

Fells Prospect Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2010, 7:30 pm

I. Introduction: The meeting was called to order by President Victor Corbin at 7:35 pm

II. Committee Reports and Announcements

A. Treasurer's Report: Over 5k in treasury

B. Land Use Committee: Seeing increase in renovations in community. If see potential problems, call 311. Can go to baltimorehousing.org to see all permits. If contractors aren't cleaning up, call Victor.

C. Social Committee – *none*

D. Crime Committee: Officer Ramirez has no report. All quiet. She is liaison for SE Police and community.

E. Traffic/ Parking Committee – No Parking signs. Section of Montford is requesting permit parking. Victor is working with them to do study in a west Canton section. Canton Community Organization is aware of the request.

F. Beautification Committee – Garden Club: Small garden tour scheduled to anticipate full tour next year.

G. Any other reports or announcements

Raffle for \$25 at Teavolve – Harbor East (\$1.00 per chance)

Dumpster Day: Saturday, June 12, 2010. Between 9 am and 1 pm

Baltimore City is planning to introduce a draft to change the zoning code. Meeting at Cristo Rey on June 15. Brochures available. Proposal is available online at rewritebaltimore.org. Zoning code has not been rewritten in over 40 years. Hopefully will simplify and clarify code.

Purple Line is up and running now. North-south route, and is free.

Canton Community Organization is petitioning the City for reverse-angle parking.

III. Old Business

Chubbies – Transfer of Ownership Community has Hired CLC to take our case. Everything on hold now.

Butts & Betty's: some discussion with residents; meeting with owners next week. Still working on noise and clientele

Beans & Bread: Communities took St. Vincent du Paul and the City to court regarding zoning and due process. City must turn over records of project. Judge will make decision in next few months. Project on hold until revamp and/or relocation.

Concern: Alley gating: Person has garage on alley that is proposed for gating. What is process for dealing with key if he rents the garage? A: Give info to alley gating person and will make decision and find solution.

Cristo Rey: In next few weeks, will be replacing sidewalk. Construction project is winding down.

Councilman Kraft: Parking fees will be going up. He did not support the increase, but prices for meters are decided by Board of Estimates. Board is made up of President of City Council, Mayor, Solicitor, and Head of DPW. Councilpersons notified that fees are going up in five areas.

IV. New Business

New church opening at Eastern and Madeira. Residents do not oppose. Discussed noise, parking, facility use, etc.

V. Presentations

1. Amanda Smith Pratt Library: Community outreach coordinator. Summer reading programs are now starting. Programs for children, teens, and adults. Beach Blanket Bingo program for all starts this Saturday and goes all summer. Author presentations also scheduled. Next:

Wednesday June 26 at 3-30 pm In August having a fundraiser with two concert series: AHO

11 and Aug 18. Concerts at lunchtime. Have a garden club at library, too. Meets this Monday, 6 to 8 pm. Subject: history of a Baltimore landmark.

2. Lisa Lincoln - Chesapeake Climate Action Network: She is with Andy Galli, who is working against the coal ash proposal. Coal ash waste is toxic, but can be recycled. If not recycled, must be dumped somewhere. Dump proposal is Curtis Bay, but still affects our area. Want permit to be denied. Cumulative effects are harming area. Asking governor to deny permit and look at long-term effects. Also looking at incinerator proposed two miles from dumping site. Hearing scheduled. Estimate of vertical height of landfill is 175 to 200 feet above ground and 50 feet below ground. Danger of runoff is great. Not enough control of these piles. Incinerator affects all of District 46, not individual neighborhoods. Health effects on air emissions will be considerable. Burning of toxic materials will affect our area. Local and national organizations working against proposal. Area around Curtis Bay and Brooklyn is becoming a hot spot with multiple dump/burn facilities.

3. Delegate Brain McHale – Running for office, Delegate 46 District: Spoke first. Has distributed information collected by General Assembly staff. Comments regarding session:
Public Education: Has maintained commitment to public education, even though recession is greatest since Depression. Also budgeted for school repair and construction.
Safety: Maintained commitment to police and fire. Gang activity is now pervasive and vast. Working on crime legislation to intervene in gang activity and recruitment of young people. Stiffer penalties for crimes committed as part of a gang. Also focus on sexual predators: apprehending and sentencing. Penalties are now more severe.
Health Care: Expanded benefits to Medicare recipients; expanded services for substance abuse.
Arts Programs: Have bond program to grant additional money to arts and neighborhood enhancement programs.
Beans & Bread: Bill to block its plans and encourage this organization to work more with the community.
In Locust Point, substance abuse program is working well and with cooperation of residents. B&B were not interested in seeing what was happening there. Sad that no interest.
Renewable Energy: Bill passed to encourage solar energy. Proposal for coal waste landfill has engendered much discussion.
Last few sessions have been very challenging, even though financial times are difficult. Will probably see small improvements over time; but worried about global financial health.
I you need to contact him, use email, telephone, and mail. Will answer your questions.
Comment: Appreciate his help with repeal of bond bill for B&B. A: Was sorry it came to this; didn't have to end this way, but no cooperation. Q: Contacted Archdiocese? A: Yes, B&B not part of Archdiocese. Comment: Representative of Douglass Place thanks Delegate McHale, too.
McHale comment: recently there were several murders in Locust Point; he needs to be there tonight to calm things down. Advice: When you see drug activity, call 911. Please notify police if you see suspicious activity.

Comment: Megan from Jim Kraft's office: to contact him, send email, not Facebook message.

Raffle: winner announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm