

## Agenda

May 12, 2010; 7:30 pm

I. Introduction: The meeting came to order at 7:35 pm

II. Committee Reports and Announcements

Treasury: \$4968.22 in general account

Social: larceny by auto is on upswing. Much graffiti in neighborhood. please report to city

Traffic/Parking: Study of No Parking signs to see which can be eliminated. Study to be done to identify signs to be eliminated to free up more parking spaces.

- Raffle for \$25 at Arcos Restaurant ( \$1.00 per chance )
- Dumpster Day June 12, 2010

III. Old Business

- Chubbies – Transfer of Ownership: Community has Hired CLC to take our case: Our lawyer has already notified LB that she is on our case. Community agreement must take place before hearing and reopening.
- Thank you to all our Flea Market volunteers: raised \$692 for alley gating and garden club.
- Next dumpster day: June 12 from 9 to 1 next to Butts & Betty's.
- Bags for sale: \$4 each
- Want to have all candidates come to meetings to present. FP will not endorse any particular candidate.

IV. New Business

- Clean Currents: Sign up with BGE for alternative green power alternatives. Rates are competitive. Sign up for plan for specific time period. No charge for signup; everyone who participates gets \$10 donation to FP for signing up.

V. Presentations

Sean Guy - Water For Chocolate – Outdoor seating (5 min)—Family-owned business. Twelve feet of sidewalk space; want to do sidewalk seating. Open early; close at 2:30. Six days per week; closed on Sunday. 7am to 2:30 now, but would want to extend hours to 5 or 6 pm. Comment: Marybeth Lennon endorses this business as wonderful for neighborhood. Vote taken: unanimous in favor of support.

Daniel Henson – 1621 Bank Street – Fells Point Station (15 min) —Handed out specs for project. Corner of Broadway and Bank. Outlined history of building. Significance of building: restoration and tax credits. Want to restore, expand into parking lot adjoining, and create retain space and apartments. Want to create a signature building for neighborhood. Off-street parking design is very difficult. Can get 25 spaces, which meets zoning code, but want to try for more. How to help city acquire more parking in that area. What is now a metered parking lot was originally a school. Are moving ahead to start project. Have applied for low income housing tax credit. Must put aside 5% of units for non-elderly disabled. Other than this, will be average apartment building. Want our support for tax credit, rear-yard setback rule, and increase in density. Will be four stories tall. Also increase in floor area because of additional floor. Q: How find additional parking? If no garage built, then what happens? Zoning calls for 25 spaces for project, but that is not enough. Will have trouble getting support if can't find parking. A: Can pull down building to make parking, but that is not good solution. He went to parking authority and asked for help with solution. Q: Go underground for parking? A: Can do this if eliminate retail. Parking authority activity is based on revenue projections. If can show that there is enough business to support parking garage, then city may build parking garage. Q: Tie in to using city transportation, zip cars, etc. Also, can make restrictions re. number of cars per unit? A: Want to support angled parking on Bank Street. Indications show that people who would live

in that building would likely not drive to work. Proposal from FP: Guarantee that angled parking would be installed, then we would talk more about supporting it. Comment from Megan, Kraft's office: If community supports angled, then Jim Kraft would support. Q: Who owns property now? A: City owns it. Q: What plans for retail space? A: Working with FP Main Street. Q: Projected completion? A: 2012. Comment: Three churches needing parking, so will be competition. Q: Preservation problem: Corner is sketchy, would FP preservation society support this project? A: Nat'l Trust, etc, are supporting project for tax credits. Comment: May want to talk with Preservation Society. FP: Will continue to work with adjoining associations, and will get back to him for next visit.

Brittany Leitnaker – Dog Park – Patterson Park (5 min)—Want to bring a dog park to Patterson Park. [pattersondog-park.org](http://pattersondog-park.org) is website. First initiative is off-leash hours: notification of hours and locations. People are using off-leash anyway, so contacting them to do study of possibilities. Talking to new Park and Rec person asking for help. Happy hour at Geckos next week for promotion. Latrobe Park is example of successful dog park. Will accept responsibility for keeping park clean. Q: Something in writing? A: Filled out maintenance plan for application. Q: Off-leash not reasonable for people who are terrified of dogs. A: Hours and locations are posted. Comment: Off-leash hours are just a proposal. Not adapted yet. Dog leash law is still in effect. Fines. Park rangers will be in park soon. Q: Location? A: TBA. Comment: Once have concrete proposal, send to FP and we will see where we stand.

Luke Clippinger – Running for office, Delegate 46th District—Gave outline of family history in Baltimore. Wants more people to stay in city and make it better. Now is prosecutor in Anne Arundle County. Has good knowledge of criminal justice system. Hearing much about crime, safety. Want to use legal experience to help Bmore. Juvenile justice system needs help. Not getting adequate help and rehabilitation for juvenile offenders. He is going door-to-door. Announcing candidacy in Patterson Park soon. Q: Response to mayor's cuts to cuts in police, firemen, etc. A: Would be devastating to city. Hoping cuts will not be as severe. Hoping tax increases will not be too bad, but must cover expenses. Q: Pension system for firefighters? A: Should not lose these officers, but is city issue, and city must solve this problem. Need to find ways to keep officers. Comment: Will begin to lose our best officers to other jurisdictions because benefits are better. A: City needs to solve this, but problem is attracting good officers. Q: Have state and union workers who say not our problem. With salary freezes in many areas, why aren't hiring freezes being considered? A: In AA county, no freezes, but furloughs and pay cuts have been used. In public sector, furloughs and and freezes are being used across the board. True of AA county and Bmore city, too. Will continue as long as we assess taxation the way we do. Q: Annapolis doesn't seem to be cutting back as much as residents are. Can't keep on increasing taxes without cutting budgets. A: City is in hiring freeze, furloughs, no cost of living increase. Looking at cutting more workers. Kraft's office has smallest budget. City has tightened its belt very much. Also issues about what can be cut. Stimulus dollars aren't there as much. One of largest cost is personnel; have seen big cuts in personnel. State must balance budget or cut workforce. Possibility for Bmore: large number of vacant properties. Taxes high because of these. Give city ability to designate different tax rate for vacant or dilapidated properties. Comment: Pleased to have Hammond and McHale's support of campaign.

Announcement: Lighting consultant: New lights for windows at Cristo Rey.

Announcement: Clean Water Action: Neighborhood action needed on other side of harbor. Look at harbor as one neighborhood. Constellation Energy wants to make fly ash deposit in Curtis Bay. Second project: new incinerator to burn garbage in Curtis Bay. It will burn refuse, but not local trash; refuse will be trucked in to Curtis Bay. Have pushed schedule for approval. Need to oppose both projects

Raffle: Gift certificate for Arcos. Winner announced.

Adjourn at 9:00