Ednor Gardens-Lakeside Civic Association

Membership Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019

**Call to Order and Welcome: 7:33pm**

1. Shane welcomed the group and thanked the Pastor for accommodating the meeting in a different room of the church tonight. He then asked if there was anyone who would like to introduce themselves. A few neighbors did so and he thanked them.

**Presentations**

**1. Update from Baltimore City Police Department**

* Monica reminded the group that due to the hack, they are not receiving any emails to BCPD. She opened up the floor for any questions or concerns.
* A resident has seen a lot of accidents on the Alameda and E 35th St. Monica responded that officers can observe traffic in that area. a
* A resident noted that she has been calling since January to move a van off the 3800 block of Tivoly. They were told that as long as van moves a bit from mark they can’t move it. Mary Pat Clark said she would follow up with the resident. Shane noted that another thing that we can do is host a block meeting on your block to talk about parking issues.
* Monica noted that larceny from cars is still happening in the area. She encouraged everyone to take all personal belongings out of the car and keep cars locked.
* A neighbor in the senior community asked if the police that patrol the area could get out and introduce themselves so everyone feels more comfortable. Monica responded that there is a new initiative for community engagement where at some times throughout the day, officers can engage residents. Shane also suggested organizing another Coffee with a Cop, perhaps with the tenant association.
* There were a few issues raised with kids in the area gambling and doing drugs, to which Monica responded that the school principal should be contacted.

**2. Welcome Council President Brandon Scott**

* Brandon Scott began by saying that he was thankful to Mary Pat Clarke for her support. He continued by explaining what we can expect under his leadership.
* Firstly, he plans to put pressure on the Mayor and his agencies to get gun violence under control.
* Secondly, we can expect bold new ideas and innovative thinking, with respect to everyones opinions
* He will look at the structure of the city government- it’s not working for us right now- he will encourage the city to hire a Chief Administration Officer, similar to DC and Philly- they’ve introduced a charter amendment to force the city to use the modern model that way every agency will be held accountable
* A neighbor asked about school and police funding, and what his vision is for that. In regard to school funding, he responded that every year schools are shorted $297M, and they need more. Likely, that money will come from the police dept. BCPD has yet to do an analysis of what they need, and the new commissioner has agreed to do so. Redistricting and reallocating resources after the census will help.
* One neighbor noted that the city was very dirty. Brandon Scott responded that we need to work on educating the city about waste and invest in DPW Solid Waste.
* A community member on Bus Group 14 brought up the commute on MTA- there is now no direct connection between EGLS and downtown. Brandon Scott noted that this was all part of a larger discussion. Another neighbor asked if he thought MTA should work in a regional capacity, to which Brandon replied that yes, that is the best practice and he would advocate for it.

**3. Baltimore City Charter Amendments**

* Mary Pat Clarke decided not to go through fourth charter amendments at this meeting, but will give them out at the next meeting. Shane added that we will do another morning meeting at the Y on a Saturday. Shane thanked Mary Pat Clarke for being such a close friend to EGLS during her time in the Council. She noted that she will still be around and involved.

**Board Updates**

1. **Elections**
* Elections will be in November. Shane noted that we need some folks to step up for the roles of President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Ednor Gardens Rep.

**2. Finance**

* Liana is out, but we are still going through the process to become our own nonprofit. Right now our account is at about $2,600.

**3. Greening**

* Reba asked the community if they could help mow the Schofield lot. Shane noted that we got a bigger grant that will help with the Schofield garden ad the Alameda Circle lot. Ben Mason will be doing the mowing, instead of paying the company we’ve been paying. He also noted that there is a sign up sheet if you want to help mow, weed or garden. He noted that they’re working on replacing or repairing the neighborhood signs.

**3. Jazz Night**

* Theres a sign up sheet for this event as well. We’ll look at allocating money to the cost of it in the next meeting.

**4. Micro Community Policing**

* Joe reported that they have had a couple meetings so far to strategize this initiative. The Steering Committee has agreed to have a community discussion around safety, take feedback, send out two RFP’s for partners and begin intensive improvement of public safety in neighborhood. There’s a sign up sheet and they’ll send you info and how to get involved

**5.Traffic**

* Steve Holt reported the the next meeting is Tuesday at 8pm at the Y.

**6. Housing**

* vacant houses, un-mowed grass- call 311 and let Shane know.

**7. Community Pitch Ins**

* Sat July 20, Sat Sept 14, Sat Nov 9

**Neighborhood Announcements**

1. Kevin, our liaison in the Mayors Office of Neighborhoods, brought a press release concerning the hacking. He’s included the phone numbers for reaching his office. He also noted that folks should make sure to call 311 when they see illegal dumping, because the city works from that data. He also noted that everyone should make sure they complete the census next year

2. Germaine, our liaison officer for DPW, brought flyers with two dates for solid waste issues.

3. Anyone else:

* June 17th- Walgreens will be closing- having 50% off sale, get your prescriptions, it'll come back after
* Sara Artis- Corner Team Boxing- youth programs, adult programs, summer drop in for youth, starting in fall. Have officially partnered with Hopkins to teach STEM boxing, certified STEM trainers with the idea that they won’t be professional boxers but will graduate with STEM skills. Will host an upcoming jazz concert on June 1st as a fundraiser- tickets $35-all proceeds go to operations and programs, heavy hors devours and drinks 6-9pm. July 20th- first fight.
* Sat June 15th is Civic Saturdays at city hall from 12-2pm, cosponsoring with Jack Young, to educate community on how government works and how to make your voice heard

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2019**