

## **GBA Steering Committee MTG 5.31.2017**

Attendance: Alice, Laurie Anderson, Kelly Oglesbee (sitting in for Dante), Jan Eveland, Destiny, Emma Simpson, Bob Hoyt, Larry Gill, Fran Schmit, Phillip Isaih (working under Brent Flickinger), Ira Kowler, Erin Shearman, Greg Sawtell, Dan McGinty, Michael Furbish, Meredith Chaiken, Brent Flickinger

- **Check In: Meeting started with a check in by each member in attendance.**

Of note...Mary Burkholder has resigned from her chair position within GBA - working to identify another AA County person to step up to replace her. Appreciation for her contribution was noted along with her interest in staying engaged in the work.

Laurie noted several upcoming community events - Fun Fest at The Well on June 24th as well as an event at CAC on Aug 23rd.

Jan brought a City Council Resolution to the group's attention with an impact on our region - also mentioned a hearing related to a local nightclub. Provided details to those interested in learning more.

Larry noted two community events on June 17th - brooklyn park community day + unity day

Fran Schmit reported back on the Port Tour - noted national night out set for the first tuesday in august

- **Minutes Approval - Steering Committee approved minutes from April's meeting.**

N.B several committee members indicated difficulty accessing the calendar and documents such as mtg minutes. Calendar is accessible via our website, documents are available on google drive - need to continue working towards maximally accessible solutions.

- **Treasurer Report**

Dan noted one correction made to the treasurer report - report available via Dan

- **Committee Reports**

### **Community Engagement**

- Transformation Center event - GBA team tabled + got several sign in sheets of interested residents. Follow up is needed to build our base.

- noted need for table dressing at future events.

- Noted a series of upcoming events

-Discussion what messages are sticking with people?

### **Economic Development**

Finalized branding/promotion/signage effort - gathering quotes for landscaping and signage - should have it ready for next task force on way to implementing the project. Also brainstormed ideas for economic development for this years' BRNI app.

### **Housing**

ACDS owner occupied rehab and scattered site acquisition - they do it on a rolling basis over the 2 year cycle of the grant - right now it's only for anne arundel county residents with interest in expanding to the city using BRNI funds. Discussed ACDS relationship with GBA and strong city - in terms of reporting and oversight. CLT work on the City side was reported on.

### **Transportation**

Update on BRNI proposals (details provided in handout) - bike lanes, shuttle bus service (connecting residents to job sites, grocery stores, etc...). Shaping up with some additional details for submission as BRNI proposal.

### **Youth and Education**

-met yesterday and revisited project priorities - next mtg is Aug 8th.

Pastor Billy Humphrey - recommended that we do more outreach to faith based groups

### **Quality of Life**

We cover a large number of target areas - making sure we have clear communication procedures - making sure that monthly mtg notes are available - and communication is happening across committees.

**NOTE: Add crime and safety task force to next agenda**

**SB7 crime and safety task force** - July 22nd Patapsco arena - speakers and workshops - domestic violence, substance abuse and mental illness

- **Other:**

Larry asked about community of hope and if/how we are relating to it? Erin - ACDS is in contact with Pam - idea was to locate a community of hope project at CAC - not ready for this year

- **BRNI 2018 application**

10 projects in our application - with aggressive dollar amount asks - subject to change

Reviewed priorities as reflected in document listing projects in the pipeline to comprise our BRNI app

Top priority = operating expenses 100k for Exec Director and 10k for Vista (last year we asked for 200k for 2 full time positions). Feedback - increase the amount to allow for additional expenses and anticipating whatever amount we propose to be cut (likely to happen)

Erin offered to help work through proposal to reflect expenses that come with operations of GBA (given that we are thinking through setting out on our own)

Meredith - made point that we need to be thinking well beyond BRNI in terms of funding - we cannot be defined by BRNI - we need to figure out what we are about besides BRNI.

#2 Community Spruce up grants - \$160k - we become a granting entity - small to medium sized projects that are very flexible - gives us a chance to establish a presence - get stuff done

#3 Expansion of ACDS housing - 373K

#4 375K Rehab of CCYD building that City Schools is purchasing - our small piece is to convert the 2nd floor (1000 sq ft) - strong support from legislators

#5 245,927K - distribution of trash cans to 10K residents on both sides of Ritchie Hwy -

#6 Affordable Housing with wraparound services - \$320K

#7 ACDS expansion into Baltimore City - 319.5K - 8 or 9 properties

#8

#9 Retail pop up program - 120k - locations not chosen - model based on Detroit

#10 CAC

= 2.5 million total

**Discussion:**

-Brooke Lierman got funding for sports complex so we almost certainly don't have to seek additional funds this year from BRNI

-Admin fee = 150K (that would come from operating and the amount we are asking for)

Discussed getting letters of support for the full application as well as letters of support for individual projects.

Support needed for editing and review for each piece of the BRNI proposal:

Operational support - Ira

Community Spruce up - Michael Dorsey

ACDS - Erin

301 E Patapsco - Dante

Rodent abatement - Allison Moeding

CLT - Greg + Michael F

Retail - Ira

Bayrbook - Jan

CAC - Belinda

- **NEXT STEPS**

Meredith's goal is to attend task force mtgs + set up one on one mtgs with each steering committee mtgs.

Vista volunteer - interviewing 2 people this week - may have a person on board - may start in July or possibly later in November  
- we got several good applications

Beyond BRNI - we need to start thinking more broadly to sustain the organization - we should incorporate as a non profit as an independent organization. Need to think about what this means/implications for the organization.

June/July - reaching out to City foundations

Establishing a board of directors to help with fundraising

Outreach to corporations to start donating

Sagamore mtg in a couple weeks

all this is about becoming more independent from BRNI

- **Checkout -**

folks described the great level of excitement  
excitement about city county collaboration  
challenges to ourselves

