

Post 114/Market Center Coalition

December 7, 2020

Notes

Attendance: Yossi Benor, Wireless One; Rachelina Bonacci, Maryland Stadium Authority; Gwen Brown, BHSB; Betty Covington, BCPSS; Chad Ellis, UMBPD; Aaron Faulkner, Lexington Market; Nate Fields, DPOB; Janee Franklin, Catholic Relief Services, MCCDC; Neal Friedlander, Councilman Costello's Office; Stacy Holmes, UMB Parking; Kenneth Jennings, HCD SIU; Judson Kerr, Southern Management, MCMA; Jenny Kessler Klump, MCMA; Deana Krizan, BCRI, LEAD; William Marcus, DPOB; Kristen Mitchell, MCMA, MCCDC; Stephanie Nichols, Catholic Relief Services; Larry Nunley, DPW; Bruce Panczner, Paradise Management, BEAM, MCCDC; Chantel Quarles, HCD Code Enforcement; Muriel Rich, DPW; Pickett Slater Harrington, Seawall; Diwee Sewell, G.R.O.W. Community Care; Perry Standfield, DPOB; Shelonda Stokes, DPOB; Sam Storey, DPOB; Shawn Wallace, MTA Police; Mike Watson, Everyman Theatre, MCMA; Wanda Watts, Central District Consent Decree Monitoring Team

Public Health & Safety

1. **BPD Action Committee** – Featherstone and Major Gaines are working on a community policing plan. Action Committee has stressed the fact that development and implementation of the community policing plan needs to continue regardless of staff turnover. BPD has agreed to quarterly meetings with the **Action Committee (or Coalition?)**. Action Committee will meet with BPD, UMBPF, Capital Police, and MTA police later in the day on December 7. MTA Administrator Kevin Quinn committed Captain Howard to participating in that meeting. Bruce Panczner also invited Captain Wallace.
2. **MTA Action Committee** – Pickett Slater Harrington (PSH) said that the committee met with Administrator Quinn and Baltimore City DOT Director Steve Sharkey on December 2. They agreed to address low-hanging fruit, such as placemaking at bus stops, especially those at Lexington Market. Jenny Kessler Klump elaborated on ideas for placemaking at bus stops – examples from Cincinnati, Baltimore, justification including visual improvements sending a clear signal to the public that people care about this place. Janee Franklin noted that Administrator Quinn was clear that will not agree to eliminating bus stops, as it exacerbates existing inequities. Bruce Panczner said that Satinder Kang with BCDOT has committed the agency to repairing the sidewalks on the NE corner of Saratoga and Eutaw Streets, because of our advocacy.
3. **Behavioral Health Action Committee**
 - a. Deana Krizan said that Lt. Steve Olson has returned to Market Center, and he is a big proponent of LEAD, so the LEAD program is receiving more referrals again (both from BPD and UMB). She said that they are not fully staffed with case managers – when they hire a new case manager, they will be able to accept social referrals again.
 - b. Gwen Brown said that more than 100 people participated in an information session on the Consent Decree, sponsored by BHSB.
 - c. Nate Fields is focusing on Park Avenue, near Lexington Market, and at the metro stop at Eutaw and Saratoga, working with Second Change Behavioral Health Center, Recovery

Center of MD, and Project Please (recently assisted 3 veterans). DPOB received a grant from the mayor's office to increase outreach. He also said that there would soon be an increase in shelter beds (due to cold weather?). If you know of people in Market Center who need help, he suggested telling Kristen Mitchell or Bruce Panczner, who know how to reach Nate and others who can help.

- d. Bruce Panczner said that Second Chance has reached 40 clients in four months via the BEAM Outpost on Eutaw Street, and 30 are still with the program.

Partner Connections

Shelonda Stokes reported:

- **SAO Meeting:** An agenda has been created for the upcoming meeting with SAO Marilyn Mosby. The SAO Action Committee is planning to go into the meeting with an open mind. The hope is to create a holistic approach to addressing issues in Market Center. Judson Kerr noted that the SAO is not acting on certain things that we think are important, and that the Committee hopes to talk to SAO Mosby about this. He welcomes other ideas for alternative approaches to share with the SAO, such as drug court.
- **Homeless Outreach:** Shelonda Stokes noted that Nate Fields is continuing to grow connections with the city, particularly with respect to homeless outreach, and is plugged in to the Homeless Management Information System.
- **Cleaning & Beautification:** DPOB has placed QR codes throughout the Downtown Management Authority area; its clean team will check in using the QR codes; conduct business checks; and identify issues that require attention, such as loitering and homelessness.
 - Alley Initiative: DPOB evaluated 41 alleys, grouped them into categories based on their condition, and is developing strategies to address each group. Strategies include working with dumpster companies to coordinate collection days, turning certain alleys into laneways with art, lighting, greening, etc. Through this work, they have identified dumpsters that are located in the public right of way (alleys) but do not have minor privilege permits, which they are working to address.
 - Larry Nunley, Kenneth Jennings, Ann Winder, and Stephanie Nichols asked to be kept informed on this initiative; Larry Nunley and Kenneth Jennings can assist, too.
 - We will address the alley initiative during the Appearance & Cleanliness Action Committee Meetings.
 - Shelonda Stokes will share the alley list via Google Drive.
- **Public Safety:** DPOB is segmenting its safety planning into four zones (Pratt Street Zone, Lombard Street Zone, Lexington Market Zone, and Charles Street Zone), which have distinct issues, needs, and stakeholders.
- **Equity and Economic Development:** As part of its efforts to improve racial equity downtown, DPOB is launching the Black Owned and Operated Storefront Tenancy (BOOST) program in early 2021, which aims to support Black businesses with affordable rents and technical and financial support. DPOB is working with landlords who have expressed a willingness to be flexible on rent for a vetted tenant.

Bruce Panczner reported that there is a 12/21 meeting with Senator Antonio Hayes, Delegate Melissa Wells, and Councilman Eric Costello to build stronger connections with elected officials.

Appearance & Cleanliness

Kristen Mitchell reported on behalf of Ann Winder that the trash cans for the 300 block of Park Avenue have been delivered, but we still need to add the “Market Center Clean Sponsor” stencils and stickers with the sponsors names on them. Enhanced enforcement will be delayed until after we deliver the trash cans.

Perry Standfield said that DPOB is planning a big cleanup this spring.

Business Health

Kristen Mitchell reported that she has created a comprehensive spreadsheet of spaces available for lease or rent in Market Center, identifying those that are possible alternative locations for businesses that applied to but do not get into the new Lexington Market. We expect to receive a list of those businesses from Seawall in the next month.

New Business

KM reported that the Market Center Community Development Corporation has kicked off Phase II of the Market Center Strategic Revitalization Plan (SRP). The Post 114/MC Coalition’s work and priorities should be reflected in the SRP; she encouraged Coalition members to participate in the SRP workgroup meetings, which will address Housing, Economy, Transportation, Quality of Life, Environment, and Community Engagement.

January Meeting Date – Monday, January 4