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**Bolton Hill Community Association
Board Meeting
September 6, 2022**

Officers		Class of 2023		Class of 2024	
X	Amy Sheridan (President)	X	Gary Bianco	A	Robert Bunch
E	Steve Howard (1 st VP)	E	Amy Brown	E	Kevin Cross
X	Yulia Suslova (2 nd VP)	A	Zhee Chatmon	A	Andrew Dupuy
X	Bill Hamilton (Secretary)	E	Maurice Corbett	X	Barbara Francis
X	Chris Kingsley (Treasurer)	X	Tom Hasler	X	Stuart Galonoy
		X	Doug Kelso	E	Dan Gilbert (MICA)
				X	Florencia Gutierrez
		X	Elizabeth Peters	X	JR Kellogg
		A	Linda Stirling	X	Avendui Lacovara
		X	Marci Yankelov	X	Thecla Meyer
				X	Jason Perrotti
				X	Marcus Pratt
				E	Stephen Ruckman
				X	Jim Prost
				A	Lisa Savage Phillips
				E	Roberta (Bobbi) Schilling
				A	Bill Schmitz
				X	David Scott
				E	Sarah Scott
				A	John Timson

(X=present; E=excused absence; A=absence)

The meeting was called to order in person at Memorial Episcopal Church’s Farnham Hall at 8:05 p.m. The Secretary called the roll. There were 19 board members present, and a quorum was declared.

The June 2022 minutes were approved.

City Council member Eric Costello presented a framed council resolution honoring BHCA Past President David Nyweide. Costello also explained what he understood the situation to be that

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led to a Boil Water Advisory for the neighborhood and a wide circle of West and South Baltimore residents and businesses.

Board member Flo Gutierrez reported on the completion of the Nut and Bolt sculpture renovation at Mt. Royal Elementary-Middle School. Other announcements included one noting the celebration of the life of longtime community leader Frank Shivers to be held Sept. 24 at F. Scott Fitzgerald Park, so named as a result of Shivers' advocacy.

Six representatives of the central and western districts of the Baltimore Police Department were in attendance, and Capt. Matt Corell of the western district, who will oversee the BPD presence in Bolton Hill once redistricting takes effect, introduced himself. Jim Prost, who chairs BHCA's Safety and Security Committee, gave a report on reported crimes during the first half of 2022, up 13 percent over the same period last year. With redistricting, Prost said, Bolton Hill will be aligned with Madison Park, Upton and other neighborhoods to the west but no longer with Mt. Vernon and Belvedere to our south.

New resident Chris Heller of 1500 Bolton Street introduced himself and said he would be running his Florida-based branding and design business from his new property going forward. He said he obtained a zoning change to allow retail sales of design products from that address since its immediate past use was an accounting office.

Lee Tawney and Louie Wilder encouraged volunteer support for Festival on the Hill, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8, with a new homecoming tent intended to lure and celebrate former Bolton Hill residents attending the festival.

Treasurer Chris Kingsley gave a Q1 financial report for FY 2023. David Nyweide reported that BHCA membership, which dwindled during the pandemic closures, had rebounded to 300 households.

President Amy Sheridan introduced representatives from Baltimore Unity Hall and asked for board approval to sign a memorandum of understanding between Unity Hall and BHCA and the Madison Park Improvement Association that would be tied to a zoning change allowing Unity Hall to obtain and use a liquor license for events taking place inside the newly refurbished facility on Eutaw Place. The MOU provides for revisiting and evaluating the relationship between Unity Hall and the surrounding community on an annual basis and would remain in effect even with a change in property ownership. Board members present voted to approve the president to sign the MOU on behalf of BHCA, with one nay vote.

The president asked for board approval of a policy that would create a Greening Advisory Committee to recommend spending priorities to BHCA board members for greening and parks work in the neighborhood. The Greening Advisory Committee policy was approved without opposition.

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The president also asked for board approval of an updated policy to govern BHCA fiscal sponsorships in which BHCA would hold and disburse money fundraised by individuals for specific projects affecting the neighborhood. The updated fiscal sponsorship policy was approved without opposition.

The board approved adding BHCA Executive Committee members Steve Howard and Yulia Suslova to the list of signatories to sign checks from BHCA.

The board meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Bill Hamilton
BHCA Secretary