

BWCO Board Meeting May 13, 2014

Present: Eleanor, Joe, Morgan, Phil, Josh, Lauren, Debra, Cathleen

Non Board Members: Officer Sims, Seiben Goodman

- Approval of Minutes: Joe motioned to approve, Morgan seconded, unanimous approval
- Officer Sims:
 - Larcenies from auto are high in the neighborhood, especially on Montpelier Street. Officer Sims suggests that residents avoid leaving items behind in the car.
 - No updates on the car that was hijacked on the Hopkins Eastern parking lot. The carjackers crashed the car near the corner of Ellerslie and Gorsuch and fled.
 - Two Sergeants are in charge of investigations of drug activity in the Northern District: Sgt. Messener and Sgt. Adidi. Sgt. Messener is in charge of drug dealing that occurs on street corners; Sgt. Adidi is in charge of drug dealers who make deals from a house. Officer Simms explained that the officers who receive 911 calls are patrol officers who don't usually have the resources to investigate specific drug activity; The Sergeants can send unmarked cars to sit at corners and watch the activity.
 - A new business is going to open next door to Melba's. The business has applied for a permit to stay open until 3am in order to cater to the Melba's patrons.
- Giant Update – Debra
 - Committee met with new manager Frank Mudd and other Giant officials on Monday, May 5th. Another meeting is planned for late June. The committee will be monitoring the conditions at the Giant in the meantime to see if anything changes. Joe mentioned that a full service PNC Bank branch will soon open inside of the Giant.
- CHAP Updates – Debra
 - 708 Homestead is being renovated. The owner called Debra and said that CHAP told her that she needs to get approval from the board to take the shingles off of the slide of the house, but that she doesn't actually need permission. Workers have been taking the shingles off over the past few weeks. Debra or Phil will be contacting CHAP in order to verify whether permission is actually needed.
 - Phil mentioned that the yellow house by ACE has a stop work order posted for interior renovations without a permit.

- Hopkins neighborhood program
 - Hopkins is creating a new "Meet your Neighbor" program which will show new students the neighborhoods surrounding Hopkins. Josh will ask Abby to forward an email with details. Eleanor made a motion to support BW inclusion in the program; Joe seconded; unanimous approval.

- Treasurer's Report – Eleanor
 - Eleanor passed out a copy of the board's 2013-2014 budget, passed in June. She suggested that the treasurer bring a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the June board meeting. Phil suggested that the treasurer bring a report to every board meeting with a list of the month's expenses and revenues. Eleanor said that that will be easier once we finalize our agreement with the accountant.
 - We have over a thousand dollars for Wavescape this year.

- Youth committee – Eleanor
 - Eleanor made a motion that board allow the committee to apply for a community arts grant; Lauren seconded, unanimous approval