

APPROVED MINUTES

BHCA Board of Directors Meeting March 7, 2023

Officers		Class of 2023		Class of 2024	
X	Amy Sheridan (President)	X	Gary Bianco	E	Robert Bunch
X	Steve Howard (1 st VP)	A	Amy Brown	E	Kevin Cross
X	Yulia Suslova (2 nd VP)	E	Zhee Chatmon	E	Andrew Dupuy
X	Bill Hamilton (Secretary)	X	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	E	JR Kellogg
		X	Linda Stirling	E	Avendui Lacovara
		X	Marci Yankelov	X	Thecla Meyer
				X	Jason Perrotti
				X	Marcus Pratt
				X	Stephen Ruckman
				X	Jim Prost
				X	Lisa Savage Phillips
				X	Roberta (Bobbi) Schilling
				X	Bill Schmitz
				A	David Scott
				X	Sarah Scott
				X	John Timson

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

President Amy Sheridan called the in-person meeting to order at 8 p.m. at Memorial Episcopal Church Farnham Hall. She invited announcements.

Baltimore Police Officer Dennis Gillespie reported briefly on a series of carjacking and attempted carjacking incidents in the neighborhood and nearby, part of a citywide epidemic, he said. In response BPD has begun station a patrol car in Bolton Hill every evening, with another roving Bolton Hill and nearby neighborhoods.

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Yulia Suslova announced that a party for new residents/BHCA members will be held outdoors May 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Sumpter Park's bocce court, with a back-up location at Unity Hall in the event of rain. Board members (but not spouses) are urged to attend.

Bobbi Schilling discussed plans to distribute city parking permit renewals for neighborhood residents on two Saturdays, March 15 and 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Steve Howard announced plans for a BHCA night at the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra performance on May 19, with tickets available through the BHCA website. A pre-concert gathering at the Meyerhoff Hall lobby will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Doug Kelso supplemented the written report submitted by the Greening Committee to announce plans for 13 summer Arts in the Parks concerts with the first-time addition of a park in nearby Upton.

Matt Hugel of Cross Street Partners shared a PowerPoint presentation describing ongoing and projected construction improvements at Penn Station, including a new, adjacent Amtrak Acela sheltered track and boarding area.

Amy Sheridan announced that at the April 4 board meeting at Farnham Hall the Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees for new BHCA board members, to be voted on at the May 2 annual membership meeting.

Kim Canale of the Mt. Royal School PTO announced plans for a 390-square foot mosaic mural on the McMechen Street side of the building. Artist Herb Massie is leading the project, which features as its theme the school's golden eagle mascot. Students and faculty are involved with the planning. The school received a \$69,000 grant from the Maryland Arts Council.

Kalia Young of the No Boundaries Coalition announced several upcoming NBC activities.

With announcements complete, the secretary called the roll and declared the presence of a quorum. He requested approval of both the minutes of the Feb. 7 regular board meeting and the Feb. 21 special Zoom board meeting. Minutes for the regular meeting were approved without objection.

As to the minutes of the Feb. 21 special meeting, Doug Kelso objected that the minutes incorrectly showed him absent. He also expressed concern with the way the minutes reflected the discussion of the bike lane proposal. He proposed that the third paragraph beginning "Most speakers ..." be amended to instead read "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." He further, separately, proposed that the language of the adopted motion be included, as follows:

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“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.”

The minutes were approved as amended. The president’s letter will be included on the BHCA website.

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Bill Hamilton
BHCA Secretary