

Reservoir Hill Association
February 2022 General Meeting
Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2022

Time: 7:00-8:00

Location: Via Zoom

Meeting ID: 948 7280 5099

Passcode: 21217

Attendees:

Keondra Prier	Mike Cross-Barnett	Jacob Joseph & Jack Novosel
Lauren Muhammad	Cynthia	Sarah Buikema
Darnita Trower	Sarah Tenner	Soledad Salame
Emma Cross	Jericka Robinson	Sandra Haskett
Melda	Brittany Sink	Del. Marlon Amprey
Rolando	Arlen Cullors	Tony Ayigah
Nick Mosby	Charles Chet Myers	Michael
Travon Hicks Council	Jessica Pius	New ERA Baltimore
President Nick Mosby's	Jesse	Annie
Office	Thomas Cudjoe	Tim Lewis
Margaret Wilson	Ian Genove (Office of Del.	Joyce
Laura Amlie	Amprey)	Janea McClain
Kathryn Epple	Debbie Tolson	Tanner Whited - UMD
Kim Forsyth	Dionne Smith	Environmental Clinic
Claudia Z	Sandra Haskett	***-***-2916
Gary Bess	Marilyn Walker	***-***-5224
Stacy Ridgeway	Jolene	

Announcements:

Welcome Neighbors and Members

Review of the Agenda

The Meeting Minutes for January 2022 were approved.

Officer Reports:

- President (Keondra Prier)
 - Information session with the Dept of Transportation took place... Vision plan for the next 10 years. RHA is applying to be involved
 - B&P Tunnel Community Investment meeting attended by Keondra and Kathryn Epple. We would love to hear from you on your inputs that we can take back to Amtrak.

- District Quarterly Leaders meeting was attended
- Call for writers and researchers – if you are interested in helping to write grants, please let us know via email
- Reservoir Hill Vision Plan – This is ongoing, additional info to follow.

- Vice President (Jericka Robinson)
 - Winter Trolley tour has been postponed to 2/26 at 8:30-1pm w/ limited space for the tour

- Treasurer (Chet Myers)
 - Lives on Reservoir St. and is the new treasure
 - Coordinating with Kim Forsyth to transition activities.
 - Working to open a bank account as a 501 C3
 - Maryland State Annual Report has been filed and will be updating the name to be corrected

- Secretary (Darnita Trower)
 - January meeting minutes were approved
 - Alerted group of new PO box for RHA address
 - Provided an update on motions from the 1/18 board meeting
 - Motion 1: Charles “Chet” Myers was elected as the new Treasurer
 - Motion 2: Lauren Muhammad was elected as the Green Committee chair

Committee Reports:

- Planning & Development (Rolando)
 - 2001 Park Ave - The result of community surveys is available on the website
 - Community selection panel makes recommendations

- Social Events Committee (Darryl McClain)
 - 1/27 held 1st meeting which went well - members were polled via QR code for upcoming events
 - Next meeting 2/24/2022 at 7pm
 - Committee goals
 - Drive Membership for RHA
 - Networking within org and neighborhood
 - Fundraising to support social events
 - Events were run past the group and buzz was generated around home and garden tours. Thus, we will be looking into doing that.
 - Interested in others that would like to join the committee.

- Green Committee
 - Welcome Lauren Muhammad as the Chair of the Green Committee
 - Lauren is a master gardener and excited to join the org

