

GBA Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 4.26.2016
Next Steering Committee Mtg set for Wed. May 31st 4pm at CAC

I. Call to order - In attendance:

Officers: Mike F, Mary B, Greg S, and Dan M.

Steering Committee Members: Mike D, Laurie A, Bob H, Larry G, Andrea M, Diane I, Fran S, Janet E, Erin K, Brent F, Belinda

Interim ED: Meredith Chaiken

Guests: Liam Flynn

Noted Absences: Rodette Jones (at mtg with Mayor Pugh advocating for GBA and 20/20 vision) , Destiny Watford (In New York - Good Morning America - media appearance highlighting our work) Kim (work conflict)

II. Mike Furbish introduced our newly hired Interim ED: Meredith Chaiken

III. Check In:

Greg S mentioned Destiny's Good Morning America appearance (posted on GBA Facebook page) and Rodette's mtg with Mayor Pugh - will get full report back on both.

Laurie A - Noted May 20th Community resource fair at Transformation center (make sure details are on GBA calendar)SYLVIAPOOREBHIA@gmail.com <SYLVIAPOOREBHIA@gmail.com>

Bob H - noted ongoing effort to relate Port to our GBA work - working towards meaningful collaboration

Larry G - Brooklyn Park - noted the rodent control program as a big deal and a big draw for the last community association mtg

Liam Flynn - invited all to 1st anniversary on Sunday at O'Flynn's - 12-3 irish session / Crabs

Andrea Mayer - Has been engaged with SB7

Diane Ingram - Ditto - wants to catch up

Fran Schmidt - Noted mtg with County Exec Schuh

Meredith: Shared enthusiasm with the group to be here and get started

IV. Minutes approved - Greg S sent out minutes in advance of the mtg - requested any changes - none given and minutes approved

V. Dan M provided treasurer report: Noted that GBA has \$3,600 in unrestricted funds

Discussion about status of TAG money, Goldsejer and BDC money. Also, question fielded and resolved (through clarification) regarding the fees paid to Strong City for the work they provide GBA. Noted that while most documents are already on Google Drive - some still need to be added and will be done so promptly. Also, question raised about completion dates of projects/use of funds that is being fielded and resolved.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Community Engagement

-Reported successful outreach at Ben Fest as well as at CCBB and Curtis Bay association. Reported on progress of two presentations for outreach to be refined by the task force. Noted the need for GBA letter head as well as uploading outreach materials to Google Drive. Steering Committee thanked for providing responses to the reflection prompt and encouraged to continue doing so. Noted progress on website/database and need to initiate (pay for Nationbuilder use) and decide on website name. Jan noted that she has relevant domains registered/secured!

b. Economic Dev

Full noted available on Google Drive. Mtg honed in on fy17 funds -

ID and branding at 4 key intersections on the map distributed - streetscaping with modest signage - discussed how to maintain trees and plants.

34K in the budget for the signage and streetscaping - Ira is getting estimates for landscaping and the signs.

Also had good discussion on ideas for 18' funds - park and ride space, pop up stores, community of hope, farmers market, filbert st. farm, makerspace at CAC, artisan center. How to leverage resources for additional study of what's needed/what models could be used.

Mike Dorsey -noted conversation with Pete Smith about GBA. Talked to DPW about issuing contracts to maintain outdoor areas - could be training opportunity for local residents to get jobs.

Liam - mentioned the Midtown benefits district approach - asking if GBA has connected to see that model.

Jan mentioned CBF: Healthy Harbor tour.

Housing: Talked about FY17 block improvement project - will move forward and create an application for residents to apply for use of funds available.

Dan McCarthy from Episcopal Housing came to share and listen

Identified the need for Affordable Quality Housing

Joe Memmel: presented on his acquisition and development of homes in Curtis Bay.

Erin: Noted focus on the Anne Arundel County Side and identified need for a City side GBA person to help facilitate the next steps with the task force.

After housing Task Force - several members attended the Community Land Trust info/planning session at The Well.

Transportation: trying to get port involved - reaching out to CMTA, reached out to BMC as well.

Next meeting is Monday - need to add to calendar. Next task for the task force will be to id priorities and projects to propose. Greg went to diesel truck mtg and reported back that Tad Aburn from MDE is interested in connecting with GBA to share potential resources and programs regarding air quality. Brent reported that City BOE is looking at funding for an engineering study on Pennington Curtis 2 way.

Quality of Life: 4 categories for the task force have been id'd: Crime / Safety, Parks, Healthy Food, Arts/Culture, Public Health

Laurie reported on Light City community idea (to make GBA a site for a light city installation)- Anthony Poore from Shooting Star Studios attended and brain stormed with us.

Public health: Greg noted the progress on getting quality air quality monitoring equipment in a key location. Also noted Zero Waste resolution + city council hearing set for May 16th at 10am at City Hall - advocated by GBA residents - everyone invited to attend.

Group motioned to create a new task force = Crime and Safety with Diane I to be the initial chair. Rationale was that Quality of Life is taking on a lot and isn't equipped to focus as much as need on Crime and Safety - noted as a major priority that we aren't focused on enough as of now. Motion approved. Need to follow up on calendaring task force mtg.

VII. BRNI Grants - FY17 and 18

Status reports: The Stadium - working to get storm water permit before shovels in the ground. Updates forthcoming.

Meredith addressed the process for creating the BRNI 2018 proposal:

Key points: Leverage the work done last year by Ira to gather input - build on the work from last year to build this year's proposal - present what ideas are on the table - work out a rubric to score and weigh the proposals and make a choice on each one - with key questions including: is this appropriate for BRNI ? Is this ready for this funding cycle? Noted interest in supporting priority projects that may not fit the requirements of the proposal.

Next Steps: Task forces to meet or consolidate ideas btw now and May 15th to clarify priorities for BRNI 2 application

Meredith will help facilitate the next housing task force.

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Fundraising: Erin gave report: partner for places grant - we didn't get it. Noted that GBS took DHCD on tour of community - noted need for additional operating funds. Greg S, Destiny, Rodette, others pursuing Art Place grant (finalists last year - requested to apply again with targeted focus on CLT) - have submitted LOI and awaiting confirmation to continue on to next step - want GBA to be the entity applying.

VISTA: we are an approved site - we have several interested applicants. Need now to determine next steps - including budget and payment.