

Notes

September 21, 2021

61 participants

- **Call to Order Welcome** - Marissa Dahl, Interim President EGLS CA - 5min.
- **Board Updates**
 - [Civic Association Board of Directors](#) Introductions/Update (5min)

Introduction of board members

Dr. Dwanda Farmer expressed interest in continuing on as Ednor Gardens representative and will follow up with President Marissa after the meeting.

- [Available Civic Association Committees:](#)
 - Greening Committee - Street Trees, Neighborhood green spaces maintenance & upkeep

Sabiha presented. Suggestion from Sabiha to use block captains for the neighborhood tree planting program. Interested people can sign up to be a block captain and can print flyers. We can send applications now to be eligible for trees to plant in Fall 2022, because the program is currently full for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. There was one sign up during the meeting. Marissa reminded attendees that they can sign up for committees on the EGLS website. Information on the street trees planting is on the new resources page of the EGLS website.

- Housing Committee

Joe Griffiths presented. There are 2 members of the housing committee and they are recruiting new members. Committee is tracking nuisance vacancies and is also interested in compiling and marketing housing resources on tax sale prevention, sources for home repairs, energy efficiency, grant access, ground surveys, and other partnerships. Two members expressed interest in joining the committee.

- Finance Update - 5min.

Joe Griffiths presented the Treasurer's Report. Balance is \$3,955.39 but we are waiting on

\$1000 from a donation from HBO.

- Website Updates - [resources page](#), [online dues payments](#)

Marissa reviewed the new resources page.

- **Neighborhood Announcements**

- Guest Speakers
 - Demetreece Thomas - MERVO Community School Coordinator (5min)
 - Department Of Transportation - Traffic calming for Hillen and 33rd Street, Eilerslie Ave, Chestnut Hill, the Alameda (15min)
 - GEDCO Updates - Nichole Battle (10min)
 - Baltimore Police Department (Northeast District) - Sergeant Harty & Officer Cooper-Jones (15min)
 - Andrea C. Curley - State's Attorney's Office for Baltimore City Community Liaison - Northeast District (5min)
 - Baltimore City Council District 14 Update - Councilwoman Odette Ramos (5 mins)

Presentation from MERVO Community School Coordinators to share information about food resources, safety, attendance, and greening partnerships (e.g. garden at Mervo).

DOT Rep Matthew Hendrickson presented about the 'Lake to Lake' grant from NATO for improving traffic calming. Working with a partnership of various bike orgs in the city on traffic calming, cleanup days, and upcoming events to enjoy the space around Lake Montebello. Looking for art and design ideas for the corner bumpouts at 33rd and Hillen. Baltimore is one of 10 cities to get the grant from NATO.

<https://nacto.org/2021/06/17/second-round-of-nacto-recovery-grants/>

<https://makeplacehappen.com/>

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Sabiha requested more trash cans around Mervo. Matthew recommended she get in touch with DPW or the school.

Germaine Bradshaw the liaison from DPW put her information in the chat.

Councilwoman Ramos shared that the idea is generally to make the entire intersection next to Lake Montebello safer. Councilwoman is entering legislation to update parking regulations on Hillen Rd and suggested there be additional connection to Lakeside.

Additional request for making intersection at 35th safer for accessing lake - DOT does not currently have capacity to go beyond the intersection outlined already.

Melvin Jadulang shared 'Color Your Own Crosswalk' design sheet from Graham Projects and shared website link. Designs can be painted in areas blocked off by flex posts. He will share voting information for designs. Deadline for submission is Oct. 8.

<https://makeplacehappen.com/montebello/>

Project timeline: needs to be done this striping season (end of October)

GEDCO Presentation

Presented about upcoming community events, coordination with the Y, and the opening of Gilchrist. Gilchrist is looking for volunteers and employees. Stadium Place is opening in the next few months, Dunkin is opening as well as a nail spa and additional commercial spaces are available. Zen Apartments is 55 and older, mixed income community mid to market rate. There is a waiting list of 300 people looking for affordable and available housing for older adults. Upcoming event at the parking lot of Zen Apartments. A copy of the presentation will be shared on the EGLS website.

