



November 10, 2010

## General Meeting Minutes

### **Preliminaries:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers: Chris R, Tony, Joel, Shannon, Barb, Brian, Chris P, Justin, Matt, Sarah, Scott, Cheryl
- Approval of Minutes: Tony made motion to pass minutes (motion passes)
- New Neighbor Introductions: none
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance: \$36,884.00 Dog park: \$3,333.00

**Announcement:** Riverside Stage: next to Riverside Park, in red building will be offering Christmas Holiday shows of the Christmas Carol. There will be 6 shows completely free, please come and enjoy! Questions check website for details.

### **Committee Updates and Task Force Updates:**

**Communications:** The Newsletter officially transferred: Any story ideas please find Cathy Duchamp or email to communications on the website. Agenda Distribution Ideas: Would the block captains give out agenda along with Newsletter. All agreed so that will start next month.

**Festival and Social:** Christmas Party will be December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the German Church please contact Lara for more information it will also be posted in Newsletter. Festival Wrap-Up: Please give Sarah any feedback from the festival. Community made about 7,000.00.

**Parks & Beautification:** Saturday, October 30 Clean up that went very and the park is looking great. We are always looking for people to attend clean up. Dog Park Clean Up will be Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 8:30am.

**Safety – COP Walk:** Safety Officer Vaught reported about Copper stealing is still happen. The Young Explores will be a toy drive, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at Ravens game will are going to stuff a bus with 2 other explore groups full of toys. Wednesday, November 17, 2010 the explores will be selling food outside the station. Contact Information is as follows: 443-681-0920, cell phone. [Kevin.Vaught@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:Kevin.Vaught@baltimorepolice.org)

**Trash/Recycling:** Rat Rub Out program has flyers at check in. If you are having rat problems please pick up a handout.

### **Design Review:**

**BG&E:** There has been a conference call with Board members about overlapping projects with BG&E/DPW/Bridge Project. 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 our 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 (more or less). Information can be found on the following website: [www.bg.com](http://www.bg.com) (operation pipeline). The purpose was again stated for the project: replacing aged structures for gas lines. This is the beginning of replacing cast iron pipes prior to problems starting. The replacement is changing low-pressure system to high-pressure system. Underground entrance will stay underground entrance. 1 inch plastic tubing will be replaced with what is inside the house. Contractor demonstrated how it would look inside the house. Newer homes have outside. The meters in homes will not be touched. The new pipes will be attached to the meter.

***Community Questions:***

***Is every house going through this process?*** A: Make arrangements for each house to be visited.

Working Monday through Friday. There will also be road closures throughout the time. ***What is process***

***to move through the neighborhood?*** A: The contractor will communicate with each homeowner and with LPCA when they will be on each block. First project in beginning in 2011 and then there will be a second phase, total time is 18 months for all the areas that need to be covered. There is about 1.5 miles to 3.5 miles of pipes in the neighborhood that need to be replaced. ***Why doing this in the winter?*** A: With

celebration in 2012 we want this to be completed. ***How long will that take?*** A: 6 months, starting in January for phase 1. Each home will out of service for 4-5 hours. We have space heaters if needed.

Someone will need to be home for BGE to come in during the scheduled time.

***Concerns from the Community:*** Winter start date and cold weather seems poor planning. Repairing roads and sidewalks to same condition.

***Fort Avenue Bridge:*** Omar Davis, new project manager, stated the following 313 bridges throughout the city in Baltimore are in poor condition. Mr. Davis continued to read an article from The Sun paper written August 19<sup>th</sup>. Summarize 2003, 160,000 bridges in USA where dysfunctional condition and 2008, less then 25% of bridges, 1 in 4 would still not be okay. Urban Bridges still have 31% bridges that are not functional. Fort Ave Bridge is not doing well. Working with the community to make the bridge safe is Mr. Davis goal. Mr. Omar Davis is new to the project. He received a welcome from the Design Review committee. It is Mr. Omar Davis thoughts that the bridge should be closed completely for 10-12 months when the bridge is being repaired. COMAR regulations guide how the work needs to be completed.

***Community Questions:***

***Will the CXX trains will continue to run, although the bridge will be closed for a total of 10-12 months?***

A: Yes. ***What about staged construction, so there is some access to traveling on bridge?*** A: No, this is a city projects other projects that were staged were state projects. ***How will the children get to school?*** A:

They will get passes for the city buses to get to school. ***How do receive ER services when the bridge is closed and the 2-mile train has locked us in?*** There will be a trailer setup from the fire station on other side of bridge.

***Community Concerns:***

The lack of interest in the community needs and impact with full bridge closure, such as: ER services, school students, older members in the community walking to store, and being completely landlocked



without a way in and out of the neighborhood. Retaining walls on the bridge that impact current home value and were not agreed upon.

**DPW:** The Water main replacement the earliest start time is March 2012. We would love input on working on project. The main reason for replacement is the waterline are 80-100 years old and there have been many waterline breaks in area. The current plan is to work in area, March 2012 for about 6-7 months. The work will look the same as it has been on other streets in the neighborhood. If you are having water concerns please call 311 and ask for city water department, continue to call until the problem has been solved. We are flexible in changing start time. We understand that parking is a huge concern. 9-3 will be the working hours for this project.

***Community Questions:***

***What impact will this have on our streets?*** A: There will be 2 trenches each street. The Construction management and inspector will be here to help. ***How will DPW and BGE work together?*** A: We will be communiation about progress. The second phase of BGE will overlap with DPW plan.

***Streuver Houses:*** The board was emailed about a third party to look at site near triangle lot at tide point. It is a positive thing to re-look at this space. It is within the PUD to build homes there however they must follow city code and there are no current plans to do so.

***New Business***

Motion: (Motion made by Tony V.) The Locust Point Civic Association states in writing, that we would want staged construction for the Bridge Project along will no retaining walls located on Bridge. ***Motion passes.***

Motion: (Motion made by Tony V.) The Locust Point Civic Association states in writing that we desire BGE to start project on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for first phase and install main lines prior to starting work in each house. ***Motion passes.***

***Charitable Donations: Tony made a motion to pass the following charitable donations. Each passed.***

SOBER -- \$1000

Dog Park -- \$500

German Church (Christ United Church of Christ) -- \$500

Church of the Redemption (Reverend Annette's Church) -- \$500

Good Counsel Catholic Church -- \$500

Police Explorers -- \$500

***Adjournment:*** Meg Kelly (passed)