

**New Greenmount West Community Association
COMMUNITY MEETING
Saturday, April 9, 2011, Montessori School, 1600 Guilford Ave.**

In attendance: Michael Alexander, Joanne Douglas, Mark Garcia, David Krasner, Lissa Potter, Dwayne Lawrence, Abu Moulta Ali, Linda Harrington, Anne Clewell, Rick Gerriets, Sergio Martinez, P/O Rafiq Makanjuol, Gloriadean Braxton, Dwight Hargrave, LeRoy Graefe, Bill Clewell, Michael Beverly, Tara Megos, James Johnson, Dale W. Hargrave, Jeff Leone, Odette Ramos - Quorum established

Introductions & ongoing comments: Bill Clewell began introductions.

Minutes: distributed, approved.

Thank you's:

Chili Palooza: David Marion and team for great food. Everyone had a great time. 75 people came out to the Cork Gallery. Need team volunteers for next dinner.

GHCC: Neighborhood Institute , great resources. Next year more GW residents should attend.

Spring Clean T-shirts & Cookout:

Updates:

School 32: lease status and build out update

Clean & Green: Tree Planting - 9 new street trees planted by UB Community Service Day. Trees came through City Parks & Rec and were planted in locations identified and prepared in fall 2010.

AHC: bringing in teams to clean vacant properties and alleys. Community and AHC working together.

501(c)3: handout distributed. Motion to amend bylaws. Nothing deleted. Added sections addressing conflict of interest, indemnification, compensation. Approved. (see website for bylaws) (clarification added to accommodate IRS).

BCF Grant: Newsletters ready for distribution, Bulletin Board team has set submission criteria, schedule to include Preview opportunities (Monday, May 9, 6:30-7:30, Tuesday, May 10, 7:30-8:30, Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 - 7:30) and Voting at May community meeting. Possible LOCATIONS selected at this meeting. Questions about "bulletin board policy". Ask Paul Burke on Abel Ave (Charles Village).

New: Greenpoint Consortium: Eric Goods gave overview, history of community efforts to increase work-force opportunities for residents. EPA Brownfields grant request submitted. Asking for community to be a partner with Greenpoint Consortium. No financial responsibility on part of association. Q&A: does this coordinate with small area plan, what are the benefits, has GP done other projects, more.

Concerns:

Graffiti - 1600 N. Calvert alley, garages, CARS are being tagged. Proliferation of graffiti and loud music since 1539 N. Calvert (Bell Foundry) has been occupied. Residents can't sleep. Asking for assistance to tone it down. Dale wants to figure out how to mediate issue at lowest level. We have to educate on proper etiquette and code of conduct, private property rights, calm and deliberate discussion will be more helpful. New neighbor associated with 1539 was in attendance. Understands the issues. Very willing to help bring parties together for problem solving. CPHA Nuisance log sheet could be helpful.

Announcements:

VFW: welcome anytime

Baltimore: Open City exhibit, lectures and performances at North Ave. Market, 16 W. North, thru May 15th.

2nd Saturday in Station North today

New Garden: Tara announced she's got the adopt-a-lot papers for the Garden at N. Calvert & McAllister (1800 N. Calvert St.) Join the Garden facebook page for invites and updates.

Mayor's Spring Clean: Saturday, April 16th.

Meeting adjourned 1:40 pm,

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Clewell, 05.14. 2011 for Marian Weaver