



## AHCA Community Board Meeting MINUTES

October 1, 2024 @ 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, Doug Kampe, Linda Barnes, Cathy Plane

**Members absent:** Stephen Smith, Tim Jarrett, Christie Kearney,

**Minutes:** from September 3, 2024 approved.

**Community Outreach:** Officer Boone in attendance. Recovered a stolen auto off of Academy – thank you to the neighbors and Ring camera that assisted for the arrest. Attempted carjacking in Paradise, and attempted robbery at Frederick (immediately caught). Question regarding how to report an abandoned vehicle – can report online, or call for police to come investigate.

**Treasurer's Report** – Truist Bank checking balance is \$8,240.50. T.Rowe is \$22,009. Form 990 submitted for this year (non-profit).

### **Local Government Updates: Department of Public Works**

#### **Randy Shifflett, Keith Link and Jasmin – Traffic & Transportation**

- A roundabout being proposed at Edmonson and Academy.
- Completed a walkability study with consultant regarding Edmondson – final report hasn't been received yet. This includes pedestrian options – upgrades to existing pedestrian areas. They are looking into zones on Edmonson for projects that are short term (signage), medium term (installing crosswalks) and long term (installing sidewalk connectivity).
- BGE is doing gas main updates – can't do any project work until they are completed
  - County is working with BGE to expedite gas line work. The phasing of BGE work is controlled by another department
- After BGE is completed, the team will work with Bureau of Highways to resurface
  - Transportation will work on curbs, ramps and drains this coming year prior to start of project
- Project plans - Removing parking from south side of Edmondson, have bike lanes on both south and north sides, north side parking to remain, islands placed in the middle
- Recommending raised crosswalks on Edmondson (will factor in school and county bus stops for locations of these crosswalks)

- Will likely do the street-scaping the same time as the roundabout. Work will take about 4 weeks to complete. Tentative schedule is for 2025 (this is optimistic)
- Capital funding is officially allocated for the “Edmondson Street Scaping”

Other items – if a group of residents wants pick up trash, the DPW will provide bags and pick up trash bags.

Cathy Engers –

- Survey completed on purchasing playground equipment. To get updates on when the new playground set will be completed.
- Redistricting – heated discussions and are going to withdraw the map from the referendum.
- Early voting starts on the 26<sup>th</sup> and ends 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Committees:**

**Architectural Committee** – working to update shingle guidelines and HVAC/split units

**Approved Applications:** 421 Whitfield – temporary wheelchair ramp (pending); 6150 Regent - Shed; 410 Greenlow - back Ramp; 318 Stratford - deck

**Current Violations:** 12 current outstanding violations (5902 & 5908 Edmondson), 4 resolved.

**Communication** - Facebook at 530 members, 275 on email list.

**Welcome Committee** – Kim S mailed welcome kits. 2 sold homes, 2 pending, 0 for sale.

**Environmental Committee** – no update

**Dues** – 29% of the community have paid dues for 2024. Please pay dues via Venmo, PayPal or cash (via a board member).

### **Old Business**

**Fall Yard Sale** – October 5th

**Covenant Updates** – Coming soon

### **New Business**

Next meeting are annual Board Nominations. To vote on:

- Board officers
- 6 board member positions

### **Open Forum:**

- Next year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Academy Heights – proposing a celebrations

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 5th @ 7:30pm.**

**Adjourned at 8:35pm. Recorded by Meg Dandy**