



Ednor Gardens – Lakeside Civic Association

Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Our Saviour Lutheran Church

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- **Welcome Special Guest Mayor Catherine Pugh**
 - Addressed differences between other big cities and Baltimore
 - Expressed concerns over existing gun laws, current size of the Police Department
 - Her administration has cut down recruitment cycle for new police from 9 months to 4 months to expedite new officers on the street. The goal is to hire 300 police officers a year.
 - Policing alone will not solve things – need upgrades to technology, 6,000 new lights in the city, license plate readers, etc.
 - There needs to be a focus
 - on 16-24 year old violent offenders –
 - on creating jobs
 - on housing for the homeless
 - In investing in neighborhoods outside of downtown

2. Guest Presenters

- Civic Works HUBS (Housing to Benefit Seniors) Program – Chelsea Hayman,
<https://civicworks.com/hubs/>
 - Started in 2015
 - Help people 65 and over access help services –electrical, plumbing, roofing, accessibility modifications, weatherization
 - Help people to complete applications
 - Trained social workers and case managers
 - Also opportunities for volunteer handy people
 - Handouts provided (see scans)
- Baltimore Energy Challenge – Dee Redmond & Dominick Dolman
 - Go to people's houses and retrofit for efficiency
 - There are no income requirements for the program
 - Information about energy efficient lightbulbs (also childproof), LED nightlight, shower heads, carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, surge protectors with timers
 - Important to note that lights provided cost only 2 cents per day (especially cost efficient for outdoor lights)
 - Sign up through postcard for FREE service or visit
www.BaltimoreEnergyChallenge.org

- GEDCO – Village Center Update and Other Services Available to the Community – Nichole Battle, www.gedco.org
 - Handout distributed that provides an overview of services provided including CARES food pantry, vocational services, gas and electricity assistance, senior services and senior centers, supportive housing services, Farmers Market coupons and vouchers and real estate development
 - Village Center at Stadium Place – next building that will be developed will be a public, commercial space. Construction will begin June 2018 (18 month construction schedule). 70 1 and 2 bedroom units for seniors (mid-market rate rent - \$1400 for one bedroom and \$1800 for two bedroom) and 30,000 feet of office space including a restaurant, coffee shop and medical offices. Waiting for new market tax credits. Extra security cameras will be in place for residents and community safety concerns.
 - Links to plans for Village Center - <http://planning.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/UDARP%20presentation%20-%20Stadium%20Place%20041416.pdf>
- Baltimore Police Department Northeast District – Major Shorter
 - Several arrests related to armed robberies and carjacking –many arrests assisted by community
 - Cold weather and warming cars us have contributed to the carjackings in the neighborhood
 - Crime – 23 incidents of a crime - 6 robberies, 9 burglaries (3 arrests/2 juveniles), 5 larceny from autos, 2 stolen autos (keys left in vehicle), 1 murder over the border of Ellerslie in the Northern District (outside Waverly Tavern), 1 carjacking over the last 45 day period
 - In search of a suspect that has been robbing women on Lakeside Ave.
 - Juveniles can use the Explorers and Cadet programs to foster positive outcomes to negative situations
 - Outreach to local schools underway – Haircuts for the holidays, etc.
 - Community mediation is possible – to resolve issues without police involvement
 - When calling 911, get out of danger first and then make the call
 - Register private cameras with Baltimore City Police – link to the Baltimore City website, CitiWatch - [https://citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov/ layouts/CitiWatch/Default.aspx](https://citiwatch.baltimorecity.gov/layouts/CitiWatch/Default.aspx)
 - Please report people tampering with red light and speed cameras – we worked too hard to get the cameras and they are meant to slow traffic, protect lives and protect property.
 - Questions concerning cameras in the neighborhood.
 - If you see something like people checking car doors or looking in cars text to 443-902-4824 (Text Tips) – provide a detail description or text 274-637 and put “MCS” in description box. This is Metro Crime Stoppers and there can be a reward for a conviction.
 - Questions and comments about negative experience with dispatch surrounding a MERVO incident.

- If you have an issue with lack of police response to 911 calls, email Major Shorter Jeffrey.shorter@baltimorepolice.org
- Bus Work Group 14 – Tyrone Parker
 - Proposed Service Changes to the Local Link 53 – service will now terminate at State Center instead of North Avenue Light Rail Station
 - Link to all proposed changes for Feb 4 2018: https://mta.maryland.gov/sites/default/files/Winter_2018_Service_Change_Public_Hearing_Proposal.pdf

3. Board Updates

- Volunteers Needed for Bylaws Review Committee – please contact Steve Holt at vp1@ednorgardenslakeside.org if interested in serving on the committee.
- Volunteers needed for Events Committee – such as a Garden Tour, Summer BBQ, Taste of the Season Winter Tour – contact Mike at secretary@ednorgardenslakeside.org if you are interested in assisting/planning 2018 events
- Monthly Neighborhood Clean-up (Grace Awantag) – January 27th (33rd & Ednor Road) from 10am-noon; coffee and refreshments included
 - Join the Greening Committee by e-mailing Gardening@ednorgardenslakeside.org
 - Submitted a grant for the Clean Up and Green Up Grant back in November
 - Started a list of areas that need a public trash can (especially by bus stops) – if you know of locations, e-mail gardening@ednorgardenslakeside.org
 - We need additional resources (and perhaps a little behavior change/accountability)
 - Monterrey Road Apartments need additional recycling containers
- Community Pitch-In Roll-Off Dumpster Dates for 2018
 - March 24th – Chestnut Hill & Monterrey Road
 - June 23rd – Lakeside & Tivoly
 - September 29th – Rexmere & North Hill Road
 - December 1 – Alameda Circle & East 36th Street
- There is a meeting scheduled with the Dept. of Transportation engineers, BPD, Councilwoman Clarke’s office and community to discuss traffic calming about Loch Raven where it intersects with Alameda.
- New Safety Committee Chair – Nathan Clingan, email safety concerns or reports safety@ednorgardenslakeside.org. Thank you Brian Weiser for service over the last two years coordinating Citizens on Patrol and implementing neighborhood walks for the neighborhood.
- Email Housing questions, concerns our highlights to housing@ednorgardenslakeside.org
- Announcement from Mary Pat Clarke – If a meter is frozen, please contact Mary Pay (either directly or through the EGL Neighborhood Association) in addition to calling 311. This expedites certain repairs. Please keep a trickle of water running through pipes when it is below freezing.

Additional Announcements:

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- Treasurer – Liana Washburn – We have about \$2,500 in our accounts as of tonight. Dues of \$15 may be paid at meetings or online. Members who pay dues receive a membership card.
- We need help delivering newsletters to people around the neighborhood
- Please check fire alarms – call 311 and Fire Department will check them for you.
- Pastor McLean – Our Saviour parking lot will be closed off on non-event and non-meeting days due to disruption to church functions (funerals, etc.). Cars park in the space overnight and do not move when the church needs the lot.

Meeting Adjourned 8:58pm**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 7:30pm, Our Saviour Church**