



AHCA Community Board Meeting MINUTES

May 2, 2023 @ 7:30pm

Christian Temple Church Classroom

AcademyHeightsMD.org

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

Board members in attendance: Joe Shinault, Rita Hall, Meg Dandy, Cathy Plane, Linda Barnes, Chris Waterman, Mary Cummings, Doug Kampe

Members absent: Adrienne Vedeloff, Stephen Smith, Christie Kearney,

Minutes: from April 4, 2023 approved.

Community Outreach: Officer Boone: Kia and Hyundai thefts (not a push start). Get a club or contact the dealership for updates to car software. This morning (5/2) in the Arbutus area – call for suspicious vehicle – erratic vehicle that hit several parked cars (2 juvenile girls). Community calls and offering ring cameras are what helped solve this – encouraging community to work with police whenever anything is seen.

Treasurer's Report – Truist Bank checking balance is \$8,336.98. T. Rowe Price - \$20,766.03.

Committees

Architectural Committee –

Approved Applications: approved a few front porches, fences for yards, and 2 sheds.

Current Violations: 17 current violations – 6 were resolved last month. Current violations include (1 kitchen door, 2 basement doors, 2 front doors, 1 pediment ornament, red mailbox, etc.)

Communication – Newsletter going out in first week of May. Facebook at 505 members.

Welcome Committee –1 sold, 2 pending, 1 for sale.

Environmental Committee – no update

Dues –19% of the community have paid dues for 2023.

Old Business

Food Trucks – Began on April 11

Easter Egg Hunt – April 8th – Successful, thank you for the assistance and participation

Spring Yard Sale – Scheduled for Saturday, May 6th

Dumpster Day – Saturday, May 13th There will be two dumpsters. Volunteers needed to help man them.

Gardens – need volunteers for one of A.H. gardens. Rita - Whitfield & Academy. Cathy/Meg – Whitfield & Edmonson. Kim - Academy

Certificate of Insurance for Events – we are investigating as church is requiring it to be onsite. Reached out to Mount de Sales about potentially meeting there. Reaching out to other neighborhoods to see what they have. Will look into the non-profit opportunities.

Block Party – scheduled for September 23rd. Will need schedule the caterer. Need to start reaching out for sponsors - \$100 to sponsor it. Volunteers are needed to get this moving.

New Business

Roof discussion – reviewed booklet regarding roofing. Walt Wilson with Fick Brothers Roofing Company present. Troy is an A.H. homeowner present – currently has artificial slate on the garage on Whitfield (can swing by to see what it looks like).

Fick Brothers Q&A regarding slate roofs.

- Synthetic slate – is less expensive (about 10-15% less expensive than natural slate), labor is similar, handling for roofers is easier, and there is a cap that does not require annual maintenance like natural slate. Is said to be a 50 year product, however it has only existed for ~20 years, therefore uncertain of longevity of synthetic slate. Synthetic companies have been making small changes of improvements as some will fade or have other issues. Newer science, less certain of long-term quality.
- Natural slate – cost of slate is at an all-time high (quarries less production, shipping prices are very high now). Slate has existed for centuries and its longevity is understood. Does require annual maintenance fees that synthetic does not.
- Asphalt roofs – cost is low (60% less cost than natural slate), some are manufactured to look like a slate.
- Addressing concern with interfaces between houses with different roof material (if a synthetic is next to a natural slate neighbor). There is a copper metal divider strip that can ensure cover of roof and no leaks. This has been done down at Rodgers Forge.
- If neighborhood is a registered as an historic neighborhood, you get a 20% tax credit when replacing a slate roof.

Electric Car Mandate – Ray Conaway with Congressman Kweisi Mfume office

- Information and background
 - 2 legislature that passed federally between 2020-2022 for cleaner/greener technologies.
 - Individual ownership is allowable by law.
 - There are grant funds to implement stations in neighborhoods in places such as gas stations, road stops, attractive areas (intersection with large space).
- Stations are not currently in our local district budget, but these locations would likely be in central locations on county property.
- There are tax incentives for installing charging station and electric.
- State has starting to require apartment complexes (high level occupancy) to require charging stations. A.H. does not have that requirement but does have houses tightly located.

Eric Ebersole, State Delegate

- Westowne Elementary - they have approved funds for new play yard.

- Crosswalks – they are talking about putting in a crosswalk across Edmonson – looking to put in one at Stratford. Should be coming soon.
- Will be putting Edmondson on the list for repaving.

Cathy Engers: May 15th @ 3pm via WebEx Budget Planning Meeting with Public Works. If you ever want to attend budget meetings where the allocate money to different projects (roads, pipes, etc.), contact Cathy Engers. (cengers@baltimorecountymd.gov)

Open Forum:

- Frederick Rd Fridays start on June 2nd
- Request for a synthetic slate profession to come out to a meeting
- Jim Lerch offered to come back to discuss specific costs to the types of roofs

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6th @ 7:30pm
Adjourned at 9:08pm. Recorded by Meg Dandy.