

CITIZENS OF PIGTOWN

HISTORIC PIGTOWN'S COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes – Jan. 2017 –Community Meeting

BOARD

Aparna Jain
Interim President &
Vice President

Sherry Scible
Treasurer

Stacey Roberts
Secretary

Gabrielle Gloriosio
Director

DiDi Kassa
Director


Meghan Wilson
Director

Date and Time: Jan. 10, 2017 – 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Hamilton Bank, 764 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230

Board Members Present: Aparna Jain, Interim Pres.; Stacey Roberts, Sec.; Meghan Wilson, Director; Gabrielle Gloriosio, Director (Late arrival per work conflict.)

Absent: Sherry Scible, Treasurer; DiDi Kassa, Director



Certification of Below Minutes by COP Board Secretary, Stacey Roberts

2/9/17

Date

Call to Order and Introductions:

AJ welcomed, called meeting to order, & reviewed agenda. Asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and their association to the community. Each person introduced themselves. Agenda approved by voice vote.

1. Public Safety:

Major Brian Hance, Captain Mahoney, and Officer Randolph of the BPD's Southern District discussed recent public safety issues within the community and the challenges and plans to address them. He noted 3 major violent crimes in past month. They also noted more street robberies, and asked people to be vigilant about their surroundings. Major Hance noted increased funding from LDC for increased patrols in Pigtown.

2. Del. Antonio Hayes – Legislative Session Starting

Del. Hayes noted that the 2017 legislative session starts tomorrow, Jan. 11, 2017 at noon and will go for 90 days. He noted various issues from educations, to public safety, to paid leave, and many others ("too many to list."). He noted the importance of hearing from the community on issues. He serves on the health committee which will have a lot of important issues to address given the national concerns with health policy.

3. President's Announcement

Hammerjacks

AJ notes that Hammerjacks is planning to develop a venue within the community. She noted that the developers will be coming to the next community meeting to address community concerns regarding their development of a ~2500-person entertainment venue. She requested that people come prepared to ask questions.

Bylaws

AJ noted that COP's bylaws need revision/updating and that the Community Law Center has been hired to help COP develop new Bylaws. She noted that a committee will be setup to review and draft new bylaws.

Website

AJ noted need to problems with website and need to redevelop website.

Parking Permits – Area B

AJ noted that Area B permits expired on Jan. 1 and residence will now need to go pick up permits themselves. AJ noted dates and times they are available for pick up.

Summer Jobs – Youth Program

Hoping to get 8,000 applicants for jobs. Looking for youth applicants and looking for businesses looking to hire applicants. City will pay, not the business owner.

4. Pigtown Mainstreet

Pigtown Gateway

Ben from Pigtown Mainstreet presented with consultants their plans for the development of main street and the gateway project. Consultants presented on strategic vision and plan. Consultant presented the findings of community study, including positive and negative perceptions. Committee came to 4 strategic objectives. Pigtown slated for a Bikeshare station in Spring 2017. Two of the focuses will be the East Gateway (MLK and Washington Blvd) and Washington Blvd streetscape. Creation of pedestrian plaza along MLK with traffic calming, improved pedestrian crossing. Need to coordinate project and get buy in from the two other adjoining neighborhoods. Need to ID funding sources. Cost about \$5M. Partnering with LDC around a public private partnership. Full report is on Pigtown Mainstreets website.

Bump-Outs

Consultant discussed bump outs for storm water management. They serve to calm traffic by narrowing street. They help filter storm water. They improved beautification. They provide opportunities for possible other uses, like outdoor eating for restaurants. Examples of bump outs and what they can look like. Consultant presented design proposals for intersections of Washington Blvd at Barre and Scott.

Ben noted that they are open to ongoing feedback.

6. Cheat Day Bar and Grill

Owners were offered time and space, but did not appear to be in attendance.

5. Moving Forward as an Association

Board Openings

Applications available for openings on COP Board. AJ reviewed expectations for new applicants to the board, including attending at least 2/3 of all board and community meetings. Board members will designate an alternate for meetings they can't attend. Each board member will take an active role with at least one committee. Hard copies of applications available at meeting. E-version will be posted.

Committees

AJ noted need to start small and focus first on Public Safety Committee and Greening and Cleaning Committee. Troy noted a need to prioritize the Bylaws committee established. SR noted difference between Ad Hoc committees and Standing committees. AJ requested suggested others committees: Health Committee (gardening and healthy living), Joint Association Comm..

Citizens on Patrol

MW noted, in response to question regarding committees and Citizens on Patrol, that the Citizens of Pigtown will restart Citizens on Patrol walks in the coming weeks, which will be part of the public safety committee.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Ryan, and seconded by multiple community members. VOTE: By voice vote, the meeting adjourned.
