



May 11, 2011 General Meeting Minutes

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance: completed
- Roll Call of Officers: Absent: Chris P and Scott
- New Neighbor Introductions: none
- Treasurer's Report: 33,863 and 4,000 goes to the dog park. 2,000 deposit due to ads from the newsletter.
- Minutes: Meg Kelley passes minutes.

Committee Updates and Task Force Updates:

Announcements: **Free legal advise** will be offered this Saturday please see the president at the end of the meeting, **BGE** work on Hull has 3 blocks closed, concerned that they stated there would only be 1 block closed at a time. Shannon will contact Drew about that situation. **Tide Point parking Situation** The gates were locked due to break-ins and that is why they are locked. There should have a walking gate that is open to the community. Please contact someone, it is adding to the street park concerns. **All city pools** will be open May 28th to Sept 2nd this year. **Noise from CSX** is very load in the neighborhood, Sharon from CXS is aware.

Communications: none

Festival and social: Saturday, May 14, 2011 is the yard sale. There are 20 spaces that have been reserved so far. One difference is that we will not be collecting things in the rec center this year if you don't sell them. IF the weather is down pour then it will be rescheduled. Call 410-218-1607 and Sara will have a message on it stating if the yard sale is canceled. Volunteers are needed as early as 630am until 1pm. Social meetings are first Wednesday of the month. Coming up is June 1st at 7pm at the rec center. The festival Date is 9-10-11.

Parks & Beautification: Working on the park in the evenings has had some nice results. There will be another serious of evening working opportunities in June. Some changes are that the flowerpots on Fort Ave. have been updated or moved.

Dog Park: This coming Sunday, May 15th at 10am is Cleanup.

Trash/Recycling: none

Design Review: Please visit Fortavenuebridge.com for information. Omar Davis from the city shared a bridge update. He wanted to thank Ms Johns for coming out to the meeting tonight. We are starting the project in June and the ground breaking in July. There are no current delays. There will be a lot of contractors that will be in the community and will talk with the crews to communicate with the community about their locations and what impact they will have on the community. We are continuing to look at that situation at Fort and Andre intersection and will continue to update about what we find that is working or is a concern. The contractors will park on the BOYLE Street and they will come into the community that way. The Key highway project and the Bridge project will not be happening at the same time.

New Business:

Woodall/Stephenson Street: Homeowners are concerned about the street now being safe due to higher level of traffic. Signs and speed need to be clearly posted. The follow of traffic currently goes up the hill in order to slow things down. The LPCA Board will support efforts taken by the neighbors. The total amount of houses is 25 and 5 vacant. The neighbors are working to get the 70%, however would like the 70% to be waived. Steve Robinson from the city will work with the members from the street. Neighbors will stay after to discuss with Steve Robinson.



Francis Scott Key Fight: Francis Scott Key Fight: There were many events leading up to the fight. For example there was a Wednesday fight, Thursday there were no fights, and then fights on Friday. The principal was very proactive to address the concerns with the school community and adults from the school broke up the fight. Fight on April 29th between students at Francis Scott Key and the children in the neighborhood. Francis Scott Key School police officer, Ms. Booker, Officer Butterbean are present at tonight's meeting to share facts and make sure people are acting in a civil manner. On Friday, April 29 a fight took place offsite on Fort Ave. with students that attend FSK and children in the neighborhood. The video was posted on YouTube. Baltimore Police viewed the video, and the children were charged and taken to Juvenile Lock Up. Police are working on MTA Bus Schedules to make sure that people are not waiting there to avoid conflict. The principal is well aware of the families in the community that are involved. MTA cannot have buses that only go to the school, but what we can do is have regular buses for pick up. The school needs to work the community. We need a plan to move forward from tonight. The community shared many stories of fights on the school property and on the bus. Concern about other children coming into the community. Community members have been avoiding the area due to filling harasses. Park issues have been a concern due to no supervision by the school. The community hopes that there have been some conversations about how to behave in the community. The community also shared that the past messages from the Principal is that once they are off the school grounds, the school is no longer responsible for the student's behavior. Concerned Parents shared that the students that were in the flight were not only in school students, but also students from the community. Holding everyone accountable, the community, parents, and school is very important. This is a school that we need to foster and bring us together. We will make the students accountable. Teachers are very involved with students outside. Ms. Booker explained the process of behavioral documentation and shared she will speak with the students. She also shared that the school follow the BCPSS code of conduct. We talk about social skills and how to communicate with each other as well as having many aftercare programs. There will be a meeting Monday May 16, 2011 at 9am at the school to discuss how the community and school will move forward together. There is a belief that the Rec Center should be included in the meetings. If any from the community would like to join this task force please see the board after the meeting, or contact them. This is a chance for us to work together to support the efforts of both the school and community. The meetings at the school will continue to meet bi-weekly or monthly to work on putting positive practices into place. Colleen, Lara, and a parent from FSK agreed to meet. Below is some important contact information: Officer Paige at FSK: 443-872-9044

Elections: We have 15 total people on the board, 5 board positions are up for elections. Cheryl Duffey position is up and she is rerunning, Brian, Lara, Chris P, and Dusty positions want to be filled.

Jamie Kelley running lived here for 8 years and worked on the dog park.

Jim Fleshman has lived here since July ready to serve.

Gary Richardson works in BCPSS.

Terry Hickey: currently ready to be involved.

Motion to elect Jamie Kelley, Jim Fleshman, Gary Richardson, and Terry Hickey to the LPCA Board. **Motion Passes**

Motion to adjourn: Meg Kelley.

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