



January 12, 2010  
General Meeting Minutes

**Preliminaries:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers: Absent: Chris P, Dusty, Jack
- Approval of Minutes: Tony made motion to pass minutes (motion passes)
- New Neighbor Introductions: Cindy Case, Matt Anderson, Cindy Webb
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$32, 032 Dog park: \$3,968

**Announcement:** Thanks to Miguels for bring the food and drinks. Miguels is located in Silo Point.

**Committee Updates and Task Force Updates:**

**Communications:** The Newsletter was sent out this month and looks great, thanks so much Kathy. The upcoming newsletters will have the general meeting agenda posted. Thanks to all the block captains that are passing the newsletter out and making sure the residents receive it.

**Festival and social:** none

**Parks & Beautification:** We will be receiving 190.00 from the last payment for the grant that was written. The monies will go towards purchasing plants that can handle the heat. There have been no decisions made to move the pots from along Fort Ave., if you have a suggestions please contact the board.

**Dog Park:** The t-shirt challenge was a huge success, 4,000 was raised. The Dog Park clean up will be on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 in the morning if you would like to attend.

**Safety – COP Walk:** Things seem to go well in the community. The COP walk was canceled this month due to weather. It meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month across from the park on Fort Ave., if you would like to join.

**Trash/Recycling:** There are still bins for sale at ½ price.

**Design Review:** none

**New Business:**

**Parks:** The tennis courts will be revamped this fall and take about 4 months to complete the project of improvement. The courts will be newly paved; new lights will be installed at the 3 tennis courts and 2 basketball courts. There will be no new nets installed. To voice concerns or ask questions please contact Valerie at, Valerie.Mcguire@baltimore city.gov. Questions from the community were as follows: Will the lights be timed, can there be a plug in for power, and can there be wind curtains on the courts. Valerie will contact the board with the answers to all the questions, and revisit the community prior to project start time.



**Fort Avenue Bridge:** We learn about the Bridge at every meeting please refer to past meeting minutes for complete description. DOT stated we have a good handle on what needs to be done to repair the bridge. Sited many examples of where this has worked. CXS will change the hours of operation to make sure there is access to the community. Will be out by 4:30 in order to enter the community. There will be free bus service east of the bridge. Kids will be able to get to school. Traffic flow issues will be communicated. Andre Street could become a four way stop if needed. Concerns were stated by local business about the access in and out of the community. Payment of the project is CXS 75% City 25% (federal funds) Many point is that DOT wants the project completed one way, and Locust Point wants it a different way. Hopefully middle ground can be found. Communication should be better between DOT and the community.

**Motion:** Send a letter to the mayor restating our position to the mayor and requesting a meeting with her to discuss our concerns. (Tony) (Justin second) **MOTION PASSES**

**Locust Point Historic Neighborhood:** There have been a lot of discussions about making Locust Point an historical site. There is a lot of honor being a historical listing. There is a long application process, and it takes about 10 months, we are willing to help, we are willing to do the historical research if the community would like to start the process. The presenters passed out information about what it means to be a historical neighborhood. There are 78 historic districts in Baltimore. Baltimore was the second largest immigration hub, on the east coast. 1,250,000 people got off the ships here in Locust Point and traveled by trains elsewhere or stayed in the area. At the foot of Andre Street is where people came in and many people from Germany immigrated starting in 1868, and continuing throughout the Civil War until War World 1. There are no current plans to create an immigration museum. Question: Does this impact the way that we are taxed? Think about possible questions and we will vote at the next meeting.

**BGE Update:** work will start March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment**