

Mount Vernon - Belvedere Association
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the MVBA Board
February 9, 2016

6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

12 West Madison
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Present at Meeting: Brian Levy, Christine Griffin, Michele Richter, OnahleaShimunek, Antonio Rivera, Steve Johnson, Jason Curtis, MJ Dame, Lance Decker, Julie Canard, Matt Muir

The regular meeting of the MVBA Board of Mount Vernon - Belvedere Clarion was called to order at 6:00 PM on February 9, 2016 by Brian Levy.

1. Filling Liquor Committee Chairmanship

Brian Levy

The Board voted to appoint Eric Evans to Chair the Liquor Committee. Kinney Lynch and Jerry Murphy will also be members of the Liquor Committee.

2. Neighborhood Block Captains

Michele Richter

Thirteen captains and fourteen blocks have been assigned so far. Board discussed what block captains should be communicating to residents and what types of things should be included in an informational packet (trash/recycling, 311, safety FB page, sticker for captains to display in their windows, the MVBA) that block captains could use and distribute to residents. The Board also discussed putting block captains online to distribute general information and/or announcements and so neighbors can lookup who their captain is.

3. Mayoral Candidate Forum

Brian Levy

Brian presented the format for the forum and as well as general information about the forum. Board members were encouraged to make a final push to get neighbors to attend.

4. March General Membership Meeting Guests

Brian Levy

Invited guests are 12th District candidates for Baltimore City Council, the group trying to raise money for the Divine Monument, and DrohanDiSanto who will talk about his community composting efforts.

5. Safety Committee Update

Jason Curtis

The Safety Committee is looking for people to sign-up for ride-a-long with police officers. Jason proposed using the \$1000.00 left over from the unrest fund for "Pizza with the Police" on February 26th from 6:00-8:00 at Spirits, and for Segway patrol.

6. Tree Committee Update

MJ Dane

MJ reminded the board that the next tree fundraiser would be held March 1st at Spirits from 5:30 to 9:30, and that the next tree pruning event would be on the 20th of March from 10:00 to 2:00.

7. Dog Park

Brian Levy

Brian signed memorandum of understanding for the park on Howard and Centre. MVBA will be responsible for cleaning the park and removing snow – the Dog Park Committee will handle the logistics. Grand opening of the park will be March 5th.

8. Development Committee

Lance Decker

Lance discussed the URP sunset and zoning implications for height. He also provided a discussion of traffic calming – signal timing, 2-way street conversions, access to 83 from Howard/MLK, and the bike boulevard.

9. Membership Committee

Julie Canard

Julie discussed where the committee was in terms of the new logo and efforts around branding. There was a discussion about displaying a sticker with the new logo in residential and business members' windows. Onahlea suggested coming up with and sharing a list of value-adds for business members of MVBA, and promoting it on the website and/or in the newsletter.

10. Clean & Beautiful Committee

Michele Richter

Michelle met with Michelle Wirzberger from Midtown. After her discussion with Michelle W., Michelle R. wanted to know how the board felt about MVBA putting their logo on trash alert door tags and/or trash violations. There was also a discussion of sending out some sort of warning notice from the MVBA to our neighbors who violate trash rules, and perhaps getting block captains involved in this in some way.

11. Google Calendar

MattMuir

Led a discussion on setting up a Google shared calendar for events and meetings.

Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on March 8, 2016 at:
12 West Madison Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM by Brian Levy.

Minutes submitted by: Christine Griffin

Minutes approved by: MVBA Board