

**Mount Vernon - Belvedere Association**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the MVBA Board**  
**January 12, 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, Steve Shen, Scott Brillman

The regular meeting of the MVBA Board of Mount Vernon - Belvedere Clarion was called to order at 6:00 PM on January 12, 2016 by Brian Levy.

**I. Consideration of Open Issues**

1. Filling Board Vacancies

Brian Levy

The Board voted to appoint Lance Decker and Julie Canard to the open board of director positions, and Matthew Muir to the corresponding secretary position. These individuals will serve for the remainder of the year until next November's election.

2. Filling Open Committee Chairmanships

Brian Levy

The Board voted to appoint Lance Decker Chair of the Standing Development/Zoning Committee, and Julie Canard Chair of the Standing Membership Committee.

3. Proposal to the General Membership for the Creation of Two New Committees

Brian Levy

Board discussed and agreed that the Sanitation Committee and the Property Stewardship Committee's be disbanded and reconfigured under a single Committee which will be called the Clean and Beautiful Committee, with Michele Richter as Chair. The board also agreed that a new Community Service Committee be created with Mathew Muir as Chair. Both proposals will be presented at the next Membership meeting on January 19th.

4. Remaining Vacancies

Brian Levy

Board was encouraged to find/suggest volunteers for the Liquor Review Committee.

#### 5. Creation of New Ad-Hoc Committees

Brian Levy, Michele Richter

A new Website Redesign committee with OnahleaShimunek as Chair and Michelle Richter as CoChair.

A new Block Captain Committee with Michele Richter as Chair and Brian Levy as Co-Chair.

A new Homelessness/Panhandling committee with Matthew Muir as Chair and Scott Brillman as Co-Chair.

#### 6. Discussion of Chase Spirits Liquor License

Brian Levy, Steve Johnson

Steve Johnson and Jason Curtis discussed the background of the license which was subject to specific restrictions by MVBA. Chase Spirits would like those restrictions lifted so that they can sell pints and miniature bottles of liquor. MVBA does not want to lift the restrictions and the board voted unanimously to apply for pro-bono legal representation from the Community Law Center.

#### 7. Election Season

Brian Levy

The Board agreed that MVBA should hold a mayoral candidate forum at the February 16 General Membership meeting if sufficient candidates can be scheduled.

#### 8. Safety Committee Update

Jason Curtis

The Safety Committee is working to increase Segway patrols, gating alleys where possible, increase exterior lighting on businesses and residential properties, and increase residential and business cameras.

#### 9. Tree Committee Update

MJ Dane

The tree committee is looking for volunteers to help with tree pruning on January 30 from 10:00 - 3:00 in the southeast quadrant. The Board was reminded of the MVBA tree fundraiser hosted by Flavor on January 22 from 5:00 - 9:00.

## **II. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on February 9, 2016 at:

12 West Madison Baltimore, Maryland 21201

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by Brian Levy.

Minutes submitted by: Christine Griffin

Minutes approved by: MVBA Board