

**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
February 15, 2022**

Edith Gillard

Donnell Nance

Sonia Eaddy (Poppleton)

Richard Parker

Laura Dykes

Catherine Neely

Kelleigh Eastman

Heather Kangas

Patty Hogan (Union Square)

Abigail Briesith

George Kleb

Howard Hughes

Kris Hoellen

Jose Resendiz

Chuck Callahan

JR Lee

Scott Kashnow

Jane Shaab

Gregg Herlong

Bill Marker

Paulette Carroll

7:00-7:10pm:

- **Introduction & Attendance**
- **GuestsMark Cooper- South Baltimore Employment Connection Center, Laura Mayo, Senator Antonio Hayes' Office**
 - [Meeting ground rules](#)

- **Minutes Approval** Scott motion to approve with his edits corrected, Jane Shaab seconded- motion passes unanimously

7:10-7:25pm: Community Updates (2 minutes each)

1. Barre Circle- Rich Shores reported that they had their second multi-agency meeting organized by Councilwomen Porter (City agencies, Deputy Mayor, BPD, etc) regarding the tent encampments- Two main questions- no agency responsible for picking up the needles and human waste; Heather reported that Sparc will come and bring sharps containers; Howard suggested that Ms Mayo rely to Senator Hayes for some help to push on the city regarding the encampment; Ms Mayo said that another community is exploring that whoever is dispensing the needles be held accountable.
2. Franklin Square- Edith reported that contractor is coming to meet with the community tomorrow 2/16 about the comfort station
3. Hollins Roundhouse- Howard reported a dumpster day on 2/19, cleaning up the area behind James McHenry and the dumpster will be in the Hollins Market parking lot. Howard met with Director Rec and Parks to open it 5-7pm Tuesday and Thursday to start and hopefully go from there; Meetings to plan SOWEBO Festival Thursdays at 6pm
4. Mount Clare- Jose reported they got the flagstaff repaired at the War Memorial ; 354 S Woodyear will have a new mural
5. Pigtown- Kelliagh Pigtown Main Street upcoming events
 - a. Trivia Feb 24th
 1. In-person or virtual
 2. 7-9pm
 - b. Sip & Paint on March 3rd
 1. Virtual
 2. 6-7:30pm
 - b. Can sign up for these here: <https://www.pigtownmainstreet.org/events>

Reimagine Middle Branch Public Meeting

Reminder that there is a virtual public meeting coming up Thursday, February 24th from 6:00 – 8:00pm. During this meeting, project team members will share updated information about the Reimagine Middle Branch project and answer any questions you may have.

Register for the virtual meeting here: <https://rmbpublicmeeting2.eventbrite.com>

Public Outreach Survey (closes March 3rd)

Provide your feedback on what you want to see in South Baltimore in the future: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rmbsurvey2022>

6. Poppleton – Deputy Mayor Carter and the Housing Commissioner walked through Poppleton to point out places that need attention; Mayor Scott sent Poppleton a response letter to Poppleton committed to a reset with regard to the development – Deputy Mayor will convene a meeting of all agencies to look at green spaces and relook at homeownership opportunities; Sarah Ann Homes will always be renovated for home ownership, work on a local historic district
7. Union Square- Feb 27th Peace Player will be doing a clean up in Union Square; **Steuart Hill Academic Academy in West Baltimore, [30 S Gilmore St. Baltimore, MD](#)**

[21223](#) (West Baltimore) which consists of cleaning up Union Square park and beautifying Steuart Hill Academic Academy, light refreshments, give-a-ways, and possibly even planting.

7:25-7:40pm: Program Committee Updates (2 minutes each)

1. Commercial- West Baltimore Businesses
2. Education- Thanks to the committee's advocacy, the city will be forming a new school closure policy to be more transparent
3. Historic Preservation- St Luke's Youth Center took a walking tour to see the new historic sign that was installed; will be doing more walking tours; B & O will soon celebrate their 200 anniversary (Further minutes attached at end.)
4. Housing- The UMB COAST team (outreach team) came to speak at the Feb meeting; Fight Blight Baltimore will be the March speaker to talk about how to better track vacant/absentee landlords; City Planning will be April speaker; Discussed the fire in the Mount Clare area in which the property had been a known absentee landlord/problem property;
5. Public Safety- Bike Rodeo upcoming at the Biopark; gearing up on the alley gates to begin putting up more in the Spring; Trying to work with the needle exchange van
6. Vibrant Streets- Bike BLVD has been revived; Red Line presentation was given to the committee and they are still looking at the issues raised about it running under homes in Poppleton
7. Workforce- Committee approved two bills to support 1. SB 275 Time to Care Act, Family Medical Leave committee supported with written testimony and 2. SB710 Expungement Expansion Bill; Addition HB122 Expungement of less than 10 grams and it results in a PBJ/Stets to be automatically expunged after 3 years Motion to approve, George Kleb made the motion to approve, motion passes unanimously
 1. Jane Shaab suggested that our committee monitor legislation in Annapolis or City that affect our priority areas- Like a SWAT team approach; Abigail agrees this is something that could help the committees and recommends Tony is excellent at monitoring all of these bills. Kurt mentioned Community Development Day was today in Annapolis and another great group to work with.

