

MEETING MINUTES  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
02/01/2011

1. Treasurer's Report

Current SBNA Account information:

General Fund	= \$3,743.60
Heath Street Community Garden Fund	= \$3,325.95
Sitting Park Fund	= \$ 18.30
Teen Council 2010 Fund	= \$4,420.81
Tree Fund	= \$ <u>97.00</u>
Total all funds	= \$11,605.66

Membership fees for 2011 are now due – please see Matt for payment.

2. Baltimore Grand Prix Presentation – Bill Cole

Bill Cole (11<sup>th</sup> District City Councilman) and Jay Davidson (Baltimore Grand Prix) described the event and related how it would have minimal effect on our neighborhood.

The event will take place over the Labor Day weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The race course is generally around Orioles Park, and along Pratt Street, Light Street and Conway Street. The race is part of an international circuit of Indy style car races. Plans are for the event to take place each of the next five years.

The City's investment in the event is repaving the streets comprising the race course. These are improvements that were already in current or near future capital improvement budgets. The City could realize an income of \$17 million over the five year period. Additionally, hotels, restaurants and other private businesses will realize additional income. A \$6000 donation to Federal Hill Main Street each of the five years is anticipated.

The parking effect on our neighborhood is expected to be ¼ of the effect of a Raven's game since most race attendees will be from out of town. Stadium event level towing of parking offenders will be in effect. A possible overflow parking lot for residents is in discussion. The race will end at 5:30 PM each day.

Since through streets downtown will be closed, the City will send out a Guide around Memorial Day to all neighborhoods explaining road closures and detours.

Bill Cole also mentioned the proposed redistricting under discussion by the City Council. Under that plan, we will become part of his 11<sup>th</sup> District which will extend from Locust Point to North Avenue. That proposal is under review by the Council until the end of March.

3. Crime Watch Committee Report – Gilda Johnson

Gilda attended the Southern District monthly meeting and is reestablishing contacts there. The District has posted pictures of neighborhood offenders for viewing by any interested parties.

Adam Long of the Southern District attended our meeting and offered his availability for accepting calls for any problems we may have. His phone number is 410-396-2499.

4. Parking Committee Report – Debbie Alt

Parking tickets were erroneously issued on Fort Avenue in January for cars that had 2010 stickers which were legal until the end of January. If you were issued such a parking ticket, contact Debbie for assistance in getting the ticket rescinded.

5. Design Review Committee Report – Justin Wilde

A 10 unit townhouse project has been proposed at Fort and Race. Plans are available for review. Julie Tice, the project architect, will present the project to us at the March General Meeting.

6. Social Committee Report – Christie Blake

The next social will be 2/28/11 at Ryleigh's Oyster.

Amy Mutch announced the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Fest-of-All fundraiser event, February 26, 7-11 PM at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. \$60 per ticket in advance, \$75 at the door. Includes food, liquor and a fashion show. Tickets can be purchased at [www.historicfederalhill.org](http://www.historicfederalhill.org) or call 410-727-4500.

7. Liquor Advisory Committee Report – Amy Mutch

Taverna Corvino's plan to expand into the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and the adjacent building is delayed due to fire exit issues. Brian McComas, the owner, still desires a letter of support from SBNA. We are awaiting his plans for review.

8. Tom (someone give me his last name) of the Reserve announced a 3/19/11 block party. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to SBNA and to the proposed community garden at Light and Heath. He also plans to apply for permission for outdoor seating (6 tables for dinner service only), for the use of the second floor for additional dinner patron seating and for valet service. He will present his plans to us at a future meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

Dennis Plouff