



## AHCA Community Board Meeting MINUTES

February 2, 2021- 7:00 PM

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**Called to Order** at 7:05pm with President Joe Shinault presiding via Zoom Meeting.

**Board members in attendance (7):** Chris Waterman, John O’Ferrall, Joe Shinault, Patrick Cusick, Rita Hall, Christie Kearney, Cathy Guenterberg, Meg Dandy

**Members absent:** Linda Barnes, Chris Burk, Doug Kampe, Nikki Green

**Minutes** from December 15, 2020 and January 12, 2021 approved.

**Community Outreach** – Officer Keithe Boone unable to make it, but reports no current issues.

**Treasurer’s Report** – SunTrust checking balance is \$9603; T. Rowe Price - \$20,258

**Guest Speaker** – Lindsay Bobian, the SHA Design Project Manager of Beltway Project answered questions from the community. She was joined by other members of the Beltway Project: Kirit Patel, John Hayter, Fran Ward and Cathy Engers. Contact information provided for any future questions:

- 1) Lindsey Bobian - [bobian@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:bobian@mdot.maryland.gov)
- 2) Kirit Patel [kpatel@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:kpatel@mdot.maryland.gov)
- 3) Fran Ward MDOT SHA District 4 office, [fward1@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:fward1@mdot.maryland.gov)

**Beltway Project Updates by Lindsay Bobian:** we are in last year of construction. Next week or so, there will be late night lane closures and late-night total stop (installing overhead structures over inner and outer loop - 1<sup>st</sup> which is scheduled to happen on this Thursday). Recently reopened Frederick road exit. No long-term ramp closures for the remainder of the project (US 40 intersection will close a few ramps, but that’s a weekend project).

Questions answered by Lindsay and team. They also sent sheet out on project – to be posted on FB.

- 1) Anticipated completion – this summer (July/August)
- 2) Why so long? – weather, utility relocations took longer, redesign retaining wall do to unforeseen issues.
- 3) Where can one find details on construction projects? – MDOT SHA page - [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) > select project portal (for major projects). Recently updated with pictures (<https://mdot-sha-project-portal-maryland.hub.arcgis.com/>)
- 4) Is a sound wall on inner loop between Frederick and 40 to be included in this construction? No, not included as part of this construction. Begins planning Dec 2021, construction by Spring 2022, completion projected by 2024.
- 5) Why are not all of the bridges being replaced now? Only replacing bridges that need to be replaced at this time. Repairing them and will be replaced at a later date. Replacing all now is costly.
- 6) Edmonson road under bridge is terrible; who is responsible for fixing this? If it’s related to the construction, SHA is responsible. If it’s normal wear and tear (sound like this is) then it’s Baltimore county DPW responsibility. Delrey to Arbutus to be resurfaced with some sidewalk. New sidewalk from Glenwood to Arbutus, stop on west side of Arbutus.

- a. Continued discussion on why sidewalk would just end at Arbutus without continuation. SHA project members will follow up on this.
- 7) Need maps? Contact Lindsay Bobian; she can provide close up view of what you'd like to see. On the website go to Projects, and Project Portal, view the zoomable and clickable state map or search by county for major MDOT SHA projects in that county.
- 8) Royal Farm store plans? Unsure. Rumor that MDOT bought it is false. It is a county planning and zoning decision.
- 9) Crosswalk from Goals across street; concerns for children crossing street – strictly county responsibility. Cathy will reach out to county about this. Will ask for a pedestrian study.
- 10) Grass areas next to beltway between 40 and Frederick: lack of basic maintenance with trash and tall grass. This is a contractor staging area messy – will be cleared when it's completed. All of these contractor staging areas are to be maintained by the contractor. If problems continue, contact Kirit Patel and he will speak with the contractor responsible for the staging area. Giving specifics on location is helpful.

**Architectural** – 333 Lambeth deck violation: Attorney Lou Weinkam will send out official letter/notice of future litigation if deck not corrected. If litigation becomes necessary, a retainer for attorney would be \$2500. Wish to resolve this before litigation is required, and should this become necessary, there will be transparency regarding costs and procedures regarding this. 314 Lambeth awning violation – will confirm awning is still up and the follow-up with a letter. 1 house flip just sold. 433 Whitfield's new windows without grids – spoke with contractors and the owner and were given link to website for clarification on covenants. They are in the process of correcting.

Google docs have been created to for management violations. Recommendation put forth a similar document to monitor which houses have paid dues to aid residents to remember and board to know who has collected. This could be a shared document listing street and house number only.

**Communication** – Newsletter will go out in February.

**Welcome** – 3 homes sold, 2 for sale and 1 already pending

**Dues** – Continue collecting 2021 dues; over 50 residents paid dues the past week.

### **Old Business**

**Mission Statement** – Statement will be approved at next meeting....

*The mission of the Academy Heights Civic Association is to preserve and maintain property values by enforcing our covenants and restrictions; protect and improve the quality of life within our community by enhancing the public safety, welfare and interests of our homeowners; to gain consensus and speak as a uniform voice to local government and communities; and to enhance community life by sponsoring gatherings and events that promote active engagement with residents.*

### **New Business**

**Food truck** – 3 Mount de Sales students will be raising money for the Leukemia Society and will have a food truck in the neighborhood on Sunday, Feb 21st 12-3pm. 20% of sales will go to the charity. They will also will have a raffle that will be drawn on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Block party** – confirmed by Marty for September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Potential for inviting Government Officials to future meetings** – improves community participation to meetings, and gives voice to community members.

**Next Meeting: March 2, 2021 via Zoom – 7pm**

**Adjourned at 8:10pm. Recorded by Meg Dandy**