

Membership Meeting March 2023

Attendees

Marissa Dahl
Sabiha Chowdhury
Joe Griffiths
Kaila Jones
John Vaughters
Aliza Sollins
Nick Hammond
Nate Hicks

In Person (11)

Virtual (41 - counting about 5 devices logged in for hybrid meeting management)

Notes

Call to Order Welcome (Marissa Dahl)

Baltimore Police Department Northeast District

- See below for contact information
- Major Johnathan Amey introduces himself
- Officer Monica Cooper gives the update
- Question from a resident about side streets off the Alameda being blocked
- Amey: Unsure about why the streets were blocked, would need to look into it based on the date and time (past Sunday morning about 10 am)
- Amey: Has a monthly commanders meeting
- Question about gunshots heard about 2 weeks ago
- Amey: The Northeast district gets discharging calls often, sometimes these are in Clifton Park and officers get there and there is no one there and no rounds. Please follow up with Officers Hardy and Cooper if there are specific details. No homicides and no shootings in the Ednor Gardens Lakeside community. There was one in CHUM about a week ago.
- Officer Hardy: Stats - 4 larceny from autos, 4 stolen autos, 1 aggravated assault. Many of the stolen autos are due to the issue with Kias and Hyundais. The club is the best prevention method for these cars right now. Most stolen autos are in the evening.
- Comment: I'm please to see more police in the neighborhood on 35th street early more and evening. Thank you
- Question: Has the Police re-districting process been completed? How has that impacted/affected the NE District?

- Officer Hardy: Police redistricting has not occurred yet. There was a date of April but this will likely get pushed back. There will be notice sent to the communities when redistricting occurs.
- Councilwoman Ramos: The map has passed. What needs to happen next is who is doing what and where. Ednor Gardens Lakeside will still be in the Northeast for the next 10 years. CHUM will go into Eastern.
- Officer Hardy: Would like to see more residents participate in Citizens on Patrol in the neighborhood. There will be a training on April 3rd. There will also be an upcoming easter egg hunt at the Northwood baseball field and they are looking for candy donations. Citizens can bring the candy to the district and should put ATTN: Officer Hardy and Officer Cooper and bag it up.
- Question: At 36th street and the Alameda and 35th Street and Alameda there are car accidents. A speed camera has been installed there. Wants to know if the speed cameras are live.
- Councilwoman Ramos: Yes, the speed cameras are live.
- Question about Mervo students gathering at 35th and Alameda and how the police can assist in that area.
- Officer Hardy: There is currently deployment at those bus stops at the time of school release
- Question: Speeding at the 3700 block of Loch Raven is an issue
- Councilwoman Ramos: DOT was there to do an assessment of the street. The strategy will be to narrow down that street. We are waiting on DOT to come up with a design and present it to the community.
- Question: Are there free Clubs being given out for Kias and Hyundais?
- Officer Hardy: Northeast district is looking into this, recommends to purchase one
- Major Amey: The Northeast district has been arresting multiple young adults in car arrests. Several of these young adults are at Mervo and there is a need and new development of programs to increase mentorship. The crime lab is currently fingerprinting cars that are stolen since this is such an issue.
- Question about about 20 windows in autos being smashed
- Officer Cooper: There are deployments in place to try to stop these incidents from happening again

Stadium Place final parcel development

- Nicole Battle from GEDCO presented and shared the development plan
- The final parcel at Elkader is in process to be developed now that state tax credits have been received as well as other funding sources from HUD that serve older adults at 50% area median income (AMI) or below
- There will be 87 units of rental housing
- The plan for Elkader Way was approved when the city approved the zoning request
- This will be a three story building on the northwestern corner of the old stadium site
- Question on Zoom: Has a concern about the new building coming close to Gilchrist and taking the site line from 36th street to downtown away

