



AHCA Community Board Meeting MINUTES

September 2, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

Mount De Sales Bird Room

AcademyHeightsMD.org

Called to Order at 7:35pm with President Joe Shinault presiding.

Board members in attendance: Joe Shinault, Rita Hall, Meg Dandy, Chris Waterman, Stephen Smith, Linda Barnes, Cathy Plane, Christie Kearney, Tim Jarrett

Members absent: Linda Barnes

Minutes: from June 3, 2025 approved.

Community Outreach: Officer Boone – Uptick in auto theft or items out of an auto over the summer. Reports also of people around the park after hours – sent patrol down the following weeks for additional. Shooting at Catonsville library was an isolated incident (two parties met there and got into argument) – all arrested/charged. Broadfield incident of murder/suicide – sad/isolated event.

Treasurer's Report – Truist Bank checking balance is \$8,561.33 T. Rowe \$23,083.22

Committees:

Architectural Committee

Approved Applications: 1 privacy fence and 1 deck approved

Current Violations: 8 current outstanding violations – 3 previous resolved over summer

Communication - Facebook at 494 members, 305 on email list. Newsletter sent out in May.

Welcome Committee – 6 new welcome kits send out over the summer. 9 homes sold, 3 pending, 4 for sale.

Environmental Committee – Catonsville tree campaign project will occur on November 1st. To plant at main entrance at the community college. There are some Grants available below – reach out the Chris Burke for more information:

- Patapsco Grant for beautification
- United Way – pedestrian safety

Waste bags for the dogs and signs were obtained last year – Chris will reach out to the Office of sustainability about obtaining more dog bags. They are located in the community library.

Dues – 22% of the community have paid dues for 2025. Please pay dues via Venmo, PayPal or cash (via board member).

Council District One/Cathy Engers: Updates

- Will find out about funding/financing for Edmonson Road changes at request from the community (previously told community that funding was obtained for this project).
- Still working the Capital Expansion Project (expanding Baltimore County districts from 7 to 9 districts) – shared proposed re-districting maps at meeting. Our community will remain in district 1 in the current proposal but would lose Woodlawn north of our community.
- Armory – State still has ownership of it but will hold a meeting to discuss what this space may be used for in the future. Meeting to be held September 4th.
- Fire station on Edmonson – inquiry from community on what were the plans. They will be moving forward with these plans per Cathy. [Re: Moving the fire station from Frederick to Edmondson]. Concerns as this has not had more community input and it's placed in the middle residential area. Cathy will follow up.
- Spring Grove – a lot of changes with stream restoration and more. This is not a county run project, but a state run project per Cathy. Sounds like the property is owned by UMBC now.

Rachel Mills, Westowne Community Liaison

- Westowne is a “community school” but no longer a Title I school.
- Will leave a survey for community members to fill out
- Will use survey to find ways to best support both the community and school

Old Business

- **Council Redistricting** – See above notes under Cathy Engers.
- **National Night Out** – Good turn out. Encouraging seeing more members. Paradise and Academy Heights continue to work together for this.

New Business

- **Fall Yard Sale** - Saturday October 4th (rain date is October 11th)
 - Adds are already in the Sun Paper
- **Joe Shinault vacating President Position (transitioning tasks)**
 - Joe has been in this position for 10 years. Joe is moving and will need to transition
 - Many documents and community items brought and shared with the board
- **National Night Out (NNO)** – Tuesday, August 5th. Same as last year – on church parking lot. Waiting to hear of funding for NNO is still available.

Open Forum:

- BGE appears to be back to work on more gas lines
- Chris – Community Leadership for the YMCA and looking for donations as a sponsor for the Turkey Trot event.
- Huge thank you to Joe Shinault for the tremendous work he has done over the last 10 years. This was his free time and he and Kim admittedly handled a majority of the organization of Academy Heights.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 7th @ 7:30pm.

Adjourned at 8:34pm. Recorded by Meg Dandy