

AIA General Meeting, 3.14.19, 7:00 p.m.

**Northeast District Police:** Major Preston and team took note of an attendee concern regarding loitering and potential drug activity on Belair road between Moravia and Parkside. Major Preston reported that there were 10 Part 1 crimes in Arcadia, six from one house on Weaver (all domestic). Other crimes were reported at an address we do not believe is within the Arcadia boundaries.

**Mrs. Franklin, Ray of Hope:** Expressed her gratitude for the support of the community and the church's commitment to continue to partner with the community, despite the tragic loss of Rev. Franklin. Sister Joan Briscoe (Church Secretary) and Sister Rosa Dowdy are contacts for the community.

**Park rangers:** Tyler, Assistant Supervisor of Park Rangers with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks, provided an overview of the park ranger program. Currently five park rangers are responsible for overseeing enforcement of laws in 270 city parks. Among other things, they deal with permit issues, illegal dumping, violations of park rules, dirt bikes, illegal hunting. Ian Williams is the team lead for this area. If you need assistance from the Park Rangers, call 3-1-1.

**Block captains:** Eleanor Graves explained the block captain program; volunteers are still needed to serve as block captains on certain blocks. Anyone who is interested in serving as a block captain can contact Eleanor Graves, Martha Barss, or Jen Cummings, co-chairs of the Public Relations Committee.

Community members had an opportunity to speak about their businesses, and upcoming events in the community.

**Harford Road Bridge:** Councilman Dorsey provided an update on the bridge construction. During demolition phase the Tyndale trail is the designated alternate route into the park. Construction hours have increased during demolition phase – expected to take three months to complete demolition.

**Parkside Drive:** Councilman Dorsey announced that Parkside Drive is scheduled to be resurfaced in 2019. Lisa Frank will walk Parkside with Dorsey and a Dept. of Transportation representative. Will look at implementing safety measures – e.g., cross walks, speed bumps – during resurfacing. The Complete Streets law (sponsored by Councilman Dorsey) requires the city to implement safety measures when doing street improvements.

**Treasurer's report:** Bob Poirier reported that AIA currently has \$7,436 in checking and \$10,131.90 in savings. Each committee will be given funds to use for community improvement activities.

Ms. Frank invited residents to pay their dues if they have not done so yet. Dues are paid on a calendar year basis.

**Board nominations:** Terry Staudenmaier presented the proposed slate of officers and board members on behalf of the nominating committee:

Officers:

President: Michael Milli

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Alice McKernon

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Vanessa Russell

Treasurer: Joe Riley

Recording Secretary: Roger Trageser

Corresponding Secretary: Eric Holcomb

**Board of Directors:**

Lisa Frank and Gene Ward

Bob Pipik

Lindsey Loeper

Nick Chupein

Jelani Brown

Rachel Kutler

Elizabeth Tooley

Sallie Macklin

Ms. Staudenmaier asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. With none offered, a motion was called and the slate was unanimously approved.

**Committee reports:**

**Public Relations Committee:** Focus is on developing the block captain program. Block captains conduct outreach to neighbors on their blocks to engage neighbors in community activities and create a supportive community. They are developing a welcome letter and resource list, and committee members attend town halls with elected officials and community meetings in Northeast Baltimore.

**Parks Committee:** The committee has been working hard to remove invasive vines and plant trees in Herring Run Park. Volunteers are always welcome and needed. Events are posted on Arcadia Chat and Facebook.

**Communications Committee:** Lindsay Loeper is new chair and working to rebuild the committee; new members are welcome. The committee will focus on promoting the work of AIA, connecting with neighbors, and promoting the community through the AIA website, newsletter, Arcadia Chat and social media platforms.

**Community Development Committee:** The committee has focused on addressing vacant and problem properties, including working to get the city to address the long-vacant properties on Weaver. The committee has also focused on monitoring the impact of the bridge closure on the community. Jelani Brown will be new chair of the committee, and committee is looking for ideas for how to take a more positive approach to community development needs. A suggestion was made to do a "curb appeal" contest.

**Events Committee:** Ms. Frank announced that the committee is without a chair and asked residents to consider serving on this critical committee. The committee is responsible for organizing block parties and other events that make the community a fun place to live. Anyone who is interested in serving as the committee chair, or serving on the committee, contact Michael Milli at [president@arcadia-baltimore.org](mailto:president@arcadia-baltimore.org).

**Other business:** Arcadia Yard Sale is scheduled for April 27. Rich Dowd is chair. Information on how to register is in the most recent Arcadian newsletter. Lisa Frank is looking into getting a dumpster for people who want to dispose of items that aren't sold.

Ms. Frank thanked the outgoing AIA officers Cathy Brill, Bob Poirier and Terry Staudenmaier, who are leaving the board after many years of service.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.