

Fairmount Civic Association
General Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2017

I. Call to order

Larry Reynolds called to order the regular (October) meeting of the Fairmount Civic Association at 7:32 pm on 11/02/2017 at the City School.

II. Agenda Items

Meeting location: City School

Food provided by Luigi's Pizzeria at a discount.

1. Bache-Martin Library: Jerilyn Dressler, Friends of Bache-Martin President.

- Bache-Martin is the local k-8 public school, FOBM is a 501c3 organization designed to raise money for the school.
- Latest project is to reopen the library that was shuttered 5 yrs ago. Currently, there are only 6 librarians in the district.
- Libraries are helpful to academics.
- FOBM is seeking to raise \$50k to reopen libraries, along with help from a combination of volunteers.
- If you are interested in volunteering, contact Friendsofbachemartin@gmail.com for more details.

2. Crime and Safety: Chet Wichowski, PDAC president and FCA board member.

- Suspect for recent robberies apprehended and charged with 3 of a possible 5 robberies.
- Theft from auto is always an issue. Keep cars empty and keep porch light on.
- Homicide on Melon St: apprehension of suspect was largely due to local video cameras.
- Video Camera Workshop at 7pm in the Franklin Institute (side entrance): Auditorium presentation on video camera systems. Discounts available.

3. Route 49 Bus Update

- Approved bus route from Brewerytown to University City and beyond.
- Terminal debates have delayed implementation, but a resolution has been approved. Route will be finalized
- 25% chance by Spring 2018.

4. Stillman Street Garden X-mas tree lighting

- 12/2 @ 7pm, refreshments provided by FCA
- corner of Stillman and Parish

5. FCA Board Candidates

- Review
- Board Positions – Election is 12/7. Nominations are as follows.
 - i. President – Bruce Butler
 - ii. Vice President – Kevin Wonder
 - iii. Secretary – Kelly Bean
 - iv. Treasurer - Tim Butters
 - v. Directors:
 1. Kim Kocher
 2. Chet Wichowski
 3. Bob McCormick
 4. Sheryl Haines
 5. Sam Holloschutz
 6. Larry Reynolds
 7. Eli Aklilu

- CDC Representative: Geni Klein

6. FCDC Update

- Fairmount Food Fight 11/16: very few tickets remaining.
- Small Business Saturday 11/25: Collect passports at participating vendor in order to win prizes.

7. Committee Reports

- Finance: Reserves are in good shape.
- Fall Cleanup: 11/12, Sunday. See website for details.

8. Zoning and Development

- 932 N 30th St. – request to turn house into duplex status was rejected
- 922 N 29th St. – information pending.
- 2614 W. Girard – Developers acquired an existing structure with commercial first floor and vacant second & third floor. Upper-floor vacancy was intended. Possibly due to a failure to provide sufficient fire-proofing for upper floors at the time that the restaurant was installed. Developer proposes new façade work, and seeks a removal of the proviso.
 - i. Immediate neighbors: majority in favor. General: unanimous approval.
 - ii. 11/29 ZBA hearing
- Poplar & Taney (Graverley Lot) – N6 Developers LLC proposed a design for a development (no permit submission yet). The proposal consisted of 23 single-family dwellings (townhomes), 38ft (3fl + roof deck), 3 bdrm, rear yard area and below-grade parking (2+ per dwelling). 46% of parking lot being built upon. Permit refusals might primarily pertain to useage, but permits have yet to be filed.
- 2600 W. Girard – property on hold.
- 2533-45 Poplar – proposing restaurant with take-out, requires a variance
- 754 Judson St. – 3rd floor addition has been approved

9. Next meeting: December 7

III. Adjournment

Larry Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Scott Dressler

Minutes approved by: [Name]