

Reservoir Hill Association
December 2021 General Meeting
Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Time: 7:00-8:00

Location: Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 967 9700 8938

Passcode: 21217

Attendees: 25 participants (3 guests)

Keondra Prier	Jessica Pius
Melda and Rolando	Mr. Chin
Darryl McClain	Annie
Arlen Cullors	Brittany Sink
Janea McClain	Kim
Jericka Robinson	Marilyn Walker
Eric James	Devan Southerland
Kim Forsyth	Guest(s)
Ann Marie-St. Francis Neighborhood Center	Officer Charles Lee (BPD)
Brieanna Smith	Will Ethridge - Druid Park Lake Drive Presentation (BCDOT)
Mike Cross-Barnet	Wesley Mitchell - Druid Park Lake Drive Presentation
Tarik Nasir	

Announcements:

- Meeting Minutes Approval - The November meeting minutes will be approved at the January meeting to allow members time to review them first.
- Agenda Reviewed

Topics:

Officer Reports

Report of the Office of the President

- Quarterly meetings have been setup and have enlisted representation from various organizations to drive sharing of info amongst reservoir hill residents
- Neighborhood vision plan - res hill doesn't currently have one but will use this group to help drive
- Neighborhood Membership Survey - Chad Hayes has volunteered to help review. You will see more information on the survey soon. Any input, feedback or suggestions should be emailed to the res hill president.

- B&P Tunnels Working Group - Would like to form this group to inform neighbors on the impact of the tunnels to be built starting next year.
- Covid Rapid Test - The group has applied to receive and distribute through the dept of health to ensure there is access to rapid tests in the neighborhood.

Kim Forsyth

- Financial Update - The only funds provided have been from 5 steering committee members and 3 private donors (which have not been deposited).
- Our tax exempt status application was submitted to the IRS, and the state is working to make corrections to the spelling of the name. Per the State, we can now move forward to act as a tax exempt entity even though the formal exempt status has not yet been received due to the 8 month backlog. We can now open a tax exempt bank account and take donations.
- If you total our expenses, outstanding checks (not cashed) our approximate balance is \$2,553.49
- Kim will prepare a written expense report that will be posted to the website
- Question - Are there any membership dues? *A suggestion was made to ask for \$20 annually*
 - Per the President - dues will be proposed to the board and voted upon. Fees will thus not be collected before Feb.

Report of the Secretary (Provided by the President in absence of the Secretary)

- 2021 Active Membership required completion of the online form - currently that is 236
- 2022 membership will require filling out the form, attending 50% of the meetings, and paying the member fee
- Election results are based on 56 active members, a quorum of 29, and 32 votes cast
- Bylaws have been approved with 32 voted Yes / 0 voted No / 0 Abstain
- Darnita Trower elected Secretary with 32 voted Yes / 0 voted No / 0 Abstain
- Michael Cross Barnett elected as M&C Chair with 31 voted Yes / 0 voted No / 1 Abstain
- Darryl McClain elected Special Events Chair with 31 voted Yes / 0 voted No / 1 Abstain
- Planning & Dev had a separate election - Tariq Nasir and Arlen Cullors were elected as co-chairs

Planning & Development

- 2201 Brookfield BMC is scheduled Jan 4th
- 811 Chauncey conversion due to BMZA on the 16
- 2223 Callow verbiage for 2 residential units should be complete
- Next committee meeting is 12/27

BCPD Report (Officer Lee)

- Provided an updated report on Crime Data for Reservoir Hill
- Reminder about package theft - don't leave them sitting outside for extended periods of time.
- Be mindful of your surroundings at all times and when doing things such as going to ATM machines

Druid Lake Drive Presentation (Wes Mitchell, William Ethridge)

- City Planner (Will) and Consultant PM (Wes) briefed the group on the Druid Park Lake Dr project using a PPT presentation
- Addressed “What it is” - How to make the roadway safer for motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, etc.
- Addressed the 8 project goals, Community outreach efforts to solicit feedback, demographic info
- The 3 Concept Designs were presented that are part of this feasibility study (one lane, hybrid, two-lane)
- Additional focused discussion took place on the changes in traffic direction on Madison, Eutaw, etc.
- Questions addressed regarding additional locations to enter the neighborhood, traffic calming on Eutaw, speed limits, and how bi-directional traffic impacts parking.
- Close to wrapping up the design concept phase of this project. Comments on these options are being accepted until Jan 17th. WSP will subsequently publish a final report followed by a 30-day open comment period. Anything afterwards will require additional funds to move forward. You’re looking at a 6 year time frame before ground can be broken on any of the options.
- Commute time changes will be considered and included in the final report.
- Please share your feedback via the comment process and contacting your local representatives to express support for your design of choice.

