

Minutes for the Medfield Community Association
Monthly Meeting
September 12, 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
- Rich Kaminski – zoning/land use chair
- Pat Dideriksen – board member
- Faye Rivkin –communications secretary
- Cindy Cabales - board member
- Ray Szymczak – board member
- Maureen Burke – board member
- Paul Smith – alternate board member
- Tom Kerr – alternate board member

Community members in attendance:

16 (there were more who didn't sign in)

See sign in sheet for names

There were attendees from Hampden and Woodberry as well

Meeting Communications

- Motion to approve June minutes with one correction:
 - Medfield Harvest Festival is being held October 1st, 2011, not October 10th, as posted in the June minutes.
- Robert “Bob” Cherry, FOP president spoke to the MCA.
 - He is a Medfield resident.
 - 18 years in BCPD, 9 years homicide
 - Been involved with the police union since the beginning of his career. Was VP for 8 years before becoming president. He was elected president 4 years ago.
 - He discussed the FOP parking issue which had been raised previously
 - FOP members parking on Buena Vista park during their twice a year open house.
 - Bob and Rich Kaminski will work together and meet one month before the next event in December to come up with a plan to ensure that parking doesn't affect the Buena Vista Park again.

- He answered a number of questions
 - The FOP didn't endorse anyone for mayor; they endorsed Mary Pat Clarke and Belinda Conway.
 - The FOP has adopted the SPCA and a school in the northern district. When asked if they had an "adopt a park" program, he said they would consider adopting Buena Vista Park.
 - There are no houses that directly face Buena Vista Park and he said that the FOP would do what they could do to "put some eyes on the park."
- Medfield Fall Festival, October 1, 2011
 - 12x12 spaces are still available for \$10 each; space DOES NOT include a table. Contact Pat Dideriksen for information; PDideriksen@towson.edu
 - Volunteers are still needed to help in the days leading up to the event; Contact Pat Dideriksen for information; PDideriksen@towson.edu
- Dog park discovery committee
 - Visit www.hampdendogpark.com
 - Hampden and Woodberry are in full support of a Dog Park Discovery Committee (DPDC).
 - The MCA has agreed to endorse the DPDC for a feasibility study. A feasibility study includes:
 - Site study- is this the best location for a dog park.
 - Operations plan
 - Communications plan
 - Timeline
 - Need to look at best practices for other dog parks.
 - The DPDC has agreed to follow the Hampden Community Council guidelines.
- Baltimore City guidelines state ideally that a 1+ acre is recommended for a fenced-in off leash grass area.
 - Buena Vista Park offers a 1 acre space that is already $\frac{3}{4}$ fenced in
 - Looking for block captains to represent homes in that area.
 - The date for a first meeting is being set
 - If interested in participating, contact the MCA at info@medfieldmd.com.
- Union Mill
 - All 56 units are rented and tenants have moved in
 - Commercial space scheduled to open in November 2011
 - 25, 000 square feet of office space is 100% rented
- Mayor's Christmas Parade
 - December 4, 2011, 2pm

- In 2010 the MCA donated \$500. Tom Kerr is requesting the same amount this year.
 - Motion to match; no one opposed.
- Budget for the parade is \$30,000
- The still need volunteers and sponsors. Contact info@medfieldmd.com and we'll put you in touch with Tom.