

Charles Village Community Benefits District

Board Meeting
October 9, 2007

2700 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Present:

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| Gary Letteron | Jane Honeycutt |
| Steve Gewirtz | Richard Burnham |
| Jeff Millard | Robin Truiett-Theodorson |
| Dana Moore | Susana Riveles |
| Rob Books | Derek Demaree |
| Ron Griffin | Mary Pat Clark |
| Dawna Cobb | |

Invited Guests:

David Hill

The meeting was called to order with a quorum present.

Agenda:

Approval of Minutes from the August meeting were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Executive Director's report

-The CVCBDMA received \$105k check from City bringing total tax revenues received to date to well over half of the expected amount.

-The CVCBDMA received \$35K from Goldseker to support the Outreach and Communications program.

- The first dividend from sweep account was received in the amount of \$438. This is one month's interest on the CVCBDMA bank balance. If interest continues to accrue at this rate, the CVCBDMA could earn between \$3500 and \$4000 for the year.

- Mark Sissman of Health Neighborhoods agreed to give CVCBDMA \$1,000 to purchase six trash baskets. The goal is to get 50 new trash baskets in the district. The City has offered to give us the old concrete trash cans. Some will be painted by Lab school kids and then will be sold.

-The CVCBDMA has entered into an agreement of intent to lease 2205 N. Charles Street. Mr. Hill will soon meet with architect to discuss space requirements. The space is not currently accessible to the handicapped but will be made accessible.

- Effective Sept. 19, Linda Richardson resigned. Mr. Hill has decided to leave that position vacant and instead hire an administrative assistant. A search has been initiated and more than 40 resumes have been submitted. The goal is to have someone on board by mid-November.

- Miguel Duke is a new safety team member who started working on Sept. 15. He will patrol in the "swing shift" from 8 until 11.

-The CVCBDMA fall newsletter has been mailed. Every person or entity that pays the surtax was sent a copy by mail.

- Two more tree well cleaning projects have been scheduled. This weekend the sanitation team will spend 4 hours on North Calvert Street weeding and cutting the suckers off of trees. The City will provide mulch on October 20 (City clean up day) the clean team will work on tree wells on North Charles Street with City workers and the Mormon community.

-A new crime alert system is in the early stages of development. Using software called "i-contact" an e-mail list will be created, which will be used to inform residents and business owners about crime-related matters.

Executive committee report-Ron Griffin

-A motion was made, seconded and approved by a unanimous vote to go into closed session to discuss Linda Richardson's resignation. Following those discussions, a motion was made, seconded and approved to return to open session.

-According to Celeste Amato, discussions on the baseline agreement were in abeyance until after the election. Mr. Hill has submitted a proposed agreement, which now contains more specific requirements for street cleaning. Mr. Hill said that he would send a copy of the baseline to Councilwoman Clark.

Finance- there was no meeting in October so there was nothing to report.

Governance-Jeff Millard

-An ambiguity about the boundaries for the quad elections has been cleared up in the by-laws so it is now clear that people on the outside of the middle of the street boundaries can vote in quad elections.

-A new draft of the by-law revisions was e-mailed to board members yesterday.

-Mr. Gewirtz handed out his critique of by-laws.

-Quad elections-Current board members Jay Orr, Rob Books and Steve Gewirtz have all indicated an interested in running again.

Safety and Sanitation-Rob Books

-This committee discussed creating a community services map, (a map of the district showing everyone that gets service).

-The sanitation and safety team is fully staffed.

-Weed whackers have been purchased.

-An addict recovery house is seeking to open on the 2400 block of Guilford; it was recommended that we look into this. Councilwoman Clark suggested that Mr. Books call Cindy in her office to get info on the sort of license sought by the agency that will run it.

Outreach and communication-Susana Riveles

-The committee is please with the new format of the fall newsletter. Sending it by bulk mail was successful. The newsletter will be published before each of the community meetings that occur in October and January.

-The committee discussed how to better work with GHCC. They will have GHCC Executive Director, Karen Stokes, at their next meeting to find out better ways of communicating.

-Kiosk idea-The committee invited Morgan Kennedy from AIA to discuss the kiosk idea. Mr. Kennedy has designed one and presented to the AIA community. It could be a possible model for Charles Village. Katie Belts says that the Charles Village Civic Association (or is it the CVCBDMA) is looking to have 10 kiosks throughout the neighborhood.

-Ms. Riveles mentioned that the CVCBDMA website needed to be updated to reflect new officers in AIA.

-This committee is also involved in the initiative to paint murals on the wall of the new Giant. A committee through GHCC that has been meeting for the last year and several grants has been received. The status of this project will be discussed with Ms. Stokes. The deadline for proposals is Dec. 28.

-Mr. Hill stated that there is a lot of interest in kiosks. Some of the Goldseker grant funds can be used for kiosks, and the CVCBDMA will work with the communities to achieve this goal.

-This committee will meet on Nov.13 just an hour before the board meeting in this location.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18.