

APPROVED MINUTES

BHCA Board of Directors Special Meeting on Zoom
Feb. 21, 2023

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

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

BHCA president called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. This special board meeting was called by the president specifically to determine whether the BHCA board should take a position on a proposal by Baltimore's Department of Transportation to create a bike lane on both sides of the Eutaw Place median.

The secretary took note of attendance and declared a quorum present.

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BHCA president announced at the beginning of the meeting that after discussion about the bike lanes, there would be votes – limited to board members of BHCA – on two motions by BHCA’s traffic committee on whether the association should take a position on plans for the bike lane, as recommended by the committee, and if so, whether to support DOT going forward, as the committee also recommended.

In addition to BHCA members, there was representation at the meeting from Prince Hall Grand Masonic Lodge and from Estep Funeral Home, both located on Eutaw Place, and a representative from city council member Eric Costello’s office. Costello provided an email update on where the project stood, which was shared with board members. There also were a few people at the meeting with an interest in the bike lane but who were not Bolton Hill residents.

Speakers both supported the proposed bike lane and opposed a south-bound lane that would restrict traffic and parking on the west side of Eutaw Place. Some favored further consideration of alternative plans drawn up by DOT, or for further deliberation. After about an hour of discussion, BHCA’s president asked the board to vote on whether it wished to take a position on the proposed Eutaw Place bike lane.

The board voted to take a position on the proposed Eutaw Place bike lane, with four votes opposed.

There then was a period of further discussion, including what seemed to be a consensus to urge DOT to move the project forward but to take into consideration concerns about parking and traffic blockage on the southbound lane. The motion voted on, as amended, was that the BHCA board instructs the president to send a letter encouraging DOT to un-pause the Eutaw Place bike lane project and to provide more information to Bolton Hill and surrounding neighborhoods about possible alternative corridors, including corridors that were previously considered and the reasons they were dismissed.

On a voice vote on the motion directing BHCA’s president to take a position in favor of moving the project forward, there was no audible opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Bill Hamilton
BHCA Secretary