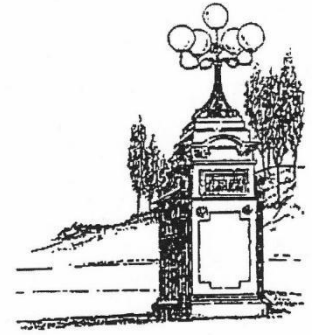


Historic Mount Royal Terrace Association

Reservoir Hill, Baltimore, Maryland

Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2024

a 501 c 3 non-profit organization



The Summer membership meeting of HMRTA was held in the Secret Garden.
Babara Bourland called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Approximately 30 neighbors attended.

1. **Treasurer's Report.** Jason Stover reported an account balance of \$4843.37. There was a fee of \$275 to reinstate the 501c3.
2. **Amtrak - Legal Counsel Update.** Ijeoma Nwatu, Communications Manager, Community Law Center (CLC). Ijeoma discussed that CLC has agreed to represent the interests of neighborhood associations in discussions with Amtrak over subsurface rights. There will be an Amtrak meeting next week and having a large attendance is important. There will be monthly updates. The will be talking to congressionals. A government relations firm is assisting. Amtrak has been donating to public officials. RHA is planning a protest too the Federal Railroad Commission based on discriminatory practices in route selection.
3. **Amtrak - Media Update.** Angel St. Jean, HMRTA Vice President. Angel discussed her outreach and community engagement activities. She had an interview on WYPR. The Baltimore Sun wrote an article. The Baltimore Banner might print something. The United Way reached out to help with community engagement. They offered to help with training on organizing. United Way has a relationship with CLC. Amtrak was not responsive to our requests until CLC became involved.
4. **MRT - Safety Update.** Barbara Bourland. The City regards Mount Royal Terrace (MRT) as a 'freeway onramp' and that the designation is the responsibility of the state. The state denies that they have any control over the matter. A 2016 speed study found that the average speed on MRT was 40 miles per hour where the speed limit is 25 miles per hour, and that it qualified for traffic calming. The City reports that a traffic camera is planned. We have Janes Torrence's support.
5. **311 Call Center Roundup.** Jason Stover. Jason analyzed 311 call information for our neighborhood. There were 486 requests from the neighborhood so far in 2024. The percentage of calls by category were: graffiti: 7%, parking 5%, sanitation 5%, traffic calming 4%, 2000-2200 Park 26%, 1900 block of MRT 8%
6. **Open Discussion.**
 - a. Our treasurer is moving out of the neighborhood this fall and we'll need to replace him.
 - b. Pars Pederson spoke about traffic noise and pollution from I-83.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. For further information, contact: Carl Young (secretary)
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