

GBA Steering Committee Notes

January 25, 2017

The meeting was opened by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their willingness to participate.

Karen Stokes gave a brief update on the state budget and the cuts to next year's BRNI. She also explained how Strong City Baltimore will continue to interact with the GBA as the fiscal agent and how the Steering Committee will function as the lead on all the priorities of Greater Baybrook Alliance. As the fiscal agent Strong City will charge a management fee that covers the role of contracting agent for the BRNI funds and other grants and will be the organization that will pay the new executive director when hired and supply backroom support such as audit, insurance, HR/Payroll, and IRS forms.

The conversation then turned to the need to reactivate the Task Forces as a way to involve more stakeholders and to need to have Steering Committee members on each task force. The Steering Committee members indicated on a list which task forces they were most interested in serving on.

Karen then said that it would no longer be feasible for her to co-chair the organization since she is the CEO of Strong City Baltimore and will be serving as the fiscal agent. That led to a discussion of election of officers. Mary Burkholder stated that she would be willing to continue as co-chair and Michael Furbish agreed to serve as the other co-chair. This was put forward as a motion and approved.

Greg Sawtell was nominated as the Secretary and Daniel McGinty was nominated as treasurer. Their positions were put forth as a motion and approved also. The four elected officers will serve as the executive committee.

Additional items still on the agenda are the organization Issues of operating guidelines, a draft work plan and draft budget as well as securing funds to hire an executive director.

Carol reported that she was working on a VISTA application, that was due the next morning at 9AM. The SC agreed that she should submit it as if accepted it would provide us with a staff person at a very reasonable cost. **NOTE:** It was submitted on time and thanks to Janet Eveland for her second pair of eyes and input.

Erin spoke about the upcoming Maryland Community Development Networks's luncheon and lobbying day in Annapolis and urged us to participate. **NOTE:** GBA had a table with flyers and the following persons visited delegates and senators and manned the table: Michael Furbish, Michael Dorsey, Belinda Fraley Husmann, Janet Eveland, Fran Schmidt, Erin Kaprewicz, and Carol Eshelman. What a great turnout for our debut.

The next Steering Committee is scheduled to meet on February 22 from 4-6 at the Chesapeake Arts Center.

