



## AHCA Community Board Meeting MINUTES

April 1, 2025 @ 7:30 PM

Mount De Sales Bird Room

AcademyHeightsMD.org

**Called to Order** at 7:37pm with President Joe Shinault presiding.

**Board members in attendance:** Joe Shinault, Rita Hall, Meg Dandy, Chris Waterman, Linda Barnes, Cathy Plane, Tim Jarrett

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

**Minutes:** from March 4, 2025 approved.

**Community Outreach:** Officer Boone in attendance. Airbag thefts have ramped up – mostly Hondas (get a club and protect the steering column). BCPD is working with other jurisdictions and after a few months of investigation they charged multiple suspects in the organized crime ring. Questions about juvenile crimes – gets sent to DJS – they decide if child is released to parents or not. Scott Shawnberger, states attorney will be at Arbutus townhall next Tuesday – attend and voice concerns. Citizens matter as we witness crimes and can work with law enforcement and the judicial system.

**Treasurer's Report** – Truist Bank checking balance is \$8,470.89.

### **Committees:**

#### **Architectural Committee**

Approved Applications: 2 new applications – front basement windows & fence for side/alley sides.

Current Violations: 7 current outstanding violations, 1 resolved. Overdue - 5902 Edmondson – Front Door, 5908 Edmondson – Rear Kitchen Door, 336 Whitfield – rear fence

**Communication** - Facebook at 530 members, 303 on email list. Newsletter will be sent out in May

**Welcome Committee** – No new welcome kits last month. 2 sold homes, 2 pending, 0 for sale.

**Environmental Committee** – no update

**Dues** – 14% of the community have paid dues for 2025. Please pay dues via Venmo, PayPal or cash (via a board member).

**Cathy Engers:** The commission will have a VIRTUAL Public Hearing regarding redistricting – via WebEx on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Secretary cautioned that the people tasked to draw the official map have not yet drawn it. DPWs is have a public hearing on Basic Works that is viewable on WebEx on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Proposed budget meeting is on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. No updates on Edmonson Avenue changes. Frederick Road Fridays starts on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

**Dumpster Day** – Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. To start at 8am and will have two dumpsters.

**Spring Yard Sale** – Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Egg Hunter on Easter** – TBA at a later date

### **New Business**

- BGE will be coming into change out gas pressure regulators (inside or outside of the home)

### **Open Forum:**

- Some folks getting mail regarding waterlines in home – not sure if it legitimate. Appears to be insurance – disregard.
- Playground equipment – community member noted that a company called Prestige came and trimmed 1 tree. Community member requesting that other trees that back up to Lambeth be trimmed because they are in bad condition. Answer – this is the county and churches responsibility. They did come out a few years ago to assess and trim. Board notes that they will only trim or take down trees that are diseased or rotting.
- Would like to bridge the community board with the Westowne PTA. The PTA is struggling and could use help in promoting events, raising money or volunteer.
- Concerns with the food truck Thursday – kids trespassing in resident's yards, trying to break in to the church, littering, fighting, illegal parking in the alleyway blocking traffic, etc.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday May 6th @ 7:30pm.**

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