

AGENDA

9/20/2022

President Marissa Dahl opens the meeting.

35 participants

- **Call to Order Welcome** - Marissa Dahl, President EGLS CA - 1min.
- **Baltimore Police Department ([Northeastern District](#))** - Safety Update (10min)
- **Board Updates**
 - [Civic Association Committees](#):
 - Housing Committee (10min)
 - Greening Committee (5min)
 - Block Captains (10min)
 - Sign Committee (5min)
 - Loch Raven Sign, Alameda “No Dumping” signage
 - Treasurer's Report - (5min)
 - Budget & Debit Cards
- **Neighborhood Announcements**
 - Guest Speakers
 - Department Of Public Works - Cherod Hicks (20min)
 - Civic Works Energy Program (5min)
 - [Events](#) (5min)
 - Sept 27th - [Baltimore Pop-up Jazz Jams](#) at E 35th and Alameda Circle
 - Oct 8th - Dumpster Day @ North Hill Rd & The Alameda
 - Oct 15 - Gardening Day
 - Dec 10 - Holiday Cookie Tour
- **General Announcements (10min)**

NOTES

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Baltimore Police Department ([Northeastern District](#)) - Safety Update (10min)

- Only 4 incidents in Ednor Gardens in last 30 days

Nate Hicks mentioned students spending time by the church at Alameda and 36th and asks for

a unit there in the church parking lot near MERVVO when school lets out. The officer will speak to the school police to see what they can do to cover that area.

- The police invited people to the commander's meeting which is linked in the News section of the EGLS website

Board Updates

[Civic Association Committees:](#)

Housing Committee (10min)

Joe Griffiths gives the update. He invites people to fill out the housing survey and reviewed the results. Housing repairs and renovation support are the top need, with vacant houses as the second. The housing committee is reaching out to local partners and has created a resource page which is posted to the website. There is a strong interest in developing a trusted vendor list. We cannot create this list due to liability but want to connect to an existing resource. He gives a call for volunteers to support with: education, distribution, advocacy, and task assistance. Next step is volunteer engagement, partner outreach, direct outreach, and connections/education. We have been in touch with neighbors, Councilwoman Ramos, and the City about tax sale priority homes. Many of the homes under tax sale are moving through a variety of processes. Nate Hicks gives a call for more volunteers and engagement in Lakeside. Joe reiterates that the survey is a good way for people to connect to us.

Greening Committee (5min)

Sabiha Choudhury gives the update. Greening events are 3rd Saturday of every month. Last event of the year is October 15th. She also invites people to plant mums with her next week and announces a garden contest. Asks people to submit photos and will give top three prizes. Details have not yet been planned. Stay tuned for more info. Announces the community garden event at Mervo to take place.

Block Captains (10min)

Kaila Jones gives the update. Announcing recruitment for block captains and volunteers. Kaila mentions recent interviews with former block captains. Hopes to reach out to recent survey respondents and invites people to fill out the interest form. Eleven people expressed interest in engagement. Garry O'Neal gives the Lakeside update and says the school police are doing a

great job at MERVO. Would like to see more engagement and invites people to get involved such as clean up days. Garry gives a call for more volunteers specifically from Lakeside.

Sign Committee (5min)

Loch Raven Sign, Alameda “No Dumping” signage

Marissa Dahl gives the update. We will be getting a replacement sign at Loch Raven and Tunlaw to be installed by end of September (received a grant for this sign). We may have a sign celebration when it is installed and would like to put plants into the flower bed. Thanks Ms. Barbara for caring for that space over the years. We also received a grant for No Dumping signs along the Alameda.

Treasurer's Report - (5min)

Budget & Debit Cards

Joe Griffiths gives the report. Joe has been working on the budget over the summer with the board. The reports will be 2 month updates, but he is keeping a spreadsheet with all expenditures in the EGLS Google Drive. Since July 18, we had \$105 in dues as well as grant income for the “Keep Maryland Beautiful” grant for the No Dumping Signs. Expenses include PayPal fees and Zoom membership fees as well as greening committee expenses for mums, mulch, and other supplies as well as grass cutting. We are hoping to create a proposed budget for 2023 and hope to share more in November.

Neighborhood Announcements

Guest Speakers

Department Of Public Works - Cherod Hicks (20min)

Engineer Hicks gives the report on the flooding mitigation project to take place at 35th and Hillen Rd. He gives a presentation on the hydraulic modeling and gives a history of the flooding in the area. DPW is currently doing modeling and researching all flood drains in the area. Alternative 2 of the plan is preferred by the city and will expand the pipe at Windemere and Tivoly. A neighbor asks why this is the preferred alternative. Mr. Hicks responds that it is preferred to collect as much water as possible on Windemere and to create 2 bypass lines including Windemere and 35th, and also this decision fits within the cost budget. City is currently doing a cost-benefit analysis for each of the options before making the decision. The North Hill option was not selected because it is the most expensive. Councilwoman Ramos also lets

people know about an upcoming meeting with Windemere neighbors and we will hand out flyers - event will take place October 11th. Ramos says that after the water construction happens the city will work on the traffic calming and traffic infrastructure. This will be inconvenient in the area, and traffic planning by DOT will be a part of the process before the construction happens. Ramos is asking our state senator for more money from the infrastructure bill to get this all done. Ramos asks people to help with flyer the neighborhood. The end result will be reduced flooding and traffic calming. Nate Hicks mentions we are interested in beginning a traffic calming committee as well. Ramos says this is a priority project. Neighbor Flo Valentine gives thanks.

Civic Works Energy Program (5min)

April Patterson gives the presentation to inform neighbors about the energy program called Project Lightbulb and Retrofit Baltimore. Civic Works will come to your home and install energy saving lightbulbs and other items such as showerheads and pipe insulation for free for both home owners and renters. CivicWorks also delivers fresh produce to older residents over 55 for \$5. CivicWorks also has career training for Baltimore City residents over 18. Career training includes solar panels and weatherization.

Civic Works Energy Programs - April Patterson 410-929-6084 apatterson@civicworks.com
Thank you so much for your time!

Events (5min)

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Happy Healthy Halloween Trunk or Treat @ the Y - Saturday, October 29th 11a - 2p

General Announcements (10min)

Councilwoman Ramos asks for volunteers at MERVO to help support the school. All exterior doors at the school now have alarms (so if neighbors hear an alarm that's what the sound is), it is an added safety measure to prevent people from coming in from a propped open door.

Councilwoman Ramos informs people about upcoming ballot initiatives:

- Ballot initiative "I": No elected officials on the advisory board. This is Ramos' initiative.
- Ballot initiative "K": Recommends to vote against, this has been put out by Sinclair Broadcasting and would set term limits for the mayor and city council. This would destroy city democracy.
- Upcoming inclusionary housing event on October 11 (the current inclusionary housing law has expired)

Alex Clunas

- Teacher at MERVO, manages the garden at the school.

November elections are coming up:

Positions coming up include VP, sergeant at arms, and secretary

Information about these positions are on our website

There is a question about when Harford Rd will open, Ms. Ramos says she hears it may be the second week of October. There were some issues with the lights on that road.

Beverly Betters is new to the group and has been living in the neighborhood for 22 years. Needs help regarding the transitional house next door to her. She keeps contacting the property manager about cutting a tree over her roof. She does not know what to do or who to go to. Ramos says the city will not cut the tree but that she will come down to look at it and an option is to cite the property owner, but she wants to have a conversation with them first to try to work something out before issuing a city citation.