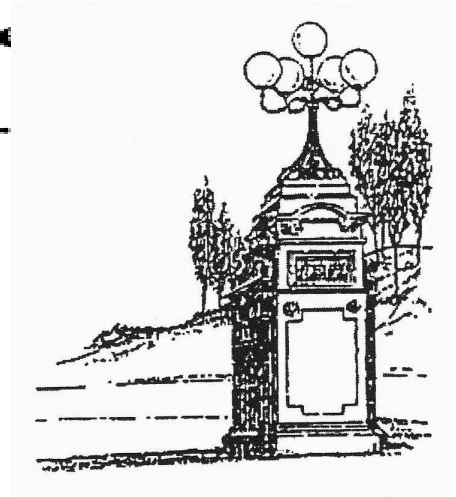


Historic Mount Royal T Association Reservoir Hill, Baltimore Maryland



HMRTA Board Meeting

November 12, 2023

The board meeting was convened at 7 p.m.

Board members present:

Barbara Bourland; (acting) president, Jason Stover; treasurer, Carl Young; secretary, Angel St. Jean, Karen Bendersky, Brandy Savarese, Lars Peterson, and Betty Williams (non-voting association member).

Old Business: Jason stated the account balance is \$5586.

DISCUSSIONS BY TOPIC

Information Management: Barbara has updated the website and paid for new domains.

Legal Counsel: Barbara researched legal counsel. The Community Law Center [CLC] gave council on tax status and eminent domain rights. CLC can assist with tax status and will help locate a pro bono counsel for eminent domain. CLC requested written Board approval to work on tax status and eminent domain. The board approved resolutions to ask CLC to work on tax status and eminent domain.

Communications: Barbara proposed 'You Break It – You Bought It', meaning if someone brings u an issue then they will be in charge of working on it.

Traffic Calming: Karen and Jason attended the City Council meeting for Complete Streets. The City is compelled to consider Complete Streets whenever road work is undertaken. Jason contacted Bikemore regarding HMRTA interest in traffic calming on MRT. Lars stated the Jed Weeks is the interim executive director of Bikemore. Discussed the issue that MRT is regarded and an 'on ramp', although it was discussed that only the actual access onto the I-83 exit is an on-ramp. The rest of MRT seems to be a 'minor artery'. Brandy discussed that the Neighborhood Design Center is being engaged with by RHA and HMRTA could participate. There would be charettes. The planning process has just begun.

B&P ["Frederick Douglas"] Tunnel: Angel reported about how the walk was successful. Many neighbors are not informed about the path of the tunnel. Everyone contacted seemed appreciative.

2001 Park: There have been private security patrols.

CHAP: The CHAP process has been changing. The role of CHAP reps has been reduced, and CHAP will move forward without the reps input. HMRTA board wishes to assist homeowners with the CHAP process rather than review their work. Lars is willing to support CHAP issue sin some capacity.

Bylaws: Discussed editing the bylaws, which will be continued on Google Drive. Board members are asked to review bylaws before the next meeting.

Mission Statement: has been edited on Google Drive.

Initiatives:

- Dell cleanup – may not be possible now due to purchase of the Mansion.
- Door hangers – to inform neighbors about HMRTA. Karen offered to work on formatting the hangers. Brandy can help with content.

MOTION: create door hangers. **PASSED**

- Café lights – Discussed HMRTA funding of lights, perhaps for those who need funding. Carl volunteering to contact Kate Petty about grant applications, particularly with BGE. There are companies that specialize in café lights. Lars offered to contact the City about the larger issue of making the City lighting work for pedestrians.

MOTION: Ask Kate to apply for grants. **PASSED**

Future Board Meetings: December 11, January 8, then pivot to quarterly meetings.

HMRTA meetings: discussed 4 quarterly meetings: January 28, April 28, June 30, September 29

Officer Elections: Barbara as president, Angel as vice president, Jason and treasurer, Carl and secretary.