Ashley Funk from the Y: preschool hopefully will be open in May 2022. once we get closer to completion, we will let this group know when enrollment will be open.

- Andrea C. Curley - State's Attorney's Office for Baltimore City Community Liaison - Northeast District (5min)

Upcoming 'Chat and Chew on Oct 12. Also discussed 2 year mentorship program for low level offenders to go through the program and receive counseling rather than incarceration. Sept 8 - launched a campaign about the stories of men who were wrongfully incarcerated. Each attorney in their office should only prosecute 30 cases a year but are currently processing 60+ for each attorney. There will be a Chat and Chew on 9/27 at the YMCA.

- Baltimore City Council District 14 Update - Councilwoman Odette Ramos (5 mins)

Excited about the new housing committee and will share resources. Homeowners Property Tax Credit applications are due October 1. There is still federal and state rental assistance funding available. Starting Oct 1, grocery stores will no longer have plastic grocery bags - customers should bring reusable bags or will have bags for purchase for 5 cents. Reminded audience about Wednesday night events (see Odette Ramos Facebook page). Will share a flyer about expungement event and also job fair on Oct. 16. Oct. 16 will be an event at Mervo on composting and will also have an update about neighborhood flooding on 35th st. including major infrastructure projects that will need to take place. Shared information about upcoming vaccine clinics (9/27 at the Y both COVID and flu) and COVID testing at the Y. Starting keep district 14 clean team. HBO filming on Delverne was about Justin Fenton's new book.

Link for Homeowner's Tax Credit

<https://dat.maryland.gov/realproperty/pages/homeowners'-property-tax-credit-program.aspx>

- Baltimore Police Department (Northeast District) - Sergeant Harty & Officer Cooper-Jones (15min)

Several attendees asked about recent carjackings. Officer Cooper-Jones recommended staying aware when entering and exiting vehicles. See notes about upcoming commanders meeting:

Virtual Northeast District Monthly Commander's Crime & Community Meeting September 23rd @7pm
(4th Thursday of each month)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98838086152>

Meeting ID: 988 3808 6152

Passcode: 764749

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Shoutouts for the \$5 million acquired to help improve infrastructure and reduce flooding on 35th, also shoutout in support of the YMCA preschool and Gilchrist developments. Get in touch with Donzell (see contact in notes) if unemployment insurance is needed.

- Events (5min)
 - Dumpster Day - Saturday, October 9 @ Rexmere & North Hill Rd
 - New Members Get Together - October 9th from 2-3:30pm @ Madeline Schofield Community Garden
 - Holiday Cookie Tour - December 11th @ 2-5pm

- **General Announcements (10min)**
- **2021 Civic Association Next Meeting: Tue, Nov. 16**

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Hi Everyone, Odette Ramos here your City Councilwoman for District 14.

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Good Evening Everyone! Danelle Pinder, Community Liaison for District 14; City Council President Nick Mosby's Office. Danelle.pinder@baltimorecity.gov 443-462-0140

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Good Evening Everyone, If you have any issues or concerns for DPW, please contact me, Liaison Officer, Germaine Bradshaw, germaine.bradshaw@baltimorecity.gov, (443) 835-9084

My name is Donzell Brown and I work in Senator Washington's office as a community liason. The Senator wants to be of help with unemployment insurance and utility assistance in the community. I can be reached at Donzell.SenatorMaryWashington@gmail.com

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Donzell Brown with Senator Washington's office and if you have any questions I can be reached at Donzell.SenatorMaryWashington@gmail.com or 240-388-0761

Sorry everyone! We have to leave. Please come visit us at Corner Team when you have the chance! www.cornerteam.org