

APPROVED MINUTES

**Bolton Hill Community Association
Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

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

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

1. Visit by Mayor Jack Young
 - a. The mayor's vision for the city – reduce crime, clean up trash and support schools to grow great kids.
 - b. Please complete the census. Everyone needs to be counted.
 - c. A groundbreaking for the new building at Lexington Market will take place in February. Construction should conclude in 2021.
 - d. Public Safety needs to be everyone's concern. We need the community to be our eyes and ears and we need to have conversations. People pay their taxes and have expectations, and the government needs to meet those needs.
 - e. The Mayor's Crime Plan is showing results with trying to stem the tide of crime around the city. Technology is key to our success, so we are trying to bring BPD into the 21st century and ensure officers have the resources they need. Of particular interest is a license plate recognition program that has had great success in Chicago.
 - f. City officials are committed to implementing the Kirwan Commission recommendations.
 - g. Pimlico is important to Baltimore, and the mayor is working hard to make sure it stays here in the city.
 - h. What kind of investment is happening in the communities where the violence is happening? Smart and purposeful development is key to strengthening neighborhoods around the city. Small businesses are the backbone of our community, and we need to support them.

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2. Board Member Roll Call
3. Approval of January Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved
4. Introduction of Newcomers / Guests
5. Announcements
 - a. Police report – Crime numbers are down across all categories for this month compared to this time last year. Please report any crime because it helps police establish patterns. Officer Gross has permanent placement in the neighborhood, and he will be on patrol.
 - b. DOT – Graham Young - To reduce cut-through traffic on John Street to Lanvale, you can no longer turn left from Lanvale onto Mt. Royal. It will take time to change habits, but things will improve. Additional turn restrictions are going in, along with local traffic only signs at certain times around Mt. Royal, Lanvale, and John. It is not an option to allow left turns from Howard on to North Avenue. Mr. Young will request a red-light camera at Dolphin and Howard.
 - c. Bolton Hill Bulletin and Website – The new website will go live on Feb 15. Check it out.
 - d. MICA Recycling Dumpster – A paper/cardboard recycling container will be installed behind Meyerhoff House because MICA can no longer do single stream recycling. Neighbors will be welcome to use this recycling container.
 - e. Parking Permit Pick-Up will take place on March 21 and March 28 at Brown Memorial.
 - f. Property Tax Assessments – Assessments were issued at the beginning of the year, and some reassessments were sent out in early February.
 - g. Enoch Pratt Library hosts a variety of computer classes for beginners to coders.
 - h. Councilman Eric Costello - Private camera rebate legislation has been introduced, which will help put more eyes on the street.
6. Contee-Parago Park – This park at the south end of the neighborhood along Dolphin Street was dedicated to two Bolton Hill residents. The park has received minimal maintenance over the years and so a group of concerned neighbors are working to raise funds to design a plan for the park and make repairs. Donations for this project can be sent to BHCA with a note that it is for Contee-Parago Park. Please join a celebration of the March equinox in the park on the evening of March 19.
7. Baltimore Blue Green Just
 - a. BHCA has been asked to join this coalition.
 - b. MOTION FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Establish a committee to formulate a policy regarding what organizations BHCA will support. The committee will have up to 5 members and report back with a recommendation to the BHCA board in two months.
 - c. Motion passed.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Strategic Planning – The committee has meet twice, and the group is focused on building community and welcoming new neighbors. We especially need to think about attracting younger people.
9. New Business
 - a. No reports
10. Adjournment – 9:24pm

Margaret De Arcangelis
Secretary