

General Meeting Minutes - Upper Fells Point Improvement Association

June 16, 2020

At least 40p attended virtually

No guest speakers

Committee Reports

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Treasurer's report
 - \$14,129 balance
 - Received \$1,796 from auction/mixology class (gross)
 - Insurance premium paid \$641

BEAUTIFICATION

- Full grant proposal submitted by SECDC for "Tree Bed Adornment Project"; requested \$10,490 (includes 16 large resident-made mosaic stepping stones and wrought iron tree pit fencing);
- Mural for 1900 E Pratt St - letter sent to owner to gauge interest
- No dumpster for 6/20 from the City; looking at alternatives with local hauler
- Monthly Umugandas & weekly Saturday morning cleanups

COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Farmers' Market under I-83 now open; entry on Holliday St. only; must wear a mask; encouraging credit card sales
- Garden items for sale
 - Tote bags, UFP drinking glasses, and note cards - contact Jan at communitygarden@upperfellspoint.org

NEWSLETTER

- Vote on whether or not to add electronic delivery for notice of meetings
 - Discussion was held
 - Motion: Change our meeting notice policy to include electronic delivery in times when physical delivery is not feasible; motion passed
- Sponsor news - Culinary camp has been cancelled due to covid-19; they are sending refunds
- July newsletter items due by 7/5 at 5pm

FUNDRAISING

- Raised almost \$1,800 for the general fund from online auction and virtual mixology class. Thanks to Tom and Aaron's incredible hosting skills, Lisa's push to make things happen and Jan's

exceptional organization skills and eye for detail. Jamie's help on acquiring auction items and Tasha's help on organizing both events.

- Also a special thanks to Barbara who contributed the highest income producing single auction item which brought in over \$300.
- If anyone has ideas for virtual or socially distant events they would like to see happen contact Tasha at fundraising@upperfellspoint.org
- We are hoping to have another event at the end of the summer.

LAND USE:

- Jeff presented procedures for UFP to become a CHAP Historic District
- Discussion on pros and cons of whether to pursue
 - Ran out of time and will continue discussion; may request CHAP rep attend a future meeting
 - Contact Jeff for CHAP details and with any questions; landuse@upperfellspoint.org
- In June of 2020, the Department of Planning began a review of the Zoning Code, adopted in December 2016 with an effective date of June 2017. The goal of the review process is to make updates, discovered through application of the code or due to new circumstances not considered in 2016.
 - Planning is seeking suggestions for how city planners can address systemic racial injustice in Baltimore. Send suggestions to plan@baltimorecity.gov.

SAFETY

- National Night Out Update
 - Moved to Oct. 6th
 - June 29th Zoom planning meeting at 7pm
 - Contact Matt if interested - safety@upperfellspoint.org
- Cafe Lighting Update
 - Did not receive grant for that initiative
 - 1800 block Gough wired; need to order lights
- Compiling a database of households with security cameras, etc. to use when incidence occurs
 - Discussion of Block Captains Program at safety task force meeting on June 18th
 - Mayor's office giving rebates and vouchers for cameras to low income people first

TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC & PARKING

- Looking for feedback for an official ask to DOT for traffic calming on S Wolfe and S Washington
- Exploring support for parklets (i.e., converted parking area used for community space such as dining)
 - Permit good through October
 - Specifically for our local businesses, such as Henningers
 - Looking at doing in Fell's Point
- Researching support for Slow Streets on Gough and Bank
- Survey will be distributed via e-blast and door-to-door or click here - <https://forms.gle/sb3ZWAY2S9JP2uNY6>

New Business

- MD State Senate President Bill Ferguson gave legislative updates
 - Any questions - email: bill.ferguson@senate.state.md.us

- Contact info: Matt Achhammer - Community Liaison for the Liquor Board
 - matt.achhammer@baltimorecity.gov
 - Work Cell - 410-241-6525
 - Contact with questions or concerns; submit complaints through 311 for inspectors or 911 in BPD issues and matters of immediate threat to public safety.