



## AHCA Community Board Meeting MINUTES

September 3, 2024 @ 7:30 PM

Mount De Sales Bird Room

AcademyHeightsMD.org

**Called to Order** at 7:38pm with President Joe Shinault presiding.

**Board members in attendance:** Joe Shinault, Rita Hall, Doug Kampe, Tim Jarrett, Christie Kearney, Cathy Plane, Stephen Smith

**Members absent:** Adrienne Vedeloff, Linda Barnes, Meg Dandy, Chris Waterman

**Minutes:** from June 4, 2024 approved.

**Community Outreach:** Officer Boone in attendance. Receiving concerns of vehicles parking beyond Stop signs at intersection. Please be mindful that large vehicles can block sight lines. Have been working with concerns of the crowds and youth activity at Food Truck Thursdays. Officers occasionally patrol the event and private security has been hired by the coordinators. The Wilkens precinct appreciated the National Night Out event with AH and Paradise. Off. Boone was asked to inquire why the abandoned BMW vehicle on Northdale has yet to be removed after several months.

**Treasurer's Report** – Truist Bank checking balance is \$8,698.73. T. Rowe balance is \$22,009

### **Committees:**

#### **Architectural Committee –**

**Approved Applications:** New roofs approved for 339 Greenlow, 405 Whitfield, 419 Stratford & 424 Greenlow. 430 Greenlow – new fencing. 442 Greenlow – new windows. 6148 Regent Park-new deck.

**Current Violations:** 14 current outstanding violations, 7 resolved over the summer.

316 Greenlow – railing addressed this week. 336 Whitfield-est. on fence. 6103 & 6105 Northdale-replacing entry doors. 5902 Edmondson- no update provided. 5908- no update.

433 Whitfield – homeowner in attendance; discussed window violation

319 Whitfield-neglected property, hole in roof. 10 county complaints over the past few years.

Will reach out to Balto. Co. zoning.

A decision needs to be finalized and communicated on updating the roofing colors of the newly allowed fiberglass shingles. The committee will also discuss possible updates to the covenants regarding placement of mechanical systems (HVAC/Generators) and placement/specs of rear first floor windows and entry ways.

**Communication** - Facebook at 534 members; 275 email list. Summer newsletter and NNO flyer distributed in August.

**Welcome Committee** – Kim Shinault has created new welcome packets and distributed to 12 new homebuyers over the summer. 2 homes currently for sale, 2 pending and 7 sold since May.

**Environmental Committee** – Chris Burke discussed that there is currently no community interest in additional planting from the tree project. Planning a possible program for a community vegetable food bank that gardeners could donate to. Brief discussion on the need for pollination gardens.

**Dues** – 28% of the community have paid dues for 2024. Please pay dues via Venmo, Zelle or PayPal.

### **Old Business**

**AH Community Signs Repair/Replacement** – Replacement slate sign was received in June and placed by Pat Cusick & Joe Shinault.

**Shredding Day** – Thanks to our co-sponsors, Kelly and Mike Kulnich. They also collected donations for BARCs.

**National Night Out** – NNO was held at Christian Temple with the Paradise Community Assoc. There was a large attendance from local law enforcement. We do hope to see more residents participate and enjoy the function next year.

**Community Grant** – A check was received for \$600 from the County Community Grant. This will be used towards National Night Out and Community on Patrol and safety issues.

**Block Party** – there will no Block Party this year due to lack of interest, volunteers and sponsors.

### **New Business**

**Fall Yard Sale** – Saturday October 5, 8am – 1pm.

**Balto. Co Redistricting** – Chris Burke shared the County Councils proposed redistricting map showing nine county seats, expanded from the current seven. There were discussions of concerns on how this affects Academy Heights. State Senator Charles Sydnor's aide, Ian Miller shared opposition concerns to the redrawn map.

**Edmondson Ave.** - The County's proposed updates to Edmondson Ave. between Harlem and Academy were shared at the meeting including layouts of the proposals. This included parking only on the north side to allow raised islands with plantings (as the west end of Edmondson), raised crosswalks, and a circle at Academy & Edmondson. A pedestrian safety study still needs to be completed, as well as coordination with BGE's ongoing work. Hoping to schedule DPW at future meeting with more updates.

### **Open Forum:**

- The Little Library was refreshed and June.
- Timbers apartments mowed the hillside along Northdale Road.
- Adrienne Vedeloff has moved from Academy Heights creating a board vacancy. Thanks to her and husband Chris for their support over the years.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1st @ 7:30pm. Enjoy your summer!**

**Adjourned at 8:44pm. Recorded by J Shinault**