March 21, 2016

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

Next meeting: April 18, 2016, 7:00PM, Salem UMC, 3405 Gough St

**Agenda Items**

1. **Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag (Brian Sweeney)**
2. **Treasury Report –** To conserve time there was no review of the HCA’s financial accounts (posted on <http://highlandtown.com/hca-meeting-info/>)
3. **Minutes Review –** To conserve time there was no review of the previous meeting’s minutes (posted on [http://highlandtown.com/hca-­‐](http://highlandtown.com/hca-)meeting-­‐info/)
4. **President’s Report (Brian Sweeney)**
5. Events –
	* + April1st – Harordous Waste removal – see Brian with Flyer
		+ April 23rd Mayor’s Clean- up
		+ May10th DIY at 10am Rain barrel workshop at Loading Dock - see Blue Water Baltimore
		+ Community Visioning sessions – see Lisa DeGuire BWB
		+ Bockenstrien Update – permits filed
		+ Art Cart Derby
			- 4th in 5 years
			- Becreative w decoration
			- Multigenerational teams encouraged
		+ Highalndtown Wine Fest May 24th Claremont and Conkling
6. **New Business/Announcements**
	1. Bayview Sharon Jones – Community Outreach
		* Children with Asthma Summer camp
		* Cost 400.00 but scholarships are available
		* July- 10th – 15th
	2. Fire Investigation
		* No observable commonalities in fires
		* Fire Dept will do door knocking Saturdays 10 – 2
		* Smoke detectors fix, combat oven fires, fire education
		* BCFD and Police Dept are working together
		* The goals is to ID houses that are improperly used vacant – they are fire hazards
		* Look for target houses and call 311
		* Houses have been reboarded recently
		* Ask everyone to take a look for common signs and call 311 or 911 for record
		* Q – Only one fire this winter has been vacant? Unclear cause
		* FD will bring Smoke detectors with them in walk
		* Call 311 to ask for one, it will come with a lithium battery
		* Also carbon monoxide detectors available
	3. Download 311 App on phone is free
	4. Stella Bridal Development Presentation
		* 3309 Eastern Ave development
		* 3 commercial property’s
		* 5 2 bedroom residential on 2nd floor
		* Zoning is 1,000 Sq ft residential
		* 850 Sq Ft residential
		* There is a trash issue Kevin will apply for minor privilege 1 Dumpster Commercial I residential 2 total
		* They left pictures – no objections
	5. Community Law Center (CLC) Presentation
		* Texas Landlord – owned many properties in Highlandtown
		* CLC took him to court on Community Bill of Rights
		* They help with Baltimore Renew Initiative
		* Train on: Vacants, public nuisance, nuisance abatement, and city resources
		* Definition of nuisance – interferes with the enjoyment of the neighborhood
	6. Update from Councilman Kraft
		* ReZoning just about finished, 2 more visits
			1. Maps start April 1, District by District, not many changes in Highlandtown,
			2. B to C changes on the avenue?
			3. Haven Industrial Zones to commercial or industrial mixed
			4. Baltimore City Planning or City Council Pres page Maps 7 – D
			5. By May 1 all zoning should be done
			6. Next steps: Interlineated Copy of the Bill
				1. 2 Public hearings
				2. City Hall in Evening
				3. Bill goes into effect 6 months after vote
		* City Budget 3rd and 4th weeks of May
			1. Budget prepared by mayor, cut by council; mayor has absolute control
		* Jim running for judge
			1. 35 year career
			2. Public defenders office
			3. Operated free legal clinic
			4. Referral attorney – AFL – CIO 15 years and NEA 20 years
			5. Owned practice with 5 lawyers
			6. Had solo practice
			7. Only attorney on city council

Meeting Adjourned