

RNA 2/24/20

RNA board meetings: John, Jackson, Rebecca, Jeff D, Jeff B

Attendees: 22

Tyler, Aide to Bill Ferguson, President of Senate (president)

1900 Light St development- "Riverside" (Christian)

- recap of project, vision, timeline and ask for support of rezoning area: area is diagonal from Hersh.
- Purpose is to restore the building, first floor hospitality, and office space for 2nd floor. Live, work, and play in Riverside. A hub for gathering. Approach is different from other developers. Tenants/partners need to be involved in all areas of the community- health, sustainability, locally sourced, innovation. The project is unique and the building will not be demolished, it will be restored.
- www.riversidebaltimore.com
- instagram account: riversidebaltimore
- parking issue: still working on this issue, and working with neighbors to use spots. And collaborate with park reno and parking.
- liquor license- working on
- zoned currently as neighborhood commercial which restricts outside plans, and outside seating. Looking to be rezoned as a commercial.

Councilwoman Shannon Sneed (13th district) running for President of Council

- working with colleagues to be transparent and honest, offering charter amendments in the city to have a direct impact
- reduce crime is the number one concern
- the BCPD should have an open process in hiring in major department heads
- attract families into the city and keep families in Baltimore
- holding the police commissioner accountable, and holding the state's attorney accountable
- long term solution of Baltimore issues is education. Council needs to invest in the schools. We cannot continue to just give money to the police department.
- look at current programs (like vacant) to ensure they are working
- equitable economic development.
- As councilwoman who has put in 7 pieces (the most of the candidates) of legislation: ex: bill that requires cabinet and directors of the city live in city; gag order bill: victims of police brutality can speak out; displaced workers: contractors need to be given 90 days notice to employees if work is leaving city
- Q: city manager? Need a city manager to address the quality of life issues which the mayor is not focusing on

Digital Harbor High school- Donna and Vincent FHNA

- \$1million dollar project
- working with DHHS coaches and AD for design
- change the current field into a multipurpose turf field (baseball, , replace the fence, and resod areas
- asking for RNA to join the committee to entice big partners- 3/16/20 steering committee at DHHS
- Cal Ripken foundation has signed on to build if we raise the money
- SBGP has committed \$3K for design and have committed to a lead gift
- this would be used by HS and youth leagues
- as a critical phase- want to start construction this summer
- need help getting institutional partners, need introductions to \$

Jackson Friends of Riverside Park

- Park reno update: survey and design prep is ongoing. Fall 2020 start date. Details online.
- Turf management department/unit is starting and moving into city building at the end of Covington
- planting season is starting – several sets of plants ready to be planted
- summer concert permits have been obtained and will be 2nd Sundays of summer months. Concert committee is always looking for day of help.
- Spring social May 17, 2020 – food trucks, DJ, games
- Q: CSX property convey? 3.3 acres was bought and allows soft ball field fence to be extended

- Q: fence will be replaced? Yes. Around the entire perimeter.
- Q: is all work being done by contractors? Yes, spring bidding season

SBGP Pool Grant update- Rebecca

- Splash City grant team met and have decided to spend the remaining \$6K on umbrellas, picnic benches, and a play structure for the baby pool area.
- then the final grant report will be submitted and the grant will be closed.

Public Safety- Jeff Dewberry

- nothing to report except for auto larceny and package theft
- update on Costello bill for camera rebate- show you purchased and register the camera with the city
- Peninsula crime and safety meeting on Saturday- Arch (Patterson park crime chair) spoke about the Patterson park camera anti crime plan. Looking into doing something similar here.

Q: there is an alley by her house where all the stolen packages are opened- do you want to map that?

Parking- Jeff Brown

- still on target for pilot area permit parking (Battery to Light, and Fort)
- we will part of the new electronic system