

**MIDTOWN COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
FALL TOWN HALL MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018
MT. ROYAL ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL – 7:30 PM**

Board Members Present: Adrian Harpool, Ashley Chertkof, David Lapidés, Jennifer Mielke, Linda Rittelmán, Michele Richter, Pamela Johnson, Rachel Indek, Steve Johnson, Wesley Stuckey

Staff Present:

Nan Rohrer, President
Peggy Smallwood, Vice-President
Curtis Ritz, Operations Manager
Elliot Weidow, Community Greening Coordinator
Stacey Johnson, Community Relations Specialist
Gerald Fauntleroy, Walker Supervisor

Community Members Present: see attached sign-in sheet

Adrian Harpool called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Introductions of the board members present, and the staff were made.

Mt. Royal Elementary School principal, Steve Skeen, welcomed everyone to the school, and outlined his goals for the school. Principal Skeen also gave an update on the upcoming Pollinator Garden and the sinkhole repairs, including playground replacement.

Johns Hopkins University representative Tom Lewis gave an overview of the university's safety initiatives and continued interest in creating a police department. Mr. Lewis offered to meet with community associations and other interested parties throughout the fall.

Nan Rohrer thanked everyone for attending, and for their assistance to date as she becomes familiar with the district. Ms. Rohrer reminded the community that it is leaf season and asked for patience as the crews work on leaf removal throughout the upcoming weeks. Ms. Rohrer also discussed her work to date in the district, and outlined various initiatives for Midtown. Included in the discussion were addressing homelessness, panhandling and safety issues as part of the Safety committee's efforts. Ms. Rohrer also commented on the importance of parks in the neighborhood, and highlighted the gateways work the Clean & Green committee will be undertaking. Additionally, Ms. Rohrer requested the community members participate in the committees, and reach out to staff or the main office if they are interested in assisting.

Jennifer Mielke explained the at-large board member process. She then asked the candidates to introduce themselves and provide a short bio and reason for their interest in running for the position. The candidates included:

Bolton Hill – Rachel Indek and Frederick "Fritz" Meyer
Charles North – David Lapidés

Madison Park – Nicholas Cohen

Mount Vernon – Steve Johnson and Brad Shapiro

Candidates introduced themselves. During this time, Mr. Fritz Meyer removed himself from the running, subsequently leaving Rachel Indek as the only candidate from Bolton Hill.

Ballots were then counted while community members shared upcoming event and festival information.

The following at-large members were announced:

Bolton Hill – Rachel Indek

Charles North – David Lapidés

Madison Park – Nicholas Cohen

Mount Vernon – Steve Johnson

The meeting was adjourned.