

APPROVED MINUTES

**Bolton Hill Community Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

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

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

1. Greeting and Board Member Roll Call – 8:05 pm
2. Approval of December Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved
3. Introduction of Newcomers / Guests
4. Announcements:
 - a. Officer Lee – 2018 to 2019 comparisons – crime generally trending in a good direction in Bolton Hill and surrounding neighborhoods but always looking for more improvement
 - i. Larcenies up because of porch thefts and items stolen from cars
 - ii. Open Baltimore also shows crime stats
 - b. Larry Nunley (443-534-0574 – larry.nunley@baltimore.gov) – DPW – as the weather gets cold, pipes can break; after calling 311, let Larry know to expedite the service request
 - c. Consent Decree Monitoring Team – Wanda Watts (443-869-4670) – monitoring team provides opportunities for the community to share experiences with police in Baltimore – good, bad or neutral; police are reviewing policies, and public has a chance to give input on proposed community policing plan by February 12, 2020
 - d. Bolton Hill Bulletin and Website – redeveloped website and Bulletin will be up by next month; looking for volunteers for Bulletin - writing content, attracting advertisers, and editing. If interested contact Bill Hamilton.
 - e. Social Action Task Force:

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- i. Black History Month Party with a Purpose Sunday, February 16 – 2-5 pm – purpose is to collect money, make connections, and introduce the organizations in these neighborhoods to the group. Bring a poem to read by a black poet and a donation to support Pop-up Play Days connecting kids (and adults) on either side of Eutaw Place.
 - ii. Friday, January 10 - 45th Annual MLK Breakfast – Druid Hill Y
 - f. Shelby Cook (443-470-9750 – shelbycook@ymaryland.org) – community coordinator for Mt. Royal Elementary/Middle School – a newly designated community school, which will bring additional resources and supports to students – working to develop an action plan for the school with a community needs assessment survey currently underway; paper surveys shared at meeting, with online link to be shared with board and on Facebook
 - g. Two food waste composting options – Compost Crew and Waste Neutral
 - h. Pedestal Gardens garden project by non-profit called So What Else? using gardening to help engage with kids and have them give back to the community; also providing teaching/tutoring opportunities
 - i. Baltimore Blue Green Just mayoral candidate forum on environmental issues – Monday, February 24
 - j. Midtown Tree Pruning – scheduled for Saturday, January 25
5. Elected Officials – Councilman Costello:
 - a. Special Election Primary Day – February 4
 - b. Primary Day – April 28
 - c. Department of Transportation Work Order for John Street will be going into effect soon
 - d. Legislation
 - i. Real Property tax credit for veterans over 65
 - ii. Rebate program for private security cameras – Ring and Nest – \$100 rebate; equity measures will be in place so they won't go to neighborhoods that can afford them
 - iii. Relaying concerns with street sweeping – residents getting parking tickets but not seeing the street sweepers every week
 - iv. Plastic bag ban passed and mayor signed it; to take effect in 12-18 months
6. Baltimore Blue Green Just – Dick Williams
 - a. This coalition is tying together groups and individuals concerned about environmental issues and sustainability in Baltimore.
 - b. Motion: Have BHCA join Baltimore Blue Green Just. Motion seconded. After discussion, motion made to table the matter until the next meeting so more information can be presented about Baltimore Blue Green Just. Motion to table the matter until next meeting approved by a vote of 18 to 6.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership Committee – New Neighbor Party on Sunday, January 26 at 2 pm; please join us if you are new; we ask all board members to attend and bring a potluck dish
 - b. Strategic Planning Committee – currently collecting demographic data
8. New Business
 - a. None
9. Adjournment – 9:24 pm

Margaret DeArcangelis
BHCA Secretary