



RIDGELY'S DELIGHT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
Oct 2nd, 2013, Slider's Bar & Grill 7:00 PM

Treasury Report

- Ended August: \$18,315.44. +\$0/- \$1400. Ending September: \$16,915.44.
- Of current funds: \$2126 already spoken for (Downtown Partnership, Ruppert, memorial)

Del. Barbara Robinson - 40th District State House Incumbent and Candidate for 2014.

- Del Robinson is one of 5 candidates currently running for the 3 House seats.
- She sits on 3 committees: [Appropriations Committee](#), [Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight](#), and [Special Joint Commission on Public Safety and Security in State and Local Correctional Facilities](#)
- Bills she has sponsored include HB48: Minority Business Enterprises – Not-for-Profit Entities and HB1053: Video Lottery Facilities - Employee Licenses - Crimes of Moral Turpitude or Gambling.
- For more information go to <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/06hse/html/msa13601.html>

Senator Catherine Pugh – 40th District Incumbent State Senator

- Senator Pugh came to introduce herself to the community.
- She is, at this point, the only candidate running for this Senate seat in 2014.
- For more information go to <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/05sen/html/msa14413.html>

Gabby Knighton – Baltimore City Homeless Services

- Ms. Knighton is the Outreach Coordinator for the Homeless Services Program in the Mayor's Office of Human Services.
- Contact info: Phone: 410-545-7360, E-mail: gabby.knighton@baltimorecity.gov
- To request outreach for a homeless person, call 311.
- To learn more about the various resources available for the homeless, call 211. Or visit their website <http://humanservices.baltimorecity.gov/HomelessServices.aspx>
- They work with People Encouraging People (PEP) which is a non-profit behavioral healthcare corporation dedicated to providing life-transforming rehabilitation and support services to people in Baltimore who are disabled or disadvantaged. For more information see: <http://www.peponline.org/aboutpep/>

Brandi Welsh – Baltimore City Community Liaison for the Department of Public Works (DPW)

- The DPW will be doing some sewer work in the Spring of 2014. If any of the work will impact your property you should have received a letter by now. To learn more about this go to <http://cleanwaterbaltimore.org/construction-impacts-to-your-community.asp>
- Ms. Welsh discussed the stormwater fees. There are several ways to earn residential credits to reduce your fee. See the Stormwater Fees section of www.ridgelysdelight.org/green for more information.

Committee Reports

Safety Report – Rob LaPin

- There has been an increase in car break-ins recently. The police are no longer putting the reminders on cars for people to not leave valuables in sight. Rob is working with the University Police to try to make students more aware of this concern.
- On October 19th someone was robbed and assaulted near the Tot Lot.
- A group of kids have been seen stealing items from the Sunoco station.
- There were some homeless people sleeping in the tot lot so we are now locking it at night.
- As per usual, if you see anything of concern, call 911.

New Parking Advisory Board Neighborhood Rep –Mike Plaisted-Parking meeting update

- New regulations re: Valet Parking have gone into effect. They have to be licensed and businesses that use them have to submit a plan to be able to use valet services which includes a designated off-street parking location.
- New on-line system for registering for parking permits, I-Park is ready to go live. Should improve the whole registration process.
- Parking authority will make sure you only have one active RPP Sticker so if you move to another neighborhood you will not be able to get a sticker for the neighborhood unless you turn in your old one.
- Project Space closes the loophole that allowed people with a Handi-Cap sticker to park anywhere in the city for free. Now there will be designated handi-cap parking areas and meters will need to be paid.
- Commercial vehicles will not be issued RPP permits and they cannot use visitor passes. If you have work to be done on your home and need a parking permit for a commercial vehicle you can apply for one at the parking office. If you see commercial vehicles parked in the neighborhood with permits or with visitor passes you can call 311 to have the vehicle ticketed and/or towed.

Board elections in November community meeting

- Taking nominations/changes via email (president@ridgelysdelight.org) through October. Nominations will also be taken on the floor in the November meeting.
- To be a member in good standing (vote/run) you have to have attended 2 community sanctioned events (COP walks, monthly cleanups, monthly meetings, etc.) in the past 4 months.
- Current slate of candidates:
President: Eric Davis
Vice President of Logistics: Farzana Muhib
Vice President of Communications: Joanne Drummond
Secretary: Ben Marks
Treasurer: Michelle Vitolo
Parliamentarian: Paul Reubenson
Members At Large (5 positions): Paul Wilder, Rob LaPin, Matt Hilldoerfer, A Reuter, Dan Keller, Ray Lagos, Jim Quigley, Brad Hutcheson.

Update of the bylaws

- Long term process that is just getting started.
- Planning on going through multiple drafts before taking a community vote on this next year.
- This generated a lengthy discussion of the way the board is currently doing business. Concerns were expressed that the board is not meeting regularly as per the guidelines in the current by-laws and that the current method of using e-mail for communication among board member does not allow for enough transparency of board activities and decisions.
- Eric will review the current by-laws and try to get the board more in-line with the guidance as it currently stands and will solicit the input from past board members to assist in the process.
- A copy of the current DRAFT document for revisions to the bylaws has been posted on Yahoo Groups for everyone to review.
- Review of these by laws for possible areas of improvement will continue with any members of the community who are interested in participating and ANY proposed changes will be submitted to the community for comment prior to vote to assure that everyone has ample opportunity to voice an opinion.

COP (Citizens on Patrol) Walks –Sunday and Monday Evenings

- If you are interested in participating the Sunday group meets in front of Sharon Reuter's house (653 Washington St). at 7:30 pm. The Monday group meets at the corner of Russell and Greene at 7:00 pm.

Pig Town Festival – October 19th

- See the website <http://www.pigtownfestival.com/> for details
- There will be an organizational meeting on Monday at 7pm at 781 Washington Blvd for anyone who wants to participate
- Vendor tables can be rented for \$50

Community Happy Hour – Oct 4th – Dempsey's

Second Saturday Cleanup – Saturday Oct 12th 2013 – 9am – 11am

- Likely need to start attacking leaf piles by then.
- Taking suggestions for problem areas/projects to concentrate on. president@ridgelysdelight.org

