# 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)
  - o 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
  - o Baltimoreheritage.org
    - <u>hopkins@baltimoreheritage.org</u>
    - **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
  - o <u>luke.clippinger@house.state.md.us</u>
  - All of the members of Team 46 are helping people having challenges with Unemployment Insurance - email him

#### Committees

- Treasurer Pascal Patin
  - Financial update
  - o Taxes filed and posted on website
- Beautification- Lisa Knickmeyer
  - o Tree guards being brought from Philadelphia
  - Ooze tubes available for trees
  - o 5-6 Recycling cans available
  - Sidewalk planters on hold until Fall
  - o 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
  - o 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 <u>fundraising@upperfellspoint.org</u>
  - o Garden and Patterson Park note cards, tote bags, and UFP glasses for sale; contact Jan
- Newsletter Jan Mooney
  - o 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)
  - o 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
  - o Brainstorming session held to rewrite guidelines; will have 2 more meetings (dates TBA)
  - Land use distribution list
    - Email <u>landuse@upperfellspoint.org</u> to be added
  - o 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 <u>safety@upperfellspoint.org</u> 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
  - o Same-gender matching
  - Seeking about 170 mentors
  - o More information available at <a href="https://form.jotform.com/202026876524152">https://form.jotform.com/202026876524152</a>
  - o Baltimore.imentor.org
  - Email: ssmiler@imentor.org