

CCA Public Meeting
Tuesday, May 27, 2014

The meeting started at 7:05PM. Sean Flanagan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He thanked Rev. Cathy Oatman for use of the hall along with thanks to Starbucks. Chick-Fil-A provided food for this meeting. They are having their grand opening Thursday, May 29.

Announcements:

The Canton Dog Park is having its annual event Sunday, June 1 from 10A-2PM. Sean thanked Coppermine for their help with this event.

There is a blood drive here at the church on Thursday, May 29 from 2:30-8PM.

On Wednesday, May 28 there will be a 46th District Legislative Forum from 6-8PM at Patterson Park Charter School.

The First Thursday event hosted by WTMD will be June 5 at the Waterfront Park. Sean said the first one went well and recommended people be sensitive to the extra foot traffic.

Sean said that Captain Deron Garrity will be coming to the meeting soon.

Star Spangled Spectacular (200th Anniversary Events):

Nan Narowki, Vice President, Sail Baltimore, spoke about the upcoming events. Saying that she met some of us in 2012, Nan said the emphasis September 10-16 will be on the flag, fort and fireworks. The website is: www.starspangled200.coim. Kate Scherr-Adams, Volunteer Coordinator, said they are looking for volunteers for the September 14 competition. Her info is: kscherradams@promotionsandarts.com.

Red Line – Right Rail Coalition (RRC):

Marty Taylor, President of RRC, handed out literature about the Coalition. This is a group of citizens who are for a better Red Line without raising taxes. This is a group of volunteers with a little startup money.

It is a 501 C-4 advocacy group. Marty said everyone agrees we need better transit here. The State Transportation Trust Fund has earmarked about \$1.7 billion for public transportation projects including the Red Line; however, the rest will have to come from the federal government and Baltimore City. Baltimore County has already said they won't pay toward the project.

Marty presented an alternative plan. He doesn't feel that the Red Line serves the waterfront area and that we have the #11 bus. The RRC's plan would connect the Red Line to other areas with transit.

There were questions and answers. So far about \$100 million of federal money is slated. Marty said our legislators, Bill Ferguson, Pete Hammen and Luke Clippinger are trying to get answers by July 1 about the question of where the Red Line will get the

money. He hopes to provide a good plan to move forward, but in a different way.

Sean said we are looking at a viable option and thanked Delegate Pete Hammen for being involved.

Their website is: www.rightrailcoalition.org.

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District Commander Captain Deron Garrity was introduced. He said he grew up in Hampden, went to Polytechnic Institute and is in his 25th year on the force. He likes the Canton area. He brought along two officers who answer calls for this area.

He talked about car larceny, when to call 911 as opposed to calling 311, carrying a walking stick and carrying mace.

Noting that there are concerns about when FAST (Friendship Academy of Science and Technology) closes in mid-June, there will be an extra deployment of officers.

Canton Middle School – Matt Hornbeck, President of HHA:

Matt Hornbeck, President of Hampstead Hill Academy, spoke about the opportunity for a new school. He thanked Captain Garrity and the officers from the Neighborhood Services Unit. There are 714 students from Pre K-8 with a waiting list. HHA serves the area of Broadway to Haven Street.

In 1988 the school was built for a maximum of 550 students. He advised us to take advantage of tours offered at the school. He is proposing that the school district allow for two campuses. The present school was designed for an elementary school and would remain a Pre K-second grade. It would also allow for two to three-year olds to enroll. The other campus (site of FAST) could be for grades 3-5 and 6-8 for about 800 students. Parking would be underground and on top of the building. This building is slated for renovation with plans to be ready in 2018. Principal Hornbeck hopes to be cleared to use this building. He wants to get community support.

There were question and answers. Someone expressed concern about maintaining the current zone and keeping the charter.

Development Proposal – 1000-1018 S. Linwood Avenue – Ross Taylor:

Ross Taylor, General Manager, Taylor Property Group, was introduced. Sean said this is not a CCA-approved proposal at this time and with full disclosure said Ross is a member of the CCA Board.

Sean thanked Ross for presenting to the group his plan. His proposal is for one floor of offices, one floor of parking and one floor of rentals with full lot coverage. He showed views both south and north of his development. The material he wants to use is black

cement board, made of a quality built to last. His plan includes six 2-bedroom units and fifteen 1-bedroom units.

He took questions from residents and said he hasn't gotten permits yet.

There were concerns expressed about how it would look next to two and three story buildings and the parking issue. He showed pictures of areas showing taller buildings next to two story ones. He doesn't feel that parking will be an issue during the day, He estimates there will be 35 people during the day in the offices. His plan calls for 24 parking spaces. According to current zoning, this project doesn't require off-street parking.

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Miscellaneous:

Dr. Mateen Rasul Zar is running for District 46's State Senate seat. He spoke for a few minutes. His website is: www.zarforstatesenate.com and his email is: info@zarforstatesenate.com.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Aversa