



February 8, 2011

General Meeting Minutes

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers: Absent: Dusty and Jack
- New Neighbor Introductions: none
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance: 29,594
- Dog park: 3,906

New Business:

Fort Avenue Bridge: The president shared about possible plans for closure options shared a history of events. A letter was sent to the Mayor to meet with the community was sent last week and a meeting was denied to discuss the bridge.

He listed the following concerns:

1. Safety Issue: with the trains and the complete closure not being to be getting out of the neighborhood.
2. Money issue: The local business are concerned about financial changes
3. Altered way of life for a long period of time. It would be nice if we could come to a decision that benefits everyone, both the city and the community.

Deputy Mayor: Christopher Thomasteady shared the following information: DOT department will share many of the concerns. He also welcomed everyone that is here. Statement: these projects are never easy and this bridge is in horrible condition and we need to work together to make sure. Director of Transportation spoke: This is the second worse bridge in the city. Staged construction will take double the time, and the added expense of staged construction is too great. Shared some examples from around the city. Staged construction will take 2 years and pay 30-40% more money to complete. Closed for 9-10 months. We have the money to complete the project and we will work very hard to reduce the time spent on the project. Shared many reports to share, stating the condition of the bridge and asked the community to refer to reports provided by DOT, the board has the copies. Omar Davis: Project manager; shared the following information: discussed that there are many power and water lines under the bridge and there will be ongoing information given to the community about if and when their service is interrupted. The retaining wall will be 2.5/3 feet tall. I speak with Ms. Johns (bridge lady) every week. He wants to make it important to be proactive to communicate with the neighborhood and he will do better on that. Frank Murphy: deputy director of DOT shared that CSX has agreed to modify the operations of the yard, so that no delays will happen on Andre Street. Wanted to publicly thank CXS for their continued support. We have taken many steps to ensure safety. Sharon from CXS stated: This is an issue that we are very focused on this project and working with the community, so that we know where the trains are at all times, and we want to work with the community. A question was asked how often has she met with the community, and the answer was never met with the community at all. Concerns about trains go through Jacksonville, FL. So they can move the train. She explained the train moving process. Jim Lack: Chief of Fire: Shared concerns about fire trucks coming down the bridge, currently and the bridge supporting the weight. He believes that best plan is to relocate the ER services to the other side of the bridge. A truck will be at the fireboat incase it is needed at all times. We will have a backup for the backup. We have a lot of resources in this area. Things can get done quickly and we will take care of things. No rolling closures in this area (56 fire companies are in the city and 2 are closed each day). Engine will be on this side of the bridge and the medic's resources on the other side of the bridge. Still looking for a location to hold the water.



Police Chief: Dorsey MicVicker shared we are very concerned about the safety of the neighborhood about how to get into the neighborhood. 10/7 posts will happen and there will be one car will be here all the time. Cop relief will come from the station. In good weather, Cops will be traveling by foot. Also contact officer Butterbean: Please call with any concerns: Email: Kevin.Vaught@baltimorepolice.org. and cell 443-681-0920; please post this information in newsletters. Donald Hienburge from the fire department who lives in the city shared that most calls are ER calls he lives at 1305 Decatur Street and is involved in the community.

Points that we discussed for clarification:

The bridge will be open for walkers at all times.

The ground below the bridge is ready for construction.

CXS is paying for 70% of the expensive and the city is paying for 30% is of the city.

The working hours will be 7-3:30, not to disrupt the neighborhood.

The bridge will be closed for 9-10 months and the project will be 12 months.

The project is going to bid in the next few months and it is very hard to bid on these types of projects. The Construction Bid will have an incentive clause for late delivery.

If we need a light we will get a light at the different intersections that could be done to help with traffic.

Community Open discussion:

Please look into possible opening of another way in and out of the community on West Street.

Would like more information about the 3 different companies suggestions from the city, why it is not an option.

Confirmation that the city will be giving Locust Point 500,000 dollars to improve anything related to DOT.

Motion: The Locust Point Civic Association will not appeal the 9 month complete closure of the bridge provided that all the parties comply to the all the agreements made on the document dated 2-9-11, provided by the city, and the city continues to be responsive to the concerns of the community. Motion made by Thomas. **Motion passes**

Locust Point Historic Neighborhood: Review past meeting minutes for clarifying what the impact on becoming a historic neighborhood entails. Brigitta shared that the historical foundation will be sponsor the community by paying the 3,000 dollars to being the process of applying. They will also do all the research for this project.

Motion: The Locust Point Civic Association would like to move forward with plans to become a historic neighborhood. **Motion passes**

New developments at Silo Point: Pat Turner from Silo Point came to the meeting to discuss the new businesses that are coming into the spaces and the need to change one of the liquor agreements in the PUD. The change needs the class of a liquor license. The PUD will not be affected. There are 2 things that are going into Silo Point. 13.6 and a deli that will sell wine, this will only be about 15% of the store area. Community discussed if there were any changes to PUD and asked many clarifying questions. Shared in order to change the license it needs to be taken to the government to explore and legally change it.

Motion: Locust Point Civic Association will approve the change of liquor license class and provide a letter to Pat Turner approving the transfer of type of liquor license. **Motion Passes**

Adjournment: Motion made by a member of the community.