7:40-7:45pm: Standing Committee Updates (2 minutes each)

1. Governance- Working on the review of Bylaws; Patty asked if the Board specifically ask the By-laws to change? Scott said the committee is to review the Bylaws- not necessarily the other way around
2. Fundraising- Discussion around what should the priorities to be- should it be for specific projects, or just general unrestricted funds

7:45-7:55pm: Anchor Updates (2 minutes each)

1. B&O Railroad Museum- This Sunday showing Harriet in the Roundhouse free at 3pm and movie at 4pm; the Following Sunday they are showing Selma at 4pm; New exhibit this summer on "Freedom Seekers";

2. Bon Secours Community Works- S Payson Street is complete and will open in the end of April- partnership Womb Works, Boys and Girls Club and Art with Heart; Early Head Start is open! Still recruiting heavily careers@bonsecours.com to staff all 10 classrooms
3. University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB); Community
4. UMB BioPark- more and more employees coming back to work in person coming out of COVID; Ms. Sonia www.umbiopark.com to reserve meeting space to hold indoor meetings again
5. UM Medical Center- Still testing at corner Lombard and Greene- 7 days a week beginning at 9am; Youthworks program to start recruiting young people
6. Wexford Science & Technology- Hoping announce an operator in the Nook's old space

7:55-8:10pm: President's Remarks

- [Monthly Community Visits](#)- 1st visit is to Poppleton at St Luke's this Thursday 2/17; June Mt Clare is on deck; Hoping to help with the SOWEBO planning committee as well
- City has approved the sale 1416- 1428 W Baltimore to Women's Home Preservation Fund; Discussion around state grant funds 1420 a different developer was allocated the funds for a specific project
- Board Membership Request Discussion

8:10-8:45pm: Executive Directors Report

- [Corporate Resolutions - SBGP & E.D. Report](#)

8:45-9:00pm: Open Forum

9:00pm: Adjournment

// Extended Minutes - Historic Preservation Report February 2022

Walking tour with SLYC children to Franklin Square to see the new historic sign in Franklin Square.

As things warm up this spring we will be looking to do more walking tours. Perhaps the Sarah Ann St Houses and the Irish Railroad Workers Museum, 1504-6 West Baltimore Street, The Arabbers Stables, and the Lord Baltimore Theater.

The committee will be assisting with the Sowebo festival by helping with the Lord Baltimore theater stage.

Poppleton CHAP district update - the hearing is now scheduled for April 12

Baltimore Heritage featured:

Hollins Mkt <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUN4EFxUYY4>

Carrollton Viaduct <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3C-HQsdF2oY>

200 year anniversary

Also in the news i heard on CBS:

The Pitch and Putt Golf Club of Baltimore is the second oldest African American female golf club in the country, and today (2/1) they erected a monument symbolizing change in Charm City and nationwide.

In honor of the persistent African American golfers who sought to play golf on Baltimore City-owned segregated golf courses in the 1940s, we celebrate their victory to not only get access but also open dialogue with elected officers that led to open accommodations to all city recreation facilities. We are unveiling this monument at Carroll Park Golf Course to celebrate our legacy during Black History Month.

<https://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2022/02/01/historic-african-american-womens-golf-club-honored-with-monument-for-black-history-month/>

10 Year Anniversary -

In preparation for our first rally on March 8 of 2012 - Our First Meeting of the Southwest Partnership was in February of 2012 -

The Historic Preservation Committee will be compiling a short history of the SWP - discussing our founding - the work that we have done so far - including successes and challenges.

Keep an eye out for a survey about it.

We meet the Second Monday at 6PM – please join us

Announcements

The Baltimore Family Alliance - Stoop Soiree - is back for 2022 - The Theme is Carnival. It will be on April 22 from 7-11 at the Wicomico Building we will celebrate

April 23rd from 11-4 Black People Ride Bikes Cyclovia in Carroll Park

SOWEBO Festival is May 29th

Friends of Carroll Park announcement

Chant Down 2022 will be June 25th - Reggae festival in Carroll Park

We could use help planning all these events.

Please reach out if you are interested in helping.

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