Discussions:

No additional discussions outside of the agenda topics

Motions/Proposals:

No new motions or proposals

Upcoming Meetings:

General - 1/11/2022

ZOOM Chat text:

00:06:47 Kim Forsyth: I am having an issue with audio so will reconnect

00:09:06 RHA (Melda and Ronnie):
<https://www.reservoirhillassociation.org/reference-library/>

00:11:09 RHA (Melda and Ronnie): President@ReservoirHillAssociation.org

00:19:48 Jessica Pius: Are there yearly membership "dues" ?

00:20:03 Mr. Chin: good question

00:21:35 Jessica Pius: Ok, thank you for answering!

00:24:07 Tarik Nasir: is there another way to donate other than via check?

00:33:20 Mr. Chin: no questions

00:34:41 Mr. Chin: yup

00:37:51 Kim: donations may be made via other mechanisms we will link to the new bank account shortly when it is opened. We will post on the web site and facebook page soon once the RHA account is opened...

00:38:14 Brittany Sink, Park Ave: Can the intersection at park Ave be reworked to connect to DPLD instead of the on-ramp Mt Royal terrace.

00:50:35 Jessica Pius: Is the plan to make Eutaw back to a two way street all the through ?

01:02:49 Brittany Sink, Park Ave: I would like to see 15 mph on Eutaw as a residential street

01:03:18 Arlen Cullors: Are traffic circles along DPLD still being considered?

01:03:35 Will Ethridge - BCDOT: Yes

01:04:08 Mr. Chin: what becomes of red striped areas

01:04:28 Will Ethridge - BCDOT: Those are areas where we're proposing to remove pavement

01:05:14 Mr. Chin: after the removal? trees and shrubs? or just grass

01:05:23 Will Ethridge - BCDOT: Yes and yes

01:09:06 Brittany Sink, Park Ave: I think people would have trouble with the left

01:09:09 Kim: Based on your proposed changes, it seems I 83 access from the north/northwest will no longer be via Druid Park Drive

01:15:09 Mr. Chin: there are a lot of multi-family... mostly multifamily

01:18:35 Arlen Cullors: Realizing that the devil is in the details, but with the park tank construction nearing completion, what is the estimate start and possible completion time frame

01:18:50 Will Ethridge - BCDOT: We'll talk about that in a moment

01:20:45 Darryl McClain [D-Mac]: Can you put those names in the chat?

01:22:30 Will Ethridge - BCDOT: Graham Young is the Complete Streets Manager

01:22:36 Will Ethridge - BCDOT: Eric James is your DOT liaison

01:24:54 Darryl McClain [D-Mac]: This was a great conversation!

01:27:42 Kim: Based on your proposed changes, it seems I 83 access from the north/northwest will no longer be via Druid Park Drive

01:31:56 Kim: will there be an elevated pedestrian & animal ramp accessing the park above traffic?

01:32:46 Will Ethridge - BCDOT: It has been proposed as an option, but we've received significant pushback on the idea

01:33:06 Kim: we proposed to eliminate 83 access via MRT

01:33:38 Kim: why not keep access via sisson as it is now?

01:37:45 Will Ethridge - BCDOT: <https://transportation.baltimorecity.gov/dpldcdesigneffort>

01:38:29 Kim: Thanks to all participants and presenters for a fantastic meeting

01:39:58 Will Ethridge - BCDOT: William.ethridge@baltimorecity.gov

01:40:06 Janea McClain: I hope that we can have both Mr. Mitchell and Ethridge join another one (or two) of our meetings.
