

Highlandtown Community Association

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015

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

Next meeting: March 16, 2014, 7:00pm, Salem UMC, 3405 Gough St

Agenda Items

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

2) **Treasury Report/Meeting Minutes** – Agnes Arnold/Derek Miller

3) **President's Report and Upcoming Events**(Brian Sweeney)

A) Still waiting to hear back from Pompeii project and zoning board. Brian has been working on the issue, Mayor's office is now involved. No word back yet from developer.

B) Wine Festival- April 26th (Kevin): great opportunity for fundraising

C) National Night Out- Coming on August 4th-coordinating with Baltimore Highlands Community Assoc. to put this on this year. More details to come

D) Art Cart Derby- May 30th (planned date) awaiting permitting approval (On Bank St. from Highland to East)

E) Dumpster Day- Sat, April 18th Neighborhood Clean-up Claremont/Conkling Ellwood/Bank Refuse bags will be made available. Starting at 9am (no automotive parts and no white goods-appliances, etc.)

F) Website is being updated, residents encouraged to contact Brian or Keith to promote any community related events.

4) **New Business/Announcements**

A) Office Beall –working on releasing literature about issues in neighborhood, rise in stolen cars/auto break-ins, robberies are still down, increases with B and E's with commercial businesses on Eastern Ave. Drug unit made 14 arrests in this area. 3800 block of Bank, drug dealer arrested, be aware in 3700 block of Claremont. Travis- 3800 Eastern Ave increased drug activity, warned about vacant house activity, Nick-question about new overlapping shifts and policemen on foot. This is still a work-in-progress, hope to have it more active this summer. June 20th 11am-4pm community day in Patterson Park

B) Audubon Updates (Suzie)-encouraged residents to plant bird friendly gardens, or volunteer to help to do so. Wants to encourage volunteers to help give guided tours for birds with school students. H-town 215 is going to have a new bird-friendly garden and murals.

C) Sean Briggs (playground consultant-Sparks @ Play)-working with H-town 237 to install new playground Sean will email details for us to post online

D) Sandy from U of MD-conducting the Patterson Park Master Plan survey-encouraged residents to take survey tonight. First Hearing is on March 24th, Tuesday 7pm at PPPCS

E) Jennifer Mayo (U of MD)-Housing Market Typology survey (get link to post)

F) Jeff Amoros (Kraft's Office)- Little League for 4th-5th graders (updates on FB page)

G) Mark Parker-Neighbor visits; Dia del Nino April 25th 11-2pm , Mobtown Prom May 16th 7-11pm

H) Friends of Patterson Park Membership committee-Calendars of events (see flyer for details)

E) Speaker from New District attorney's office will be speaking next week (April's Meeting)

5) Committee Reports

A) Green Committee (Mike Dorsey) – Community Garden update, working on grants and coordinating on clean-up. Tree pit box project on Highland Ave will take place on March 21st and 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. An art element will be added to the project this time. Interested volunteers can contact Kara Miller (kashmc@gmail.com)

6) Meeting Ended at 8:15pm