

**Action Baybrook**  
Meeting Minutes

37 attendees

Meeting began at 7:07

**I. Board of Directors update**

John Miller has been added to the board

**II. Neighborhood News/Announcements**

Jen Berg (Friends of Garrett Park) announced the park centennial celebration on Sept 28th  
Historian Rick B.

Rodette Jones told the group about the Woodworking Wednesