

**Kings Park Association
General Meeting
September 21, 2015
Hernwood Elementary School**

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by President Keith Dyson.

II. Reading of Minutes

The minutes were read and approved by motion as requested by President Dyson.

III. Budget Report

President Dyson read the Financial Report as the Treasurer was delayed due to work responsibility. The beginning balance on August 31, 2015, was \$2,567.00. Total administrative costs to date are \$608.61, leaving a balance of \$241.39; BG&E to date is \$236.88, leaving a balance of \$513.12. Hospitality expenditure totaled \$73.80 for a floral arrangement of a board member leaving a balance of \$76.92; Internet costs totaled \$131.185, leaving a balance of \$118.15; expenses for Kings Park improvement totaled \$1,110.00, leaving a balance of \$90.00; expenditures for Neighborhood Events totaled \$657.90, leaving a balance of \$24.10. Neighborhood events include Community Shred Day and Clean Up Day; costs for printing totaled \$581.09 leaving a balance of \$718.91. Total expenses to date are \$3,399.41, leaving a balance of \$1,600.59.

IV. New Business

A. 2015 KPA Membership

Vice President Annie Butler reported that in 2014 membership was 72.54%. In 2015, membership is 63%, for a total paid membership of 328 out of a total of 520 households occupied. There are a total of 19 vacant houses.

The Association is in need of 5 (five) more block captains. Those without a block captain include the 9900 block of Hoyt Circle, 9700 & 9800 blocks of Kerrigan Court. Please contact Mrs. Annie Butler at 410-922-5412, if interested in becoming a block captain.

B. Citizen on Patrol (COP)

COP Director Malik Freeman presented the following goals of the COP: to target patrol, ensure child safety, and maintain community awareness, neighborhood safety and maintain property values. Any violation reported is immediately reviewed by Mr. Freeman and President Dyson, if referred to him. Residents are notified by mail of any reported violation, and given a timeframe in which to correct the violation. Failure to correct the violation is then reported to Code Enforcement of Baltimore County.

Mr. Freeman stressed the need for regular patrolling of the community particularly after school, late night and early morning. For the safety of the neighborhood: lock car doors, do not leave visible items in the car; and at night turn on outdoor lights. To protect property do not leave shed or garage doors

open and unsecured. He also suggested doing a drive around the community. Never confront a suspicious person but if something looks suspicious call 911. He reminded residents to be especially vigilant during holidays, and school breaks.

New COP members are always needed and welcomed. Training is provided by Baltimore County Police Department. The training is located at the Randallstown substation.

C. Community Clean Up Day

The next community cleanup day is scheduled for October 17, 2015 from 7am-12 Noon, at the corner of Marriottsville and Live Oak Roads. Visit the Kings Park website to be informed about acceptable and unacceptable items for disposing. No electronics items can be accepted.

D. Combined Community Holiday Celebration

The 9th annual community holiday party will take place at Diamond Z on December 5, 2015. The Combined Community celebration is made up of the following communities, Kings Park, Stevenswood, Hernwood Heights, Oakwood Village, Edrich Manor, Fieldstone, Lochern, and Woodlands of Deer Park. The annual holiday celebration supports the Night of Peace Shelter located at Rolling Road and Windsor Mill Roads. This year to support the efforts of the shelter, please donate bath towels and wash cloths.

E. Miscellaneous

This is an aging community. Parents, grandparents need to support our neighborhood school. Parents need to be involved in the educational process. They should offer feedback to school administrators.

A report was made to the principal regarding the parking near the school entrance. Often there is double parking which can be a safety hazard for children walking to and from school.

President Dyson spoke with a representative from LifeBridge Health. A spokesperson is willing to come to a meeting on Changing Hearts. President Dyson asked those present if they were interested in such a meeting. The consensus of those present was very favorable. Present Dyson will arrange a meeting and the date will be posted at both entrances of the community.

F. Questions and Concerns

There were no major concerns discussed.

G. Guest Speaker

The guest speaker for the meeting was Councilman Julian E. Jones, Jr of the 4th Council District of Baltimore County.

Councilman Jones applauded what the community has been able to do. He reported that Hernwood Heights had had a series of break-ins. He reiterated the

need to call 911 if there is any suspicious activity. Do not take matters into your hands.

Councilman Jones announced that he will host a Community Picnic on September 27, 2015 at Northwest Regional Park, from 2PM until 7:30PM. Music will be provided by The Spindels, Marcus Mitchell and several gospel groups. There will be free food, games and a vintage car show.

On October 17, 2015, there is a business opportunity for those interested in starting or improving their business. There will be a financial literacy seminar to encourage those to make better use of credit.

Councilman Jones announced the schedule for council meeting. On the 1st and 3rd Monday each month, the public is invited to attend, sign up to address a particular issue. Each individual is allowed three minutes. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month, the sessions are working sessions.

Due to the recent concerns regarding air conditioning in the schools, Councilman Jones responded to what is happening. He stated that Baltimore County has the second oldest system in the state. He said that County Executive Kevin Kamentz is working hard to rectify the problems of an aging problem. He said that huge amounts have been spent and will continue to be spent on upgrading the school air condition. Councilman Jones pointed out that fifty-two cents of every dollar of the county's budget is spent on school improvement. The balance is allocated for police, fire, and jails.

Also, Councilman Jones informed us that medical cannabis is coming to the state. He mentioned that there are currently thirteen growers and it is likely that there will be more.

Foundry Row is moving along. In addition to Wegmans, a number of other stores have signed up but he could not reveal the companies involved. There are plans to redevelop Owings Mills Mall at some point. AMC Theatre will remain open. More development is taking place at Metro Plaza.

Councilman Jones can be contacted at: council4@baltimorecountymd.gov or by telephone 410-887-3389.

Councilman Jones remained after the conclusion of the meeting to respond to any other concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm, by President Dyson.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pearl Kirby, Recording Secretary*