

Mount Vernon - Belvedere Association
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the MVBA Board
March 8, 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, MJ Dame, Lance Decker, Julie Canard, Matt Muir, Steve Shen

The regular meeting of the MVBA Board of Mount Vernon - Belvedere Clarion was called to order at 6:00 PM on March 8, 2016 by Brian Levy.

1. Branding and Communication

Brian Levy

- a. MJ made a motion to approve of a new MVBA logo which was approved unanimously by the board members present.
- b. Brian and Matt discussed and MVBA public calendar. It was agreed that although a social calendar could be useful, the goal was to get an MVBA events calendar up and running that we could utilize immediately and work on the social calendar later.
- c. Brian invited board members to become administrators of the FB page.

2. Membership

Julie Canard

Julie reported that we picked up at least twelve new members at the tree fundraiser at Spirits. Julie also raised the issue of trying to really focus on residents who are non-members and get them to become members.

3. March General Body Meeting Guests

Brian Levy

Divine Monument presentation will be in the first half of the meeting and City Council candidates for the 12th District and other inquiring office holders will talk during the second half of the meeting. 11th District candidates will speak at the April meeting.

4. Financial Update

OnahleaShimunek

Currently have \$55K in total assets and we recently picked up \$825 for the tree fund, \$2,030 for safety, and 1,275 in membership dues.

5. Development Committee

Lance Decker

Making Saint Paul a two-way street in Mount Vernon is not going to happen immediately. Lance suggested that if we join forces with other communities we may have a shot debunking the two-way street study and at least getting the Saint Paul 83 exit closed. The deadline to respond to the study is March 18th.

6. Block Captain

Michele Richter

Developing an electronic document that would list all block captains and their contact information.

7. Easter Egg Hunt

Brian Levy

Several board members agreed to volunteer at the Easter egg hunt at Mount Vernon Place on Easter Sunday.

8. Architectural Review

Steve Shen

Steve informed the board on the Hotel Brexton's plans to expand with a five story addition, 11 new rooms, meeting space, and a restaurant. Steve also told us about plans to install cell phone antennas on light poles in Mount Vernon and the possible health concerns that could come with them.

9. Safety Committee Update

Jason Curtis

Jason gave us a review of the recent "Pizza with the Police" event and said the community and the officers loved it. Jason also reminded the board to get the word out for "Coffee with the Cops" at Hotel Indigo on March 25th.

10. Tree Committee Update

MJ Dane

There will be a tree planting event on April 23rd, details to follow.

11. Dog Park

Brian Levy

The dog park opening has been delayed until mid-April, stay tuned. The dog park committee needs members and they will be holding a fundraiser, details to follow.

12. Liquor

Brain Levy

Brian and Eric Evans (chair of the Liquor Committee) will be meeting with the owner of Red Maple. There was some concern raised about the opening of the old Phase 10 restaurant. And there was a brief discussion on Sammy's upcoming hearing to expand to include a wine cellar and private party area.

13. Midtown Community Benefits District Update

Jason Curtis

Midtown recently approved the purchase of: a trash truck; a vacuum truck for leaves; and two ATVs to supplement four Segway's that they plan to sell.

Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM by Brian Levy.

Minutes submitted by: Christine Griffin

Minutes approved by: MVBA Board