members.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 PM

**Certification of Above Minutes** by COP Interim Board Secretary, Sandy Davis,  **Date:** June 18, 2017