

APPROVED MINUTES

**Bolton Hill Community Association  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, December 3, 2019**

Officers		Class of 2020		Class of 2021		Class of 2022	
David Nyweide (President)	X	Amy Sheridan	A	Kevin Cross	A	Steve Howard	X
Kendra Rice-Parlock (1 <sup>st</sup> VP)	X	Lisa Scott	E	Thecla Meyer	X	Stephen Martin	A
Neal Friedlander (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	X	Tom Hasler	X	Stephen Ruckman	A	Ashley Chertkof	X
Barry Blumberg (Treasurer)	X	Margaret Carruthers	A	Avendui Lacovara	E	Susan Dumont	X
Lisa Robinson (Counsel)	A	Alexis Mogul	X	George Dailey	E	Linda Stirling	A
Margaret De Arcangelis (Secretary)	E	Jessica Wyatt	X	Roberta (Bobbi) Schilling	X	Jim Prost	X
Linda Rittelmann (Past President)	X	Joe Palumbo	A	Robert Bunch	X	Paul Seaton	X
		Bill Hamilton	X	Melanie Alfano	X	Beth Ely Torres	E
		Marjorie Forster	E	Joanne Bennett	X	John Kyle	X
		Doug Kelso	X	Yulia Suslova	X	Lisa Savage Phillips	A

X = Present; A=Absent; E = Excused Absence

1. **Greeting and Board Member Roll Call**
  - a. Called to order at 8:05 p.m.
  - b. Thanks to Susan Dumont and Jessica Wyatt for goodies!
2. **Approval of November Minutes**
  - a. Approved
3. **Department of Public Works (DPW)** – Larry Nunley
  - a. Emergency utility notifications and outages are issued the same day for burst pipes, sewage blockages, etc.
  - b. Advance outage notice for maintenance work are sent out 2 weeks to residents in the affected area prior to work beginning.
4. **Police Report** – Officers Lee and Gillespie
  - a. The 28-day comparison crime numbers are down in all categories, except for robberies, for an overall decreased in violent and non-violent crimes of -25%.
  - b. YTD crime is down -4.2% in violent crimes, but up 22.8% in burglary and larcenies, with 6 more burglaries in this time period compared to 15 last year, and 34 more larcenies compared to 94 last year.
  - c. Crime hotspots in the neighborhood continue to be areas around Eutaw and McMechen and Mt. Royal and Dolphin streets.
  - d. Please have your packages delivered to a safe destination. Package thieves are on the prowl!
5. **Baltimore Homeless Outreach Team** – Deidre Saunders and Geon Floyd
  - a. To contact the crisis response team for homeless: [homelessoutreach@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:homelessoutreach@baltimorecity.gov)

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- b. Five things to give the homeless other than food or money: socks, water, personal hygiene items like toothpaste, deodorant, and toothbrushes.
  - c. Outreach personnel are available Monday – Friday from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m.
  - d. Call 211 for social services available throughout Maryland.
6. **State Center Neighborhood Alliance** – John Kyle
  - a. The State Center Neighborhood Alliance (SCNA) has been in operation for close to 15 years. It comprises representatives from 9 neighborhoods around State Center, which is just south of Bolton Hill. John Kyle has served as Bolton Hill’s SCNA representative.
  - b. Governor Hogan ordered the relocation of 700 employees from State Center to downtown locations – but with no timetable – out of the blue at the end of November without consulting SCNA or any of the players involved up to this point.
    - State legislation passed in 2018 REQUIRES the participation of SCNA in any plan regarding State Center.
    - State employees will not be coming back to State Center, and it could be years before something else is done with the site.
    - The governor has not proposed specific plans for the site, but an earlier market study commissioned by the governor called for a strip mall concept.
    - Current State Center developer still has exclusive rights. The State has sued the developer, and the developer has countersued over the course of 3 years with no resolution in sight.
  - c. **MOTION:** BHCA reaffirms its support for positive community-oriented redevelopment of State Center through the leadership of the State Center Alliance. Passage was unanimous.
7. **Announcements from Elected Officials** – Councilman Eric Costello
  - a. There is a vacancy in the 44<sup>th</sup> District for State Senate. Districts 44A and 44B will make separate recommendations and the Governor will decide the replacement in case of a difference in recommendation.
  - b. Kirwan Commission report will be released tomorrow, December 4.
  - c. There was a walk last week with members of the community and Mayor Young to Contee-Parago Park to discuss plans for improvements.
  - d. Park Avenue resurfacing at south end of the neighborhood has been completed!
8. **1758 Park Avenue** – Alex Aaron
  - a. Currently operating as a pop-up art gallery, the prospective owner wants to change the building’s zoning to an office with 2 apartments on the floors above it. The BHCA Zoning Committee supports the variance.
  - b. **MOTION:** BHCA to support zoning changes as described. Passage was unanimous.
9. **1743 Park Avenue** – Chris Kingsley
  - a. Has been working with Midtown to try to find out from the City how to gain control to rehabilitate the lot at the east corner of Park and North. City recommends Adopt a Lot program, so would need BHCA to be signatory. Would also like to paint a mural on the North Avenue side of the bordering building, and its owner is supportive.
  - b. **MOTION:** BHCA to be the signatory for the Adopt a Lot program at 1743 Park Avenue, provided that the BHCA Executive Committee clarify with the City issues raised by the BHCA board: rights of way, liability, rights to improvement. Motion passed.
10. **Second Quarter Financials** – Barry Blumberg
  - a. Started a new fund for Anna’s Garden at the intersection of Mosher and Jordan St. and also one for the Contee-Parago Park renovations.
11. **New Business**

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- a. New Neighbor Party will be January 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Charlie and Lydia Duff from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Board members only – no plus ones.
12. **Adjournment** – 9:45 p.m.

Linda Rittelmann  
BHCA Past President