

**MIDTOWN COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017
MICA – 1601 MT ROYAL AVENUE – 6:30 PM**

Member's Present: Polly Duke, Rufus Davis, Jennifer Mielke, Adrian Harpool, Mac Maclure, Michele Richter, and Kory Gedin, Rachel Indek, Melvin Mercer, Pamela Johnson by telephone

Staff Present:

Michelle Wirzberger, Executive Director, Midtown Community Benefits District
Peggy Smallwood, Deputy Director, Midtown Community Benefits District

Adrian Harpool, Chair called meeting to order at 6:36 pm

Approval of April minutes

Chair asked for motion to approve April minutes

Jennifer Mielke motioned to approve April minutes.

Mac Maclure seconded motion.

Adrian Harpool, Chairman of the Board Report

Chair announced the following board member changes and expressed appreciation for their service on the board as well in their perspective communities: Michael Marcus is relocating to California. Michael will be replaced by the new MRIA President, Linda Rittleman. Don Donahue of the Charles North community will also be leaving the board. Don will be replaced by Alan Mlinarchik. Melvin Mercer, Charles North at-large representative is also relocating to California. The board will work with the community representatives for a replacement for the vacant at-large board seat.

Chair discussed proposed recommendation that he first made at the Spring Town Hall meeting for the allocation of a percentage of surplus funds expected at the end of the fiscal year to fund employment opportunities for at least 3 or 4 youths from the communities as part of the Mayor's Youth Works Summer Program. A robust discussion was held regarding the best and most constructive ways to use summer youth workers while keeping them safe and normal operations moving along. In the past, Youth Workers have been paired with Midtown employees on the Green and Clean team during the summer. Various concerns were addressed with managing the Youth Works program in the past. The Chair suggested that opportunities should be found to place the Youth Workers in professional office settings. The Chair has already spoken with several leading professional within the District, such Ernst Valerie, regarding the placement of a young person and he will actively look for other placements.

Chair asked for the board to consider providing funding to employee at least 3 young people summer employment opportunities.

Discussion follows.

Jennifer Mielke motioned to sponsor 3 young people through the Mayor's Office of Youth Works initiatives.

Michele Richter seconded motion.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Michelle Wirzberger, Executive Director's Report

- The new Club cars are out and about patrolling the district. Residents can sign-up to ride along with a Midtown officer.
- Midtown is gearing up for a series of self-defense classes. Participants will receive safety tips, a self-defense goodie bag as well as engage old and new partners in the district. Thanks to MICA, Prince Hall Masons, Midtown Yoga and The Carroll Dance Studio
- Fee-for-service contract for Goucher watering has been finalized.

Committee Reports

Green Committee Report

- The committee will coordinate a meet-and-greet for all community tree stewards, greening partners, committee members can meet and discuss continuation of greening strategies.

Public Safety Report

Michelle notes that Michael Marcus, Public Safety Chair is leaving the board. Chair states that he would serve as interim chair until a replacement determined. The next Public Safety meeting will be held on June 14, 2017.

Chair asked board about any community updates. Pamela Johnson expressed concerns of increased safety issues affecting the Madison Park neighborhood which has spilled over into the Bolton Hill neighborhood and ultimately may impact the Mt Vernon neighborhood as well as.

Chair asks that conversation be deferred for the Public Safety Committee to discuss and bring to the board from committee for further dialogue. Discussion table and will be sent to committee for discussion and action.

Adjournment

Chair asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Next Midtown Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the MICA Gateway building.