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**Minutes of January 16, 2007 Meeting**

President Karenthia A. Barber called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM

**Public Safety in Our Community:**

*Crime Update:*

Officer Blumberg from the Northeast District Community Relations updated the community on the crime activities from the past few months. The police department has implemented new software to retrieve crime data in each community however the new software reported all the crime from the surrounding areas. He was not able to provide an accurate update on crime statistics for Ednor Gardens-Lakeside this month. From what he gathered from reading the report there burglaries are on decrease but larcenies are on an increase. Officer Bloomberg suggests as individuals we should pay attention to surroundings while walking to the bus stop and walking to our cars. The police can also provide security checks for your house and advise you in how to make your house more secure. Burglars are looking for clues to stake out their next properties. Talk to you neighbors about unusual and suspicious activities and make sure you call the police. As a community residents are highly encouraged to attend the Northeastern Police Community Relation Council meetings. In these meetings the police chief, majors, and other officers are present to speak to the community about how to improve public safety. They update the community on crime, let residents know what plans are forth coming to reducing crime, and open the floor to the residents to express and to share new ideas on other to helping the community. To contact community relations or officer Blumberg email [david.blumberg@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:david.blumberg@baltimorepolice.org).

*COP*

Jeanne Adams reminded us of the need for more volunteers to go out with the Citizens On Patrol. For further information contact Jeanne at 410-467-0976.

**Parking Citation Regulations**

There was an incident in Wymans Park were residents went on vacation and came home to find that their cars were missing. They thought their cars were stolen but after some research found that their vehicles were towed away. After many complaints to the city council about the missing vehicles, it turned out that there was one resident who repeatedly called 311 to report cars that were parked for more than 48 hours. The Baltimore city 48 Hour Ordinance stated that if a car is parked for more than 48 hours, a parking violation would be issued, and the vehicle would be towed soon after. Keifer Mitchel presented a bill and Mary Pat Clark along with other council members supported him to amend the law. The new law states that a car cannot be towed after getting a 48-hour citation. If a car is illegally parked, or is damaged, and have dead tags on a residential street then the city will cite the car and have the vehicle towed.

### **GHCC Community Initiatives**

Germaine Johnson from Greater Homewood Community Corporation gave us an update on the administrative changes and Healthy Neighborhood program changes to the organization. Bill Miller director has retired and is replaced by Karen Stokes. EGLS is part of the Healthy Neighborhood program thru GHCC. GCHH created a committee discussing how to develop standards on how to declare a community's success through this program. They were also discussing a transition plan on how to remove themselves from a community which becomes self-sufficient. Before presenting their plans to the GHCC board? (which board, city council?), the board decided to remove funding from GHCC. As of December 31, 2006 GHCC will no longer receive funding to community organizing for the Healthy Neighborhood program. EGLS is still eligible to receive funding for the program however it will not be thru GHCC. Numerically EGLS has reached its goal of what the program was set out to do. One of the goals was to increase property value. Property value has gone from 61,000 in 2000 to \$160,000 as of June 2006. The funding for the program is used to market a community, provide grants and loans for home improvement, create a strong community involvement and improve the standards in neighborhoods. GHCC will continue to help EGLS however they will not have the staff and the manpower to dedicate to this community nor will they have the funds. There are still some funds available in the budget but only until July 1, 2007. GHCC will work with EGCL to use the remaining funds to support us in any projects that we need to complete.

### **Crestlyn Road Shopping Center**

Linda Cotton and other community members are protesting the opening of a carry out. This petition is to express opposition is to keep the restaurant from opening and to have unlimited hours of operation if it does open. The community believes that the carry out will present additional problems in the neighborhood such as possible drug activities, juvenile lurking and misbehaving, and trash and noise issues. Mary Pat Clark and Karenthia Barber are checking to see if the area is zoned for a restaurant and to see why the community was not notified.

### **Announcements**

#### *Education*

Kelly Fox, Mary Pat Clark, and Joan Stanne are asking for community support to deal the physical plant issues as well as the educational issues of Waverly. They are petitioning for a partially elected school board to help oversee the progress of the school's concerns and make sure that the City School Board fulfills its promises. They will be walking thru the neighborhood and speaking residents for support. They are also asking for members of the community to write to the state delegates to insure that Waverly their radar

#### *Congratulations!*

Congratulations to Karenthia Barber for being appointed as an alternate for the Democratic State Central Committee for the 43<sup>rd</sup> district.

#### *I-neighbor*

Brad Schegel has informed us that i-neighbor has been condensed to one list, Ednor Gardens-Lakeside 21218.