- Looking to adopt the lots on the 700 and 800 block of Druid Lake Dr. for neighbors to convene or creating a playground for kids
- Marketing & Comms (Mike Cross-Barnett)
 - Lives on the 2500 block of Madison
 - Great start – 1/20 meeting covered lots of ground
 - Discussed the mission and purpose of this committee. Developed high level ideas regarding what we're here to do. Increasing visibility, growing membership and consistency in messaging, branding, helping other committees with messaging and getting the word out.
 - Logo/Motto for the org. The group feels like they should be responsible for this and has some good ideas in mind.
 - Devising a strategy to reach the many via online platforms
 - Marketing plan, coherent strategy for social media across all platforms, mission statement
 - Meeting schedule 3rd Thursdays at 7pm
 - Facebook members increased from 58-66 people – goal to get to 100-150 people
- ? Committee (Arlen / Tarik)
 - 912 Newington – Daycare issue; met with Mr. Chin; BMZA hearing sheduled on 2/22
 - 2201 Brookfield – motion for reconsideration
 - Question – Madison Park North – Any updates? None as of yet, but Arlen will reach out to find out more information.
 - Question – What exactly is the motion for reconsideration? Keondra explained that we submitted a later to reconsider the zoning change. There have been no further updates to report at this time.
 - Congratulations on UEMNA President election Arlen!
- Safety & Security (Officer Lee)
 - No stats to provide today
 - Alert to Scams
 - Email or Card stating you have one a prize. The bad actors are trying to get your personal information as a scam.
 - BGE Scams where people are trying to gain access to your home. Be mindful and verify identity with company or call 911.
 - Please report any scamming incidents to the police

Topics:

Board Reports

Discussion with RATT

Council President Mosby

Discussions:

RATT Presentation to RHA (Laura Amlie)

- Concerns have been raised over the potential impacts of boring tunnels under the community
- A PR offensive has been launched touting the Frederick Douglass Tunnel. It has no legal standing. Time savings has not been justified
- University of Maryland law clinic has filed to conduct an environmental impact study
- Additional information is available via Keondra Prier
- Sarah Tenner, Emma Cross (Students with the UofM Clinic) – offer pro bono legal services where environmental issues are of concern. Looking to draft an advocacy letter to halt work on the project.
- Tierney Peprah – Staff Attorney at ACLU that is helping on the project with advocacy letters
- Caherine Cone – Supv. Housing Counsel at the Washington Lawyer’s Committee is also helping with the advocacy letters
- Email us at enviornmentalclinic@law.umaryland.edu

City Council President Nick Mosby

- Travon Hicks works on the staff and shared a presentation
- Purchased an abandoned home in 2004 here in Reservoir Hill
- Major changes seen on the city council. Implemented best practices such as right sizing the committees, aligned core competencies for the community
- Housing insecurity and vacant properties is a hot topic for the committee - #HouseBaltimore package
 - Bringing Back Dollar Homes – but this time to benefit legacy Baltimore residents to create a pipeline of homeownership
 - Reverse Mortgage Protection for Seniors – to protect homes from going into foreclosure and help seniors keep their homes
- Get involved. Two voting sessions coming up on 2/14 and 2/15 to go over proposed bills discussed today.
- Testify online at baltimorecitycouncil.com/testify or email testimony@baltimorecity.gov
- Councilman Mosby is happy to come back and discuss issues at any time in the future

Announcements

- Upcoming meeting are listed in the ppt

Motions/Proposals:

N/A

Upcoming Meetings:

RHA Board – 2/15/2022

General - 3/8/2022

Zoom Chat:

00:14:34 Thomas Cudjoe: One idea is for structural investment rather than to individuals. Funding for lighting or tree planting or in small community spaces in neighborhood.

00:15:01 Thomas Cudjoe: referring to mention about discussions with amtrak

00:15:44 Melda: <https://www.reservoirhillassociation.org/reference-library/>

00:18:49 Thomas Cudjoe: congratulations on the 501c3 status. I know it has been a journey

00:19:59 Melda: <https://www.reservoirhillassociation.org/hot-topics/>

00:20:07 Melda: <https://www.reservoirhillassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2001-Park-Survey-ResultsSummary-Original-InformationMap-2019-03-31.pdf>

00:20:41 Lauren Muhammad: Thanks Melda!

00:24:37 Melda: RHA Calendar
<https://www.reservoirhillassociation.org/events/>
If you would like to have an event entered on the calendar, please email contact@reservoirhillassociation.org

00:25:41 Melda: same with hot topics, if you want one listed on the website, please email contact@reservoirhillassociation.org

00:27:31 Gyasi: Is Lauen connected with the community gardens (ie Lennox and Whitelock)? Or available for consult?

