

APPROVED MINUTES

**Bolton Hill Community Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 7, 2021**

Officers		Class of 2022		Class of 2023		Class of 2024	
X	David Nyweide (President)	X	Dan Gilbert	X	Amy Brown	X	Robert Bunch
X	Andrew Dupuy (1 st VP)	X	Steve Howard	X	Zhee Chatmon	X	Kevin Cross
E	Amy Sheridan (2 nd VP)			X	Maurice Corbett	X	Barbara Francis
X	Chris Kingsley (Treasurer)	A	Stephen Martin	X	Marjorie Forster	X	Florencia Gutierrez
X	Bill Hamilton (Secretary)	X	Jim Prost	X	Tom Hasler	X	Avendui Lacovara
		A	Lisa Savage Phillips	X	Doug Kelso	X	Thecla Meyer
		X	Bill Schmitz	A	Eean Logan	X	Stephen Ruckman
		X	Paul Seaton	X	George Maris	X	Roberta (Bobbi) Schilling
		X	Linda Stirling			X	David Scott
		X	Beth Ely Torres	A	Marci Yankelov	X	Yulia Suslova

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

The meeting on Zoom was called to order by BHCA President David Nyweide at approximately 8 p.m. Minutes from the November meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and were approved.

The secretary called the roll (above) and declared a quorum present. As many as 47 people attended all or part of the meeting.

Board members were reminded of the weekly Thursday evening Citizens on Patrol community walks beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the 1300 block of Bolton Street.

Former BHCA President Neal Friedlander and member Barbara Blumberg gave a brief report on the history of the Blue Plaques on houses in the neighborhood and of the plan to process nominations for new ones. Blumberg with Lynn Cripps will co-chair the committee to select a new round of Blue Plaques. Contact them at blueplaques@boltonhillmd.org if you're interested in serving on the committee, submitting a nominee, or researching nominees.

The board president and treasurer conveyed the recommendation of the board executive committee to acquire a general liability insurance policy to protect the organization over the course of a year of events and sponsorships, in addition to the existing directors and officers insurance coverage. The board approved unanimously on a voice vote.

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Nyweide reported on the policy developed to govern BHCA communications channels, including the newsletter, the e-mail network, the BHCA Facebook page and any other social media the organization sanctions. The recommendations were distributed to the board in advance of the meeting. They were adopted on a voice vote.

In November, the Baltimore City Public Schools announced its recommendation to close Eutaw-Marshburn Elementary School at the end of the current school year. The school is located on the western boundary of BHCA, at 1624 Eutaw Place. After Nyweide presented a summary of the Baltimore City Public Schools rationale for the recommendation, Steve Howard presented a motion to oppose the recommendation: The Bolton Hill Community Association (BHCA) requests that the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners (the Commissioners) reject the staff recommendation to close the Eutaw Marshburn Elementary School (EMES #11) at the end of this school year.

Nyweide noted that in his communications with community associations in neighborhoods whose students attend the school, Madison Park and Historic Marble Hill have not met to take a formal position on the proposed school closure. However, leaders of those organizations expressed concern that the closings would be harmful to parents and children in their neighborhoods.

After a wide-ranging discussion, the board adopted the motion on a roll call vote, and BHCA's president will write a letter to the school commissioners objecting to the closure before the next public comment session. There were 10 votes recorded in favor of the motion and 1 against, with the rest abstentions. Board member Jim Prost asked to be recorded as abstaining.

Treasurer Chris Kingsley gave the second quarter report on BHCA's finances.

Nyweide announced that BHCA would be launching an Instagram account using the hashtag #iamboltonhill and encouraged members to take and post photographs relevant to the neighborhood. BHCA board member Zhee Chatmon agreed to be the lead administrator for the account and assist anyone who needs help with starting to use Instagram.

Nomination Committee Chair Beth Torres asked for recommendations for her committee as it seeks to fill two board vacancies.

Lee Tawney submitted an extensive written report on greening and parks activities. Doug Kelso reported that Home Depot had donated 6,000-7,000 bulbs for planting in neighborhood parks and public spaces.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Bill Hamilton
BHCA Secretary