

Highlandtown Community Association

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2015

Present: Brain Sweeney (President) has sign-up sheet for list of attendees/members/board members on file

Next meeting: June 15, 2015, 7:00pm, Salem UMC, 3405 Gough St

Agenda Items

1) **Call to Order/Pledge**-Brian Sweeney

2) **Treasury Report** – Agnes Arnold, expected profit of approx. \$6,000

3) **President's Report** (Brian Sweeney)

A) Pompeii project-still awaiting update from developer, though price reduction was approved by Archdiocese.

B) Robbery/Shooting at Mr. Joe's convenience store-no updates from police.

C) Hausner's-though there was a developer interested, he backed out due to zoning variances, though same developer is interested in other properties. Travis is working on code enforcement crackdown to try and get building to go into receivership.

D) Introduced all Committee Members

-Nick Kirley-Security issues/COP walks nick.kirley@gmail.com

-Keith Gibson-Website/Community Calendar kjakegibson@hotmail.com

-Mike Dorsey-Greening/Community Garden mdorse11@gmail.com

-Erin Kirley-Traffic/Sign Removal erin.m.kirley@gmail.com

-Kevin Bernhard-Regulatory/Zoning/Liquor board kbernh1@gmail.com

-Travis Ducote-Housing/Code Issues travis.ducote@gmail.com

-Mark Parker-Patterson Park Liason lsmparker@gmail.com

4) **New Business/Announcements**

A) Response to Looting of Main Street Businesses-Amanda Smidt-Peters (SECDC)

-11 Businesses were damaged and/or looted, Sneaky Feet and Highland Jewelry are temporarily closed.

-Loan and grant info made available through Mainstreet and will be posted on FB, encouraged to patron local businesses

-For Info, contact Amanda at asmit@southeastcdc.org

B) Wine Festival Recap (Kevin Bernhard)-approx \$6200 raised.

C) Blockenstein May 30th (Bank and East) 8am-1pm, 1pm community cookout, need volunteers to clean up the night before. Passed out flyers.

D) Conkling St Garden (Mike Dorsey)-Have 12 constructed and filled planters

-plots are available for \$20 per lot, per year

-Motion for HCA to provide \$2500 in matching funds for grants, motion carries unopposed.

-Announced fundraiser for garden, Orioles ticket packages for \$55, Aug 1st

6) **Guest Speakers**

A) Brooke Lierman-State Delegate

-Recapped time in Annapolis in General Session. Report available here:

<http://www.brookelierman.com/sites/default/files/uploads/Lierman-%20End%20of%20Session%20Report%202015.pdf>

-Brought Gov. Hogan to Highlandtown for first time while he was in Baltimore.

-Encouraged people to help with Youthworks program. More details at www.billforbaltimore.com

-Clarified recent issues around GCEI (education funding) and budgeting issues.

B) Sharon M. Jones-Johns Hopkins Bayview

-Announced blood drive June 29-July 1st, can sign up at hospital

-Spoke about grant program available through Jun 1st

7) Meeting Ended at 8:15pm