

# Ednor Gardens – Lakeside Association Meeting Minutes – Tues, Mar 27, 2018



- **Call to Order and Welcome** 7:30 – 7:35pm (5 minutes) – Welcome to new and returning members of the Civic Association.
- **Baltimore City Police Commissioner Darryl DeSousa** 7:35 – 8:05pm (30 minutes)
  - Introduction by Del. Mary Washington –
  - Resources – Commissioner DeSousa has already made some organizational changes – 2 deputy commissioners and new units, including the Inspector General position
  - Commissioner DeSousa offered an apology for the actions of the Gun Task Force. The After action review conducted with the FBI of the Gun Task Force revealed 1) supervisory oversight was lacking 2) overtime abuse and a culture of overtime abuse 3) a need for training around civil rights
  - BCPD will be increasing the number of Integrity tests and polygraph tests (beginning with Internal Affairs)
  - BCP is under the first year of the Consent Decree – policies on transport of prisoners, classification of complaints and discipline are all under review
  - Commanders had a 2.5 day retreat for rebranding and re-visioning efforts – “everything we do is a constitutional pathway to the community”
  - BCPD will become a 21<sup>st</sup> century police department – building trust and transparency and addressing secondary trauma among police officers (and the community)
  - Crime Updates – there is currently a shortage of patrol officers but Baltimore should expect an infusion of 168 police officers by the end of the year. Recruiting Baltimore residents has improved but remains a challenge.
  - Public Safety, Police - Community Trust, Crime Prevention Tips & Tools
    - Increased patrols – goal is lower crime and keep the crime down.
    - Addressing crime over district lines – border initiatives exist.
    - There will be a return to post officers instead of sector management
    - Over past 28 days, Ednor Gardens - Lakeside has experienced a reduction in crime in robberies/auto-thefts.
  - Questions & Comments From Members
    - What are the connections between parole oversight and BCPD? – there is regular connections between those who supervise parole and BCPD
    - Safe Streets – BCPD hires returning citizens/ex-offenders and there has been success with Safe Streets. Northeast district has a program called Behind the Walls to secure employment. They also participate in Explorers program for kids.
    - 4/1/18 - Northwood baseball field (bottom field) –Saturday 2-5pm Easter Egg Hunt
    - Drug Testing – controlled and operated by an outside vendor
- **Guest Presenters** 8:05pm – 8:25pm (20 minutes)
  - GEDCO: Village Center update and other services available to the community – Nichole Battle – moving forward with the Village Place Development on 33<sup>rd</sup> and Ednor that will add amenities to our neighborhood.

- Additional plan for another building on Stadium Place site will be discussed at May Meeting
- Good Dog Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) – [gooddogfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:gooddogfarmers@gmail.com)
  - 5 Acre farm in Parkton, Maryland – you get to order vegetables online (with flexibility to take weeks off)
  - Pick-up will be on 37<sup>th</sup> street (Liana’s porch)
  - Handout distributed at front desk (see attachments)
- Year Up Program – Missy Evans – youth program – helps youth learn business skills
  
- **Board Updates 8:25 – 8:35 (10 min)**
  - Location for Tuesday, May 15 Meeting – MERVO
    - *MERVO on Display* starting at 6pm – students sharing their skills with the community
    - Membership Meeting starting at 7:30pm will be held at MERVO. MERVO now has a ramp outside the front of the school so all community members can access the building.
    - Motion to move May meeting made. Motion approved without dissent.
  - Bylaws Review Committee (Steve Holt) – Meeting on Wednesday, April 25th at 7pm; email [VP1@ednorgardenslakeside.org](mailto:VP1@ednorgardenslakeside.org) for more info
  - Greening Committee (Grace): Mayor’s Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 28, 9am-1pm; there is a potential for garden space around MERVO
  - Safety Committee & COP: Community Engagement & Safety Assessment Walk on Wed, Mar 28 starting at 7:30pm at 36<sup>th</sup> & Elkader Rd
  - MERVO – EGLS Collaboration – an opportunity for the students to take advantage of all the talents of the students. It is also important that students to see the community members supporting them. Students will be joining us for April 28<sup>th</sup> clean-up. MERVO will also give us access to tennis courts, field and track for community use on select days.
  - Housing Committee: Meeting will be scheduled soon – Association has been working on several properties that are tarnishing the neighborhood
  - Finance Committee: Handout provided; Strong City Baltimore is our accounting sponsor.
  - Bus Workgroup 14: Please continue to provide feedback to MTA about the 53 bus. We need it terminate downtown for service to hospitals and services. Workgroup 14 is participating in candidate forums to make sure transit questions are included in the programs.
  - Strong City Neighborhood Institute: EGL would like to send six people from the neighborhood to the Institute on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>
  
- **Community Announcements 8:35pm – 9:00pm (25 min)**
  - Traffic calming concerns on Argonne Drive – will be a topic of conversation at the May meeting
  - Steve Holt – running for State Central Committee for the Maryland Democratic Party in the 43<sup>rd</sup> District. Primary will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Stan Bradford - running for Baltimore City Sheriff (Democratic Party), a public safety office for the City of Baltimore
  - Kevin Gillogly – Mayor’s Office of Neighborhoods –
    - March for Our Lives – private donations made it possible for 1500 students join the protest in Washington DC
    - Annual Tax Payers Night – April 4<sup>th</sup> – opportunity to let elected officials where you want your taxpayer money go to.
    - Free tax payer prep for those who make \$54,000 available to city residents
  - Thiru Vignarajah – running for Baltimore State’s Attorney’s Office
  - Angie Winder – PTSA President of MERVO – running for Democratic State Central Committee for the 43<sup>rd</sup> District

- Karenthia Barber – former President of Ednor Gardens-Lakeside Civic - running for re-election to Democratic State Central Committee for the 43<sup>rd</sup> district
- Mary Washington – Current State Delegate for 43<sup>rd</sup> district - running for State Senator for the 43<sup>rd</sup> district (Democratic party) – early voting begins June 14<sup>th</sup> and election day is June 26<sup>th</sup>
- Khadisa Hart – works for Bel Air – Edison neighborhoods and offer support with home buying and closing costs

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at MERVO (please note location change)**

**Meeting concluded at 9:00pm.**