00:27:40 Brittany Sink, 1905 Park: Welcome! Thank you!! Make sure you take advantage of the care-a-lot program!

00:29:05 Lauren Muhammad: Thanks everyone! I do know about care A lot and as a Master Gardener I an connected to various organizations.

00:30:53 Lauren Muhammad: Definitely! welcome to the Green Committee!

00:31:51 Keondra Prier: @Gyasi I'm happy to connect you with Lauren ! @Lauren, Gyasi asked: Is Lauen connected with the community gardens (ie Lennox and Whitelock)? Or available for consult?

00:36:32 Mike Cross-Barnet: What's the status of the Motion for Reconsideration on Brookfield?

00:39:50 Cynthia: Thank you Janea for the invite!! my name is Cynthia Lewis , 2404 Eutaw Place... hoping vacant houses and parking issues on Eutaw Place can be addressed

00:40:29 Janea McClain: If you are the victim of a scam should we call the police and request a police report?

00:43:09 Charles "Chet" Myers: Reservoir Hill is in the Central police district. Contact phone number is 410-396-2411
<https://www.baltimorepolice.org/find-my-district/central-district>

00:44:10 Janea McClain: Hi Cynthia!!!

00:44:36 Melda: <https://www.residentsagainstthetunnels.org/>

00:52:32 Brittany Sink, 1905 Park: Thank you for your interest.

00:52:48 Keondra Prier: Thank you so much !

00:53:36 Emma Cross: environmentalclinic@law.umaryland.edu

01:06:20 Lauren Muhammad: 25,000 is not enough for a vacant house to be rehabed..

01:06:44 Melda: Can we get a copy of the presentation?

01:06:45 Gyasi: Agreed

01:10:30 Travon Hicks Council President Nick Mosby's Office: Travon Hicks
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01:11:09 Travon Hicks Council President Nick Mosby's Office: I will provide a copy of the presentation

01:11:21 Melda: Thank you!

01:11:46 Cynthia: AGREED!!!

01:12:17 Cynthia: I don't see the hand up option... can I ask a question?

01:12:53 Kim Forsyth Baltimore: I am actually giving everything to Chet so I can focus on the 5 other roles and hoping to locate others to take those roles. So if you know anyone, let me know. I am actively searching and need 5 replacements.

01:12:55 Dionne Smith: Hi Cynthia - the raise hand option is under 'Reactions'

01:13:47 Kim Forsyth Baltimore: sorry everyone! I was responding to a question.

01:15:18 Brittany Sink, 1905 Park: That's true I've seen that

01:15:27 Mike Cross-Barnet: Amen to that — in Baltimore, homeowners are protected but renters really suffer

01:16:39 Kathryn Epple: Agree that parking on 2400 block of Eutaw is horrible now. Too many spaces have been blocked off. Dangerous to park blocks away.

01:17:18 Kathryn Epple: 3 vacant houses near me in 2400 block!!! TREes growing out of foundation!!!

01:18:01 Kathryn Epple: We have fought diagonal parking for years in the 2400 block.

01:19:09 Brittany Sink, 1905 Park: Yes please

01:20:24 Travon Hicks Council President Nick Mosby's Office: I will be in every monthly meeting going forward to keep everyone updated. Thank you

01:20:33 Janea McClain: Thank you!

01:20:44 Travon Hicks Council President Nick Mosby's Office: Please feel free to reach out to me

01:20:50 Dionne Smith: Excellent, Travon!

01:21:04 Melda: Thank you Travon!

01:21:11 Lauren Muhammad: Renters are Important also

01:21:15 jericka robinson: Thank you Travon

01:22:34 Dionne Smith: Thanks for joining us President Mosby!

01:22:42 Thomas Cudjoe: Thank you

01:22:46 Janea McClain: Thank you!!!

01:22:50 Michael's iPhone: Thank you

01:23:01 jericka robinson: Thank you President Mosby

01:23:28 Dionne Smith: Sorry I have to go. I'll look out for the follow up email. Have a great night

01:23:46 Claudia Z: Thank You

01:24:13 Brittany Sink, 1905 Park: Thanks for all the organizing