**GNIA MEETING MINUTES 6/12**

* Ms. Cherniak opened meeting
* Mr. Basnayake provided Secretary’s report
* Ms. Cherniak provided this year’s highlights
  + Corrected incorrect tax filing
  + Hired strategic planner via grant
  + Held Second Annual Crime and Safety Fair
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  + National Night Out
  + Met with CHAI to clarify and define relationship
  + New board members
  + Goals for the next year
    - Outreach to more residents and businesses
    - Glen is going to be a litter free zone
    - City Services Fair
    - Third Annual Crime and Safety Fair
    - Candidate Forums
* Ms. Randall summarized strategic plan for GNIA
  + Neighbors in Partnership tagline
  + New mission statement:
    - The Glen Neighborhood Improvement Association was organized in the late 1960s and incorporated in 1999 for the purpose of making Glen one of the greatest communities in Baltimore City to live, work, and play.
    - The organization works to:
      * Foster inclusion
      * Promote neighborliness through outreach and education
      * Involve membership and city agencies to work together,
      * Preserve a diverse housing stock, and
      * Address community safety and problems
  + Goals and strategies
    - Increase members to 300 by focusing and marketing to different groups, age, race, etc.
    - More calls to 311 to get the city working for our community
    - Share history of Glen
    - Issues to consider: segregation, pimlico’s future, GNIA participation, Elections in 2020
  + What can we do?
    - Talk about GNIA with neighbors and why you attend meetings
    - Seek other experts so GNIA can learn as well
    - Give a neighbor a ride to a meeting
    - Go to future events
* Officer Labar from the Baltimore Police Department provided police update
  + Warmer weather means more people are outside
  + Robbery on 3600 Clarks and 3400 Cross Country
    - Pay attention when outside and be aware of surroundings
  + 3 burglaries
  + 5 larceny from autos
    - Please lock your cars and do not leave valuables in the car
  + 3 stolen cars
* Ms. Cherniak requested votes
  + General membership approved new bylaws
  + General membership approved the below board slate with no additional candidates
    - Betty Cherniak
    - Paul Block
    - Arlene Block
    - Iris Smith
    - Maxine Webb
    - Joyce Sanders
    - Allan Johnson
    - Ronald McCallum
    - Mark Hart
    - Judith Krumbein
    - Heshie Klein
    - Chaim Rubenstein
* Ms. Donato-Galindo from BGE provided an update
  + Summer storms will cause some outages, please report these by calling BGE or texting “outage” to 69243
    - Charge phones and equipment to be prepared
  + If you have tree concerns, contact BGE customer care: 1 (800) 685-0123
  + Working on upgrading street lights to transition to LED lighting as well as upgrading lights to add pedestrian lighting.
    - Call 311 and reach out to Ms. Donato-Galindo (667-313-1636; faviola.donato-galindo@bge.com) with ticket ID
* Mr. Campbell from MTA provided an update
  + Introduced himself and expressed the importance of community relationship with MTA to understand customer needs
  + Resident asked about recent bus line changes that do not allow residents to get to Reisterstown Plaza in one bus - difficult for seniors and students alike
    - Mr. Campbell stated that there was a recent change in the law that disallows busses from stopping at schools
    - Mr. Campbell stated that he will bring up to the Service Department that kids are having difficulty getting to school and residents in Glen are not able to access their business district easily
  + Citizens Advisory Committee is held monthly for residents to share concerns
    - Third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., MTA, 6 Saint Paul Street in the 5th Floor Conference Room
  + Warned that MTA fares are increasing soon
  + Contact: 410-767-8763; [acampbell2@mta.maryland.gov](mailto:acampbell2@mta.maryland.gov)
* Ms. Gardner from the Mayor’s Office provided an update
  + Property tax bills, parking tickets, towing, permitting, and emergency services are up and running; City network will soon be fully functioning
    - Advised residents to wait until water billing system is online before paying water bills
  + Stated that City law department has removed lawsuit with Stronach Group to begin talks about the future of Pimlico
* Ms. Wallace from the Councilman Schleifer’s Office provided an update
  + Charm city games are being held throughout the city; July 13th-20th
    - Contact Ms. Wallace (cwdistrict5@gmail.com) if interested
* Ms. Kunze from Cleanwater Action provided an update on sewage backup assistance available
  + There is a consent decree put on the department of public works to provide assistance to Baltimore residents who are experiencing large amounts of sewage backups - this could be the city infrastructure’s fault
    - Contact Ms. Kunze (240-397-4126; [jkunze@cleanwater.org](mailto:jkunze@cleanwater.org)) for more information on financial assistance for sewage backups
  + Next meeting is in September! Have a great summer