



AHCA Community Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2019 - 7:30 pm
AcademyHeightsMD.org

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

Board members in attendance (4): John O’Ferrall, Joe Shinault, Chris Waterman, Linda Barnes

Members absent: Jeannette Bonomo-Thomas, Linda Barnes, Beth McSweeney, Seth Wheeler, Patrick Young, Becky Stoll, Mischa Bowen-Kreiner

Minutes from September 3, 2019 were tabled until November due to no quorum.

Community Outreach – Officer Keith Boone reported of some car vandalism in the area over the summer. Keep those doors locked. Residents brought up speeding concerns on Academy and Edmondson. Ofc Boone will look into possibly of installing speed monitor. Cathy Engers will follow-up on request of posting ‘Crosswalk’ signs along Edmondson to alleviate speeding, maybe even repainting of the crosswalks. Concerns were raised about recent home burglary and an assault on Harlem Lane. Some officers may attend the Block Party.

Treasurer’s Report – The balance in the SunTrust checking account is currently \$9257.66. The T. Rowe Price account balance is \$20,033.50

Architectural – John O’Ferrall will have legal council send out 2nd violation notices. 323 Greenlow has not responded to initial non-compliance letter from attorney. 6129 Regent Park roof tarp needs to be addressed by the county. Missing storm doors will be addressed. The committee is developing a proposal to update the guideline for rear deck stairways.

Communication – Facebook now has 423 users. The next newsletter may go out by early November. Please email with any article suggestions.

Welcome Committee – There are currently 6 homes for sale, 4 pending and 4 sold over the past month.

Dues – We are at 25% participation. 14 households were collected at the Block Party.

Old Business

Block Party – is scheduled for September 28. We continue reaching out for sponsorships and volunteers. We are hoping for at least 2 or 3 more sponsors; otherwise the board will have to reevaluate the budget in a few weeks.

The MDSA Homecoming is the same day but will end by 3pm; will inform the school about road closures. Food and events will be similar to last year. There will be a DJ in place of live music. Flyer will go out week prior.....setup at noon.

Playground – The equipment has been moved from the flooded are. No decision on the resolution for the ground water at this time.

Fall Yard Sale – No Fall Yard Sale is scheduled due to low participation and traffic in past years. This will be reevaluated after the May 2020 Spring Yard Sale. Some residents may be holding yard sales over the next few weeks.

Relief Sewer Project Update – The project ran into some issues as it prepares to cross Edmondson Avenue. The project is currently on course to complete by end of year. There was a related discussion about the new MDSA building connecting to the sewage line. The added usage is not supposed to be an issue, but we are reaching out for additional information.

Community Grant – An Epson Projector and ‘SLOW DOWN’ signs were purchased in June. A resident also had some new signs in storage. We will reach out for volunteers to replace the current signs, paint posts and install new poles & signs in about a dozen locations. New posts need to be purchased. Joe & Kim Shinault completed a sample pole on Lambeth.

July 4th Parade – Thanks to everyone that participated and to Carrol Gourley for leading the parade once again.

New Business

Halloween Party - will be reaching out for volunteers to coordinate this year's Halloween Party. Linda Barnes is unable to coordinate but is available for assistance.

Elections/Nominations – The annual terms for President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer will be open for election. There will also be 6 positions (out of 11) open for elections (2 year term). Terms are ending for Linda, Becky, Seth & Patrick. All members are eligible for re-election. Nominations will be announced at the November meeting.

Dumpster Day – John O. will be contacting the county in order to ensure funding for Dumpster Day in June.

Open Discussion

Royal Farms – it appears that Royal Farms will break ground for the new store by late October -November. Cathy Engers will approach about a Block party sponsorship.

Sidewalk Repair – Cathy Engers will follow-up with BGE on the unfinished section of sidewalk at Stratford & Edmondson.

Catonsville Parade - Joe S. mentioned that 2020 will be the 70th Anniversary of Academy Heights. He suggested the possibility of celebrating this event as part of the Catonsville Parade on July 4, 2020. Joe Pallozzi (Parade Chair) was in attendance and gave details and encouragement to participate.

Next Meeting: November 5, 2019

Adjourned at 8:24 pm. Recorded by Joe Shinault.