

General Meeting Minutes - Upper Fell's Point Improvement Association

July, 2020

Over 30p attended virtually

Speakers

- Baltimore Heritage - Johns W. Hopkins
 - Discussed historic tax credits
 - Discussed zoning
 - UFP is on National Register as historic district
 - Does not help for local issues from developers; just national issues (blocked federal highway)
 - Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation (CHAP)
 - Changes have to be approved prior to making them
 - Get discount off taxes for 10 years (up to \$50K)
 - Restricts individual changes
 - Is no program for "historical place" plaques
 - Does not matter if owned or rental
 - Provided tours pre-covid and now has plans to do virtual tours
 - Baltimoreheritage.org
 - hopkins@baltimoreheritage.org
 - 410-332-9992
 - Five Minute Histories virtual tours
<https://baltimoreheritage.org/five-minute-histories-explore-baltimore-virtually/>
- Luke Clippinger
 - Judiciary committee updates
 - Jury trials begin 2nd week of October
 - luke.clippinger@house.state.md.us
 - All of the members of Team 46 are helping people having challenges with Unemployment Insurance - email him

Committees

- Treasurer - Pascal Patin
 - Financial update
 - Taxes filed and posted on website
- Beautification- Lisa Knickmeyer
 - Tree guards being brought from Philadelphia
 - Ooze tubes available for trees
 - 5-6 Recycling cans available
 - Sidewalk planters on hold until Fall
 - 2 Dumpster days cancelled due to Covid. Hoping for one in August
 - In touch with 1900 Pratt regarding adding a mural

- Beautification station moved to 113 S Bethel S (just outside our boundaries; behind old Rumba Bar)
 - Little Library added to 200 block of Durham St
- Community Garden - Jan Mooney
 - Damaged mosaic panel in front of garden under repair
 - August Honey Happy Hour cancelled
 - Planning a virtual garden ramble tour as a fund-raiser
 - Mid-September (date TBA)
 - Need volunteers to show off their garden spaces or something interesting via video (1-5 minutes of front, back or deck or something interesting)
 - Focus is on what you can do to beautify small spaces
 - Contact fundraising@upperfellspoint.org
 - Garden and Patterson Park note cards, tote bags, and UFP glasses for sale; contact Jan
- Newsletter - Jan Mooney
 - Pan Canteen permanently closed due to Covid-19
 - Pratt Liquors charging \$1 for package deliveries; support the store w/ a purchase occasionally too
 - Happy Hour Heaven open with outdoor seating; closed on Mondays until August
- Education - Mollie Fein
 - Baltimore City schools starting all virtual; Reevaluating mid-October
 - Starting date 9/8 (teachers 8/26)
 - 40% of students do not have internet access
 - Baltimorecityschools.org
 - There will be a City Council Ed and Youth Committee hearing 7/22 at 5PM to discuss what City School's plan is for virtual learning
 - Private schools are having varied plans
 - Legislation created to close the digital divide
 - WSA blank note cards available 5 for \$10; contact Mollie
- Land-Use - Jeff May
 - Brainstorming session held to rewrite guidelines; will have 2 more meetings (dates TBA)
 - Land use distribution list
 - Email landuse@upperfellspoint.org to be added
 - Canela/Giatan has liquor board hearing July 30
- Safety - Matt Barnes
 - 3 stoop sits planned over 3 months
 - Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 6 (National Night Out)
 - Seeking volunteers for Oct 6 to host
 - Camera registry created
 - Seeking volunteers to help populate spreadsheet
 - Proposed Block/Street Liaison plan
 - Email safety@upperfellspoint.org to volunteer
- Traffic & Parking - Kurt Schiller
 - Survey response information

- 120 participants; 112 live in UFP boundaries
 - 85% want to calming on S Wolfe and/or S Washington
 - Survey response data available: on upperfellspoint.org
 - Providing data to DOT
 - [Response Presentation](#)
- Transportation - Brian Seel
 - Combined with Traffic & Parking

Voting:

- Motion to change our Meeting Policy to delete specific meeting locations for our Association and Board meetings, to hold them at a convenient location, preferably in UFPIA's neighborhood boundaries, and to add holding them virtually in times when a physical location is not feasible; motion passed.

New Business:

- Shakira Smiler - imentor baltimore
 - National Organization (4 regions)
 - Matches high school students with college-educated professionals who support them on their journey to postsecondary success
 - 1:1 relationship with your mentee for 3 years
 - Same-gender matching
 - Seeking about 170 mentors
 - More information available at <https://form.jotform.com/202026876524152>
 - Baltimore.imentor.org
 - Email: ssmiler@imentor.org