



RIDGELY'S DELIGHT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2012, Quigley's, 7:00 PM

2012 Accomplishments

- Community meetings
 - o All 11 monthly meetings well attended by both residents and variety of guest speakers
- Treasury
 - o Started and ended year with about \$17K
 - o In process of clearing paperwork with state as requirement for tax exempt status
- Aesthetics
 - o Conducted 12 monthly cleanups
 - o Filled all remaining tree pits, and added two at corner of W Conway/S Fremont
 - o Continued relationship with Downtown Partnership of Baltimore for curb cleaning
 - o Hired Ruppert Landscaping to beautify NE corner MLK/Washington and sidewalk to Pratt
 - o Worked with DPW to improve garbage collection along Russell St
 - o Helped eliminate delivery of SunPlus litter
 - o Awarded Mayoral citation for participation in 1st Community Cleanup Competition
 - o Refurbished the historic sign on the corner of Eislen and Russell and re-posted it
- Parking
 - o Installed second ZipCar location at corner of Washington/Warner
 - o Added signage on Warner, removed RPP loophole on block along Printers
 - o Crunch has worsened as neighborhood improves. Eagerly awaiting RFID tags.
 - o Relocated overzealous Parking Authority officer
 - o Acquired Burgundy St Parking Lot through community "Adopt-A-Lot" program
- Grand Prix
 - o Welcomed race for a second year which went more smoothly for residents.
 - o Received \$9K grant from RaceOn Baltimore
- Tot Lot Improvements
 - o Held meetings and design charette with Neighborhood Design Center (NDC) and Parks & Rec for renovations
- MLK Fence
 - o DOT design and purchase in place to install 4' fence along MLK from Washington to Pratt
- Traffic Flow
 - o Added 5 seconds to traffic light for west bound Washington Blvd approaching MLK
 - o Installed painted lane divide to allow for right turn only turning from Washington onto MLK
- Lighting
 - o Installed new sidewalk lights along 681 Washington between Washington and Eislen
 - o Repaired numerous problematic lights
- New Businesses
 - o New "Sidewalk Espresso Bar" opened at 625 Washington Blvd
 - o Prevented apartments in Eklof Building (612 Washington) due to lack of parking plans
- Rain Barrel
 - o Installed rain barrel on community shed in hopes of attracting homeowners to install
- Social Events
 - o Monthly Happy Hours all well attended
 - o Opening Day, National Night Out, Jazz Concert, 4th of July cookouts in Conway Park
 - o Softball Tournament in Swann Park
- Communications

- Website redesigned and looks much better
- New and improved email format through Vertical Response
- Marketing
 - New marketing cards and new “welcome to community” flyers designed and produced. We will give copies to the board members so they can distribute to new neighbors
 - Attended LiveBaltimore neighborhood Pop-Up and supplied with marketing cards
 - Annual calendar created and sold for second straight year. Selling for \$20. Will distribute through Yahoo Groups, Ridgely’s Website and the Record. Will give to our local politicians.

Ongoing Projects/Issues

- Continue relationship with Downtown Partnership of Baltimore for curb cleaning. On hold until spring. Will schedule for two more outings. Will purchase a leaf blower for the community which we will keep locked in the shed.
- Zip car was supposed to give us a pick-up truck in exchange for us giving them more parking in the neighborhood. We no longer have a pick-up available to us and there were reports that they perhaps no longer have pick-ups available in Baltimore. They will be coming to the January Community Meeting so we can address this with them there.
- Eklof building continues to deteriorate. We need to push the city and CHAP to enforce code standards or the owners will eventually be able to get it condemned and have it torn down and the lot sold for new construction. If we want to preserve the building we need to act now.
- The Conway parking lot will continue to cycle on and off of the “Vacants to Value” list so even though we saved it this time, we need to find a more permanent solution to keep it from getting sold off by the city in the future.

2012 Goals & Ideas

- Install Ridgely’s Delight historical marker at MLK/Pratt and/or MLK/Washington
- Install Fence along MLK between Washington and Pratt
- Join Southwest Partnership? Need to find out more about the group, what their mission statement is, is it in alliance with our own, how will this impact our relationship with our other neighboring communities (University and Federal Hill). After we know more we will present the idea at a Community Meeting and this will require a pre-announced vote so everyone is aware and has a chance to voice his/her opinion.
- Establish a Business Development committee to help support existing local businesses and encourage new businesses to consider setting up here, especially in some of our vacant buildings. Ben will take the lead on this.
- Find business to renovate and occupy 723 Pratt, 337 S Fremont, Eklof Building, Indian Pavilion
- Renovate Tot Lot
- Amend bylaws. Ideas: Financial minimum for getting board vote >\$25, establish annual meeting in December, reorganize positions on board and mandates for frequency of board meetings. Michelle will take the lead on this.
- Assist Dept of Planning for new zoning regulations. Brenton Flickenger, Southwest Planning Manager from the city department of zoning will come to the January meeting to present the proposed revisions to the zoning. He is getting input from local businesses on this.
- Ensure street repairs such as the installation of the new water meters, are restored to their original state
- Enhance ARC organization for better communication and code enforcement
- Improve quality of life for RD16 residents and neighbors
- Increase cleanliness / Decrease crime (Possibility of city putting in cameras at along MLK at Pratt and at Washington.)