

Minutes for the Medfield Community Association
Monthly Meeting
October 3, 2011

NOTE: These notes are considered drafts until approved at the general meeting on October 3, 2011. They will be posted in on the www.medfieldmd.com web site.

Unless stated otherwise, any required written communications will be drafted by Gary Sever and where necessary, reviewed by Rick Kaminski.

Board members in attendance:

- Gary Sever – president
- Dennis Dideriksen- treasurer
- Pat Dideriksen – board member
- Faye Rivkin –communications secretary
- Cindy Cabales - board member
- Ray Szymczak – board member
- Maureen Burke – board member
- Tom Kerr – alternate board member

Community members in attendance:

5 (there were MANY more who didn't sign in)

See sign in sheet for names

There were attendees from Hampden and Woodberry as well

Meeting Communications

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

August balance:	\$2,719.30
Service charge:	-7.95
Permits/fees for Fall Festival:	-77.00
Donation to Mayor's Christmas parade:	\$500
September 1 balance:	\$2,634.35

2. Fall Festival – there were no expenses this year. All income was profit

- \$210 from space rentals
- \$57 from 50/50
- \$95 from membership
- \$19 from snowballs
- \$175.50 from hot dogs
- \$50 donation from Woodberry Properties
- \$100 donation from Falls Road Properties
- \$100 from Union Mill
- \$50 from Fresh and Greens
- \$20 each from Giant in the Rotunda and Giant on York Road

In 2010, with 40 spaces rented, the income was \$900. This year there were 23 spaces rented and the income was \$803.

The suggestion heard from community members at the meeting and around the neighborhood is that although they enjoyed the festival in the fall, they missed having it in the spring. Perhaps we hold it twice a year?

3. Motion to approve September minutes seconded. Minutes are posted on the www.medfieldmd.com web site.
4. Tom Phillips from Jack Young's office presented.
 - a. Tom is our community outreach liaison
 - b. 443-326-6656
 - c. Tom.phillips@baltimorecity.gov
 - d. He is an animal advocate
 - e. Jack and his office are here to help with city issues, such as bulk trash, recycling and others.
 - f. Jack's top issues include education, recs & parks, and seniors
 - g. Tom Phillips will pass the following concerns on to Jack.
 - i. Tom Kerr asked about lowering the permit costs for the parade.
 - ii. The parade costs approximately \$28,000 to put on. \$7k of that is for permits.
 - iii. Allen Hicks raised issues about the discrepancies with Baltimore City water bills.
 - iv. Erin Bolton talked about the possibility of rec centers closing.
 1. According to Gary Sever there is a Recs & Parks committee that meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Druid Hill Park Conservatory. The information will be gathered and added to the next newsletter.
 - h. Gary Sever and Tom will talk about the failing 41st street/Falls Road intersection issues and try to find out what's happening.
 - i. The Mayor's chief of staff can help:
 - i. 410-396-5893
 - ii. India.muray@baltimorecity.gov
5. Nick Mosby – democratic candidate for city council against Belinda Conway, 7th district presented.
 - a. Thanks for your support!
 - b. General election is November 8th. Come out and vote!
 - c. He's looking for his transition team
 - d. What are the MCA's top 5 issues? He asked that we put together a list and get them to him. He'll commit to reporting on them on a monthly basis.
 - i. Email Gary Sever, garylsever@yahoo.com with any community issues.

6. Union Mill – Seawall Development project. Evan Morville presented
 - a. 56 apartments & 25k of office space
 - i. Apartments are 100% leased. Tenants have moved in.
 - ii. Office space is 100% leased; 9 non-profit tenants still expected to move in November 1.
 - iii. Seawall is moving their office there.
 - b. 1800 square foot café
 - i. Will announce shortly who will manage the café. Will be local.
 - ii. Café patrons will have access to internal courtyard.
 - iii. Expected to open mid November
 - c. Will see a lot of landscaping activity over the next few weeks.
 - d. Medfield/Hampden/Woodberry communities and Seawall/Union Mill continue to work well together.
 - e. Seawall/Union Mill is working with the City on other improvements.
 - i. Have replaced sidewalks
 - ii. Considering moving bus stop/adding another with a covered area.
 - iii. Trying to get cross walks
 - iv. Working on improving lighting under 83
7. Dog park discovery committee
 - a. Visit www.hampdendogpark.com for information and to sign up to be part of the committee.
 - b. Dog Park Discovery Committee (DPDC) meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month, at 7pm in the Christian Love Baptist Church. The first meeting is on November 8th.
8. Allen Hicks, former president of the Hampden Community Council and instrumental in starting the Friends of Roosevelt Park, spoke.
 - a. Friends of Roosevelt Park does not have a formal charter, board or 501c3 status.
 - b. He discussed the pros and cons of instituting a dog park.
 - c. Many questions were raised.
 - d. He said that much discussion should occur before a decision can be made.
9. Hurricane Irene – if you lost Comcast service as a result of the storm, you need to call Comcast to request a credit. It is not automatic.