



October 13, 2010  
2010 General Meeting Minutes

- **Preliminaries**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers: officers present are: Tony, Shannon, Joel, and Chris P. Jack, and Matt
- Approval of Minutes: Motion Passes: August 11: Correct Spelling to Mchenry, Motion passed for September and August meeting minutes
- New Neighbor Introductions: Eda Bates on Towson Street new to the meetings.
- Treasurer's Report: LPCA: 40, 500 in the account. Festival Update: 17, 000 expanses were 6,030.

- **Committee Updates**

**Design Review:** Tide Point Playground/German Church: recap of past information about tide point not living up to agreements. The board expressed concerns through letter. Considerations being address. McHenry Row – Red Parrot Asian Bistro will be a new restaurant in the complex FYI. Draft Resident Impact Letter: still under consideration about the content.

**Parks & Beautification:** Fort Avenue Planters is something that we should address in the future either we maintain the pots that look the same or give them to neighbors to put in what they want and maintain. Please be thinking about what you want to do. : Oct. 30 is clean up garden day from 9-12 help to clean up. Also, thinking about buying banners for Fort Avenue to decorate the neighborhood (planters and banners might come up for a vote in Nov.) A budget opens in January for future spending.

**Social/Festival:** Preliminary Festival Re-Cap will happen in November, however it was a very successful day!

**Communications:** Newsletter goes on! New Editor – Cathy Duchamp; New Ad Managers -- Ryan McCarty and Mickey Kopansky. Thanks to Colleen Wolfe and Susan Harrison for all their hard work. The newsletter will happen every other month.

**Safety – COP Walk –** Copper thefts have been happening in the neighborhood.

**Trash/Recycling:** no committee update

- **New Business**

**McHenry Row/Fort Ave. Bus Stops** – Jessica Keller (Contact Information: [jkeller1@mta.maryland.gov](mailto:jkeller1@mta.maryland.gov), 410-454-7257, mobile 443-676-6185) of MTA explained the reason for putting the bus sign back up, BMC (Baltimore Metro Conference) is currently located in McHenry Row and who the organization serves need to be able to access it. Question from public was, what is the need of the bus stop under discussion to be in place, due to other bus stops in the area being used? Answer: Could look at removing one of the stops if needed. Question from public Does, MTA have guidelines that they follow? Answer: there are public documents for the approval process. Question from public, concern is that the bus stops just appeared, is there any protocol for approving bus stops. Answer: no, when the area is studied then a bus stop is placed.



**BGE Project:** Milton Branso with Consolation energy and Drew Westervelt (project management from BGE), Jimmy Catszo (construction contact). The project is to convert current gas lines to high pressure. Project will begin 2011 January in this area. This job should take about 6 months to complete. Locust Point has pipes that are 97 years old. The project will impact outlined areas, and the map is with the board to look at. The Construction Project will impact parking in the area and each house will need to give access to pipes and meters in side the home to be replaced. Each house affected by the project will have interrupted gas service for a total of 4 hours. Question from public, how are you collaboration with the scheduled water main project? Answer: we will work together to organize it and work street by street. Question from public, Does the map reflect all the work? Answer, yes. Question from public, how long will each house not have gas? Answer: 4 hour. We are first area in Baltimore City to undergo this replacement plan. Information can be found on the following website: [www.bg.com](http://www.bg.com) (operation pipeline). The reason for this project is to upgrade the system needed for new possible construction and existing needs due to the development we have currently have had and to increase the pressure.

**Jamie Kendrick: Bridge at Fort Ave.** If you are interested in being on the taskforce please see Tony so he can get your number. Serious Stage: 60% design design completed and now we are looking at how to manage this project. We have many plans to support this project. Delegate McHale was able to help getting the height decreased to support the bridge. This is an update: this bridge needs to be completed before 2012 it was constructed in 1920. There has been replacement issues due to the fact it is historical, things to consider, such as COMAR. Impact on neighborhood is the following the completion needs to happen by May 2012 and the project will take 9-12 months, the start date is May 1, 2011 and there will be a full closure for 9 months total. The bridge will be build to code. Viewed outline for new structure to include where gas line, verizon, and water main lines will now be. . Bridge will be closed, and open to local traffic only. Looking into detour issues will be very important. Question from public, there are many people in the neighborhood who are older and walk short distances to get what they need, the detour could impact them.

**Officer report:** Contact information is as follows, cell phone number 443-681-0920 and is working 2-10 in the neighborhood. Halloween is coming up, please remember to be safe and the holiday season as well lights and presents shouldn't be able to be seen. There was a Copper theft in the area, will look into it. The Boy scouts that were in the neighborhood over the weekend were very helpful.

**South Baltimore Learning Center:** Location: 28 East Ostand Street. This year we are celebrating 20<sup>th</sup> year in operation. We support 1,000 high school dropouts at this center. Population you sever most of learners 21230, 21235, 2168, 21321. The average age is 35. If you know someone that needs a high certificate please forward our information to him or her. We are open from 8:30-8:30 Monday through Thursday. We always need help if you are interested. We are a 503C non-profit. We can use office supplies and reading materials. We raise 50% of budget. Fundraising event is in March or April.

**Dog park:** cleanup is Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30.

**Announcement:** Fundraiser for the South Baltimore Little League is Oct. 20, 2010, Wednesday 5:30-7 at Captain Larry's

**Woodall Street Parking:** has an updated traffic study. The study can be obtained from a board member and will be posted after the meeting.

**Adjournment:** Motion passed.