APPROVED MINUTES

**Bolton Hill Community Association**
**Board Meeting**
**Tuesday, June 2, 2020**

| Officers | | Class of 2021 | | Class of 2022 | | Class of 2023 | |
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| David Nyweide (President) | X | Avendui Lacovara | A | Ashley Chertkof | A | Amy Brown | X |
| Neal Friedlander (1st VP) | X | Bobbi Schilling | X | Beth Ely Torres | E | Amy Sheridan | X |
| Susan Haun (2nd VP) | A | David Scott | X | Bill Schmitz | X | Ben Groff | A |
| Barry Blumberg (Treasurer) | X | Joanne Bennett | A | Jim Prost | X | Ben Smith | A |
| Lisa Robinson (Counsel) | A | Kevin Cross | X | John Kyle | X | Bill Hamilton | X |
| Margaret De Arcangelis (Secretary) | X | Melanie Alfano | X | Linda Stirling | A | Chris Kingsley | X |
| Linda Rittelmann (Past President) | X | Robert Bunch | X | Lisa Savage Phillips | X | Doug Kelso | X |
| | | Stephen Ruckman | E | Paul Seaton | A | Eric Biagioli | X |
| | | Thecla Meyer | X | Stephen Martin | X | Marjorie Forster | X |
| | | Yulia Suslova | X | Steve Howard | X | Tom Hasler | A |

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

Board Meeting

1. Welcome – 8:36 pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of May 2020 Minutes
    a. Inadvertently did not seek approval of the May minutes; will seek approval in September.
4. Announcements
    a. Police Report – Officer Lee sent crime stats for the month to the board, which are down for the year and down month-over-month.
    b. Councilman Report
        i. Protests have been nonviolent, peaceful, and positive. Community leaders were out encouraging protestors to peacefully express their freedom of speech and assembly. A small group of out-of-town agitators were identified and quelled by the police. Seeing the fruits of community-driven work over the last five years. People could be heard. Proud moment for Baltimore.
    c. Strategic Planning
        i. Reached out to renters in the neighborhood and increased survey response. Planning on a charette in the autumn for further feedback from the community.
    d. Park and North Beautification
        i. BHCA is the fiscal sponsor for the revitalization project at Park and North called Unity@Park Avenue. A key part of the projects is a mural. Local artist Ernest Shaw has been engaged to design a mural on two row houses across Park Avenue—1741 and 1758 Park Avenue. Local company, Mural Masters, will manage the project. A community input session will be held in June and

another in July. Reservoir Hill community groups and individuals have expressed support for the project. BOPA grant application submitted and also accepting donations through Bolton Hill website.

ii. Concerns were voiced about the trash that piles up behind the odd side of the 1700 block of Park. Will approach Anthony Butler, who owns the corner property, and see if he is interested in helping engage residents along that block to clean up and maintain a cleaned-up block.

e. Festival on the Hill
   i. Steve Howard – Festival on the Hill is the best festival in Baltimore. To have a successful event, we need crowds, alcohol sales, and sponsorships. Likely none of those will happen in October 2020. We would need to think about something radically different. Currently the future of the event this year is up in the air. We may take a hiatus year and come roaring back next year.

f. Crab Feast Update
   i. Will not be hosted in August. Looking at other options, including delivering crabs to our first responders and providing an opportunity for neighbors to purchase and pick up their crabs.

g. BGE Natural Gas Pipeline Upgrade Project
   i. Will start at southern end of Bolton Hill but now on hold until the fourth quarter of the year.

5. 2020 End-of-Year Financial Report
   a. Fiscal year started May 1, 2019 and ended April 30, 2020. Income $16,402.86 and expenses $16,123.71.
   b. The Executive Committee authorized opening two new accounts, which are in the name of BHCA and will replace MRIA accounts.
6. Committee Reports
   a. Zoning – Baltimore Department of Planning will hold a public meeting this month, in part to discuss the idea of eliminating the off-street parking requirements for new and old multi-unit properties. This zoning rule makes it difficult for anyone to purchase single-family row homes and divide them into apartments, so eliminating it could lead to more absentee landlords and more cars parked on the streets in the neighborhood.
      i. Zoning Committee moved to oppose elimination of off-street parking requirements.
         1. Motion passed unanimously.
         2. David will send a letter to the Department of Planning from BHCA opposing the elimination of off-street parking requirements for multi-unit properties.
   b. Bolton Hill Bulletin
      i. Thanks for your ideas and writing articles. Always looking for contributors.
      ii. Last bulletin before the summer will be published in mid-June.
7. New Business
   a. No new business.
8. Adjournment – 9:33 pm