- GEDCO: There will still be visibility to the skyline downtown from the end of Rexmere
- Question about timeline for the project
- GEDCO: Construction to begin in 2025. Delay is because of financing applications.
- Question: There is a second question about the visibility to downtown
- GEDCO: 36th street is at a higher elevation and the building will be built at a lower elevation. Some of the building will be transparent and there will be visual access.
- Question: Question about recreational space and interest in a dog park in the area
- GEDCO: The sports oval is accessible. GEDCO is currently allowing neighbors to use this space. This is an older adult community so GEDCO asks that dogs be leashed and cleaned up after. The insurance company has said that unleashed dogs next to the housing would be a liability.
- Councilwoman Ramos: The flat plateau in the northeast corner is open for community space and will stay.
- Question: I know this has been asked at multiple other meetings - is there pedestrian/walking access between the buildings from 36th street to the Y field and surrounding area?
- GEDCO: There is no pedestrian access on the northeast corner, but there are other pedestrian walkways in the area that are accessible
- Question: Another question about the open space in the northeast corner being accessible (only access right now is stairs)
- GEDCO: This is not GEDCO owned property so cannot speak to this access
- Nicole will share information for us to share on the website
- GEDCO is open to having a community member on the board
- Nichole Battle nbattle@gedco.org.

Board Updates

Treasurer's Report

- \$312 in dues and donations since January
- \$652 in expenditures
- Updated Cube mailbox
- Snacks for membership meeting
- No Dumping Signs using grant funds
- Last meeting we approved a \$1,300 administrative budget
- Asking for approval of \$900 for events committee. Motion is approved.

Committee: Block Captains

- May 5 virtual meeting for those interested in being a block captain

Committee: Housing

- Reminder about the survey
- Will be developing videos about housing tips and updates

- Planning housing fair or possibly incorporating resources into other events
- Thanks to board member Nate for taking over our work on vacancy and blight tracking
- Tax Sale Update: There are 38 people eligible for tax sale deferral. Request for volunteers to pass out flyers within the next two weeks.

Greening

- Baltimore Tree Trust already has a grant for tree planting and just needs signatures to plant trees in our neighborhood
- There is a list of 300 trees available
- Greening committee will be door knocking in April to ask for signatures and permission
- Greening activities will resume on the 3rd Saturday beginning in May
- Question: Are there resources for tree removal?
- Sabiha: Recommendation to call 311
- Question: What is the liability for planting tree and getting into BGE, foundation, destroying side walk over time?
- Councilwoman Ramos: City is only planting trees with root balls that go down
- Another comment about the trees: Sorry to go back on the trees again, i think if the committee is doing this, you may need to spell out the homeowner's responsibility in maintenance and trimming. It cannot be overgrown. But thanks for the thought, jst want to make sure it is well thought out

No Dumping Signage

- Marissa shares updated sign listing the dumping fine
- This is a grant funded project (\$5000)
- Each sign is \$80 each printed locally at Fast Signs in Baltimore
- Signs will be placed along the Alameda, there will be 5 at spots along Alameda and Loch Raven

Committees (breakout discussions): Greening, block captains, traffic, housing

Councilwoman Ramos Updates

- Traffic calming progress is happening: signs for approval of speed bumps have gone up
- Lake Montebello sinkhole: Loop should be open by the end of April or end of May
- Easter egg hunt:

Khadija Hart: Walk with a Doc

- Backyard Basecamp is the local host for this national program
- Invitation to join walks around Lake Montebello, there were 35 walks last year
- Dr. Lisa Cooper from Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute is hosting
- 10 am on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
- khart@backyardcamp.org

Karen Ellis: Newsletter

- Reminder to check out the newsletter on the website
- Call for legacy residents to get in touch and share their memories for a new article in the newsletter called "I remember when"

Question from neighbor about zoning bill

Hi Folks, this is Joe Myers, one of your neighbors to the east from the Mayfield Improvement Association.

We are reaching out to other community associations about the proposed "Abundant Housing Act" currently before the City Council.

I am wondering if the EGL community has taken a position on The bill which removes zoning restrictions in order to promote the conversion of single-family dwellings into multi-family dwellings.

Northeast Police Contact Information

Northeast District Commanders

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Commander's Monthly Meeting

Please join us for our monthly Northeastern District Commander's meeting. The meeting will be hybrid. Address and Zoom (link and passcode listed below).

\*\*\* (4th Thursday of each month @7pm)

Next meeting is March 23, 2023 @7pm

In Person:

Northeastern District  
1900 Argonne Drive  
Baltimore MD 21218  
(RollCall room)

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Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86713597447>

Meeting ID: 867 1359 7447

Passcode: BPDNED

Phone Number: 301-715-8592

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