



AHCA Community Board Meeting MINUTES

October 3, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

Mount De Sales Bird Room

AcademyHeightsMD.org

Called to Order at 7:39pm with President Joe Shinault presiding.

Board members in attendance: Joe Shinault, Doug Kampe, Linda Barnes

Members absent: Rita Smith, Meg Dandy, Chris Waterman, Stephen Smith, Christie Kearney, Cathy Plane, Mary Cummings, Adrienne Vedeloff

Minutes: from September 5th, 2023 approved.

Community Outreach: Officer Boone reported that over the past few weeks we have experienced an uptick in thefts from autos and auto thefts in the Catonsville area. Suspects gained access by breaking the windows of the target vehicles. Please do not leave valuables such as phones, laptops, wallets and purses in plain view. There will be an increase of police units both marked and unmarked in the targeted areas.

Treasurer's Report – Truist Bank checking balance is \$9,123.89. New Yard Sale Signs - \$152, Annual PO Box- \$194.00, Yard Sale Ad- \$36.36; Dues Income- \$770.60

Committees:

Architectural Committee –

Approved Applications: No applications submitted

Current Violations: 9 current violations – include front door (5902 Edmondson), pediment, front porch railing, and kitchen door. Need to review the shed guideline verbiage.

Communication – Newsletters will go out in November. Facebook at 504 members.

Welcome Committee –3 sold, 0 pending, 1 for sale. Welcome Packets on website.

Environmental Committee – Chris Burk reported that Cherry Blossom trees have been obtained and will to be planted in between existing Hackberry trees at Christian Temple along the alleyway. Some additional grants are available for neighborhood projects.

Dues –33% of the community have paid dues for 2023.

Old Business

Roof discussion – looking to have a speaker at the November meeting and a discussion with a quorum of board members.

Fall Yard Sale – is this Saturday, October 7th. New signs have been placed, advertised in Sunpapers and area community Facebook pages and social media. Rain Date October 14th.

AH Community Signs Repair/Replacement – Cost to replace broken slate sign is about \$800. Receiving proposals to replace all 4 signs from Sign-a-Rama and Baltimore Signsmiths. Decision should be made by November meeting. Suggestion to add 5th sign at Northdale & Harlem.

Meetings – Confirmed date changes with MDSA. November and January dates moved back to the second Tuesday of those months: 11/14/23, 1/9/24

Cathy Engers – reported that a ‘walkability study’ is being initiated for the Edmondson Avenue corridors. No dates or contractor have been determined. This contradicts previous information regarding Edmondson Ave along Academy Heights. Requested a BC Traffic rep be present at an upcoming meeting. Inquiry on crosswalks that need repainting and signage. Some current crosswalks do not have ADA access on south side of Edmondson. Discussed plans for Catonsville Armory...currently no interest from state & county.

New Business

2024 Board Nominations – Nominations are open until Nov. 14 for all 4 Board Officer positions, and 5 Board of Governor positions. There are also currently two vacant positions.

Open Forum:

Northdale Hillside – Timber Apartments cleared the hillside on Northdale a few weeks ago. Will notify them of the chain link fence needing repair near MDSA entrance.

School Traffic – Joe communicated neighbors’ concerns regarding school traffic, speeding, new exit gate, etc. to Mount de Sales staff. Principle has acknowledged and will communicate concerns to staff, students and parents.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 16th @ 7:30pm
Adjourned at 8:30pm. Recorded by JMS