

- **Call to Order Welcome** - Marissa Dahl, Interim President EGLS CA - 1min.

- **Board Updates**

- [Available Civic Association Committees:](#)

- Greening Committee (3min)
 - DNR Clean Up Green Up grant submission

Sabiha presented for the greening committee about recent cleanups around the fountain area, an upcoming cleanup this weekend, and neighborhood tree planting opportunities.

Marissa Dahl presented about the Clean Up, Green Up grant which will be focused on neighborhood signage to reduce dumping We will find out about the grant in March.

Flo on Loch Raven mentioned maintaining the Madeline Scoville Garden and is interested in assistance from the civic association. Marissa Dahl will follow up with Flo over email.

- Housing Committee (15min)

Joe Griffiths, Nathaniel Hicks, and Victoria Patterson presented the housing committee strategies, objectives, and needs. An upcoming survey will be shared to identify priorities and gather feedback. The survey will be added to the EGLS website soon.

- Finance Update - (5min)

Joe Griffiths presented the treasurer's report.

- Dues Payments for 2022 (2min)

Joe Griffiths presented on the status of dues payments and provided the PO Box.

- [New upcoming meeting notification signage](#) (5min)

Marissa shared the draft of the language for the sign. Neighbors can go to the website for the most up to date information on location. We will be reaching out to Kim Bentley who designed the neighborhood signage for artwork.

- **Board Elections (10min)**

- President - Nominees: [Marissa Dahl](#)
Current vice president Sabiha led the election. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Marissa Dahl is voted in as president.
- Second Vice President - Nominees: [Nathaniel Hicks Jr.](#)
Flo made a motion to nominate, Joe Griffiths seconded. All in favor of Nathaniel Hicks Jr. as Second Vice President.
- Treasurer - Nominees: [Joe Griffiths](#)
Flo made a motion to nominate Joe as continue treasurer, multiple seconds, all in favor.
- Ednor Gardens Representative
No moves from the floor for an Ednor Gardens Representative. We will reach out to Dwanda to confirm she is interested.

- **Neighborhood Announcements**

- Guest Speakers
 - Department Of Public Works - Cherod Hicks (10min)
Cherod Hicks is the project engineer for the 35th and Hillen flooding mitigation project. He presented a map of the area that will be field verified. They will manually be checking each inlet and a gutter analysis. The database still shows Memorial Stadium which explains why all of the inlets need to be manually checked and the map needs to be remade. Engineer Hicks met with Councilwoman Ramos to identify potential projects that might reduce flooding at 35th and Hillen. Engineer Hicks asked for any pictures from neighborhoods of their blocks, property, or storm drains showing flooding to help with project design. Councilwoman spoke about the process of deciding on an infrastructure process to prevent backflow and help water flow more easily into the inlets that exist and what needs to be expanded. This is a puzzle of multiple infrastructure projects (e.g. new pipes) including an initial \$5 million from federal infrastructure funding. Cherod is working on gathering and building a new

database on flooding information. So any data that neighbors share will go directly to this database to improve the historical records for the city. He mentioned that typically engineering design has been running simulations based on 10-year rain events but this is being adjusted to 100 or even 150 year rain events to accommodate for increased flooding due to climate change.

Sen Mary Washington asked about clarification on timeline.

Engineer Hicks estimates 4 - 6 months for data collection, then there will be a process to engage a consult, create the design, and go through the permitting process. This could take at least 2 years. Then will need to procure the funding and start construction.

Sen Washington asked about more immediate stormwater mitigation or warning. Neighbor Mary Jackson mentioned that warning lights would likely not be effective due to the quickness of the flooding. Engineer Hicks mentioned that this is an area that spreads way beyond this area, and there is a potential to look at other small scale techniques such as looking about what can be done further upstream or some smaller scale methods to increase the effectiveness of existing infrastructure to lessen the issue more immediately.

Request from Sabiha about stipend for sump pumps for neighborhoods who might not be able to afford them. Councilwoman Ramos responded that the way the water is affecting the properties affects each property differently. And in some houses the water comes in so fast, the sump pump turns off. Mary Jackson mentioned she has had to replace the sump pumps twice.

Engineer Hicks mentioned that this area is close to 900 acres of drainage in this area which is why this is such a complex issue. There is not one easy solution. Engineer Hicks recommended one larger scale solution rather than wasting too much time and energy on many smaller solutions

that are less effective. Data gathering and strategic planning for a large scale design is key.

Reminder to neighbors to please share data about dates and photos from past events!

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- Baltimore Police Department (Northeast District) - Sergeant Harty & Officer Jones-Cooper (10min)
Major Hohman came to the meeting and presented on crime in general including recent carjackings in the neighborhood. Year to date, crime in general is down 26% year to date and 46% for the 5 year average. However, carjackings are up 125% year to date. Citywide has seen an increase in carjackings overall but this neighborhood is higher than the city average. There has been an increase in police deployment in the neighborhood which will continue through the end of the year. The deployment appears to be reducing the carjackings. The summer crime plan was focused on robberies. The end-of-year crime plan is focused on microzone which historically have been problem areas. Homicide clearance rate and shooting clearance rate for the NE area is number one in the city. We have a new police captain for the area (Captain Joanne Wallace) who has experience working at the police academy including with a program that engages social workers as part of a crisis response team.

Flo asked about neighborhood speeding. Major Hohman mentioned that speeding comes up as every neighborhood meeting. He mentioned the various measures used to combat speeding including car stops on the main thoroughfares, but would like to make a bit more headway on car stops. There have been about 56 car stops a day. The camera are not incredibly effective - there are many unpaid tickets and are not managed

by the police department.

Question from Jenny about patterns - e.g. time of day or block location. Subarus tend to be more targeted but unclear if it is because they are more common. Tuesday seems to be higher but unclear why. Suspected that it is because the neighborhood is darker and leafier. The cars are being used in other crimes around the cities. There is a particular area just south of us in the Eastern district where the cars are being dumped. It is a target easy theft area. The number one anti-theft device is stick shift. About ten arrests in the last six months (juveniles who are known to the police and to each other) have been made. The commissioner and federal partners are aware of this issue and it is very much on their radar.

- Baltimore City Council District 14 Update - Councilwoman Odette Ramos (15 mins)

Councilwoman Ramos presented about the plan for signage in the neighborhood to reduce dumping. She mentioned her bill submitted today to reduce parking restrictions around the Alameda - analysis is being done on these streets to assess the parking restrictions. She will be collecting input from engineers about traffic calming methods.

Greenmoun Ave. and Waverly Main Street are doing Small Business Saturdays after Thanksgiving.

- Senator Mary Washington - District Update (10mins)

Sen. Washington provided some slides about the recent redistricting. There will be a special decision in the MD General Assembly on Dec. 6 to redraw the congressional district lines. Then in January at the start of the 90 day session the governor will present state legislative redistricting plan. Presentation included information on state population changes and district maps. Every district in the city is below the ideal population.

There are two redistricting commissions - one created by the governor and one created by the Maryland senate president and house speaker.

There may be a need for citizen advocacy to be sure that Baltimore City gets the representation it needs.

Information from the chat:

From Sen. Mary Washington, 43rd District to Everyone 09:08 PM

MARYLAND CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

On January 12, 2021, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order forming the Maryland Citizens Redistricting Commission. The Commission is charged with revising the congressional and legislative district lines.

<https://redistricting.maryland.gov/pages/default.aspx>

<https://redistricting.maryland.gov/Pages/final.aspx>

Commission delivers final recommended maps to Governor Hogan on November 5, 2021.

Legislative district plan sent to Maryland General Assembly: Due by January 12, 2022

LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION

In July 2021, the Senate President and House Speaker formed the Legislative Redistricting Advisory Commission. The Commission charge is to redraw Maryland's Congressional and Legislative election district maps.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Other/Redistricting/webpage-110921.pdf>

Sen Washington will ask neighbors for support if needed to testify about the impact of a redistricting change.

Logan Endow asked about undercounting in Baltimore City (e.g. undocumented citizens not being included in the census count). Sen. Washington responded that unfortunately there is not an opportunity to re-do any census data.

City Councils will be redistricted after the state process. Redistricting maps will begin to appear next summer. There has been some loss of population in the area. But no further

- Events (5min)
 - [Holiday Cookie Tour](#) - Saturday, December 11th @ 1-3pm

Ednor Gardens Lakeside Holiday Cookie Tour FREE Tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ednor-gardens-lakeside-holiday-cookie-tour-tickets-210089562537>

- [Events Committee formation](#): 2022 Seasonal events: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter
 - New Recycling Bins expected by Nov 21st
 - Reserving public parking spots: NOT ALLOWED

- **General Announcements (10min)**

- **2021 Civic Association Next Meeting: Tue, Jan. 18**

Additional neighborhood resources shared:

Angie Winder... President at Northeast Community Organization (NECO). If there's anything that I can do to support any projects in the area, please let me know! I'd be happy to help!
Email: necobaltimore@gmail.com

Good Evening Everyone, if there are any issues for DPW, please contact your liaison Germaine Bradshaw, germaine.bradshaw@baltimorecity.gov, (443) 835-9084.