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