

Arcadia Improvement Association member meeting  
September 12, 2019, Ray of Hope Baptist Church

7:02pm

1. Lauraville Fair volunteers needed
  - a. Saturday September 28
2. Oktoberfest and chili cook off Saturday October 5 (rain date October 6)
3. By-law revision vote
  - a. No objections, 33 in favor
  - b. Revisions approved!
4. Block captains - Martha Barss
  - a. The following blocks need captains: 3700, 3800, 3900 Parkside, Woodstock, 4200 Harcourt, 4300 Harcourt, and 3200 Juneau
5. Friends of the Hamilton Branch Library
  - a. Derek Simonsen (VP), Malissa Ruffner (Pres and Beverly Hills neighbor)
  - b. <https://www.friendshamiltonbranch.org>
  - c. <https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Hamilton-Branch-Library-Inc-235686933290675/>
  - d. The friends formed in 2014 and are working to promote the Library, raise money for programs, and general awareness for the Library. They've raised money for headphones, canvases, 3D printing supplies, puzzle transporters. They're also working with a master gardener on a pollinator garden and adding more plants and planters to the exterior. Possible renovation funds from the City in 5-6 years.
  - e. Banned Books Week, Sept 22-28 the Children's Bookstore will donate 10% of profits to the Friends.
  - f. Friends membership is only \$5! You can join online on their website.
6. Regina Lansinger, Hamilton Lauraville Main Street
  - a. [Regina@HamiltonLauravilleMainStreet.org](mailto:Regina@HamiltonLauravilleMainStreet.org)
  - b. 4500 Harford Rd "The Lot"; new roof by end of October, maybe also new windows installed by winter.
  - c. At Harford and Southern / SoHa Union -- coming this fall:
    - i. Fire and Rice (sushi), prev owners of Tooloulou Pizza
    - ii. Jinji Chocolates
    - iii. Tortuga Boutique
    - iv. Waiting on BGE
  - d. Char'd City opened September 5
  - e. Injury Center at 5404 Harford -- also includes Better Acupuncture
  - f. Sneaker Premier at 5428 Harford, opening soon
  - g. Chapter House tattoo at 5404
  - h. Have community legacy grant for sidewalk improvements (State grant)

- i. There are 7 active facade grants, Domesticity is one example (4313 Harford)
  - j. 4315 Harford is available
  - k. October 18 Beer Garden at The Lot [Zekes?]
  - l. October 27 Derby from 10-12, Halloween parade before the Derby
  - m. Louthan Distillery, moving to end of Theiss plumbing building from Zekes facility on Montebello, will have taproom
  - n. 4 Hour Lutherie (4305 Harford) has restored piano <http://fourhourday.org>
7. Healthy Neighborhoods, Julie Lin [Julie@HamiltonLauravilleMainStreet.org](mailto:Julie@HamiltonLauravilleMainStreet.org)
- a. Home improvement loans, matching grants, and home buyer events:
    - i. October 19 Neighborhood tour
    - ii. September 21 Home renovation workshop
    - iii. November 16 Estate Planning workshop
8. Department of Transportation
- a. **Jeffrey Fleming** - Northeast Liaison Officer  
[jeffrey.fleming@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:jeffrey.fleming@baltimorecity.gov), 443-984-4095
  - b. Chris Brown, Harford Road Bridge project manager
  - c. <https://harfordroadbridge.com> - monthly updates
  - d. Bridge project is on schedule, Oct 2018 - Oct 2021. The bridge is down completely and they are pouring abatements, installing storm drains. Will be a 3 span bridge including in each direction: 1 sidewalk, 1 bike lane, and 2 lanes of traffic. The pedestrian tunnel is on place. It will be part of the Herring Run Trail and will be extended by Parks and Rec to Lake Montebello.
  - e. Question: Is any of the old bridge being re-used? A: Unsure. Lead paint was discovered during destruction. The contractor will want to re-use whatever they can to save money.
  - f. The arch by Chesterfield is the pedestrian tunnel. The new trail bridge is still there.
  - g. Bike trail? A: The north side of the stream will have a bike trail.
  - h. Guard rails to protect sidewalk on bridge? A: As of now, no. Bike line will have protective posts.
  - i. Is there a connection from the Bridge to the Herring Run Trail? A: Not directly but you can connect through the parks.
  - j. Will the bridge bike lane connect to bike lane on Walther? A: That's not part of the bridge project now, it will be determined by Traffic Division.
  - k. Will Hall Spring area be restored? A: The land will be returned to Parks and Rec.

- l. If BGE lines are running through Bridge, will we have more internet options?  
A: Possibly, there will be additional open conduits available.
  - m. Cost? A: \$19.9 million
  - n. What is the status of the Parkside speed humps? A: Jeffrey will check on status. A separate team completes the speed humps from the team that did the resurfacing.
  - o. Bike lanes on Parkside? A: Increased safety for bike riders at Parkside turns, bike lane will be built into the speed hump. This is only on one side of the road so riders going both ways will share lane. Additional safety feature for bike riders turning against traffic from this lane? A: Not now. Bike specific lights? A: Plan is set at this time.
  - p. Parking on Parkside after Harcourt? A: Yes, no bike lane at that point.
  - q. Illegal parking on Parkside and Belair outside liquor store. Is there a sign there restricting parking or not? Jeffrey will put in a request to have that sign replaced if it is not there.
  - r. Previously was a survey point and no parking sign at Parkside and Harcourt, these were removed and not replaced. A: Need to put in 311/Jeffrey will check?
9. Friends of Herring Run Park, Patty Dowd
- a. Friendsopenherringrun.org -- become a member
  - b. Events at <https://www.friendsofherringrun.org/events.html>
  - c. 9/28 Big Time Cleanup of Lower Herring Run
  - d. Last monthly bird walk 2019 on Saturday October 5
  - e. Tree planting: 10/12, 11/16
  - f. Habitat restoration and invasive removal: 10/26, 11/23
  - g. Annual Meeting on Oct 7 at Function
  - h. Guided Black Friday hike in Lower Herring Run
  - i. Follow on Facebook!  
<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfHerringRunParks/>
10. Rachel Kutler, AIA Board member
- a. During by-law revisions the Board was looking at neighborhood boundaries
    - i. Boundaries in bylaws, on website:  
<http://www.arcadia-baltimore.org/arcadia-map/>
    - ii. Boundaries on LiveBaltimore:  
<https://livebaltimore.com/neighborhoods/arcadia/#.XYZm3S3MzIE>  
(doesn't include Eastwood, does include Eierman and Cottman)
    - iii. Baltimore CityView, same as LiveBaltimore  
<http://cityview.baltimorecity.gov>

- b. Want to ask neighbors on streets along Parkside by Belair what their impression is, do they belong to a neighborhood association. Developed a survey and went door to door. Of 30 houses, 9 respondents - over 83 years in the neighborhood included! They did not think they were part of a neighborhood community association.
- c. Bob M - AIA did something similar in the 1980s and that is when Woodstock joined the association, now part of boundaries
- d. Q: City Planning uses Census boundaries for their work, may require that we match the census

11. Delegate Stephanie Smith

- a. <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=sponpage&tab=subject6&id=smith03&stab=01>
- b. [stephanie.smith@house.state.md.us](mailto:stephanie.smith@house.state.md.us)
- c. 443-792-9853 (cell)
- d. Carried 5 bills into law in 2019
- e. She's on House Ways and Means, Education sub, Local Review sub; focus on Kirwin Commission to increase education funding
- f. Stephanie is also works in the City Planning department and spoke about..

12. 2020 Census

- a. <https://census2020.baltimorecity.gov>
- b. Will be first online census - goal is 605% online submission
- c. A postcard will be sent in mail with a code
- d. There are community grants to encourage programming (\$500-1000)
  - i. Info sessions dates/locations listed on website, 10/8 NE planned

13. Kevin Gillogly, neighborhood liaison for Mayor's office of neighborhoods

- a. [kevin.gillogly@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:kevin.gillogly@baltimorecity.gov), 410-396-4735
- b. October 26 Fall Clean-up
- c. Bureau of Budget Management pop-ups
  - <https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreBudget>
  - i. 9/28 Herring Run branch library
  - ii. 10/7 Southeast branch library
  - iii. 10/10 Govans branch library
- d. Water bills should be sent now -- no late fees through November
- e. Q: Reporting/fixing potholes and sinkholes? KG can meet with AIA and bring Baltimore City representatives

14. Jackie Anderson, Liaison to Council President ([jackie.anderson@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:jackie.anderson@baltimorecity.gov))

Meeting ended at 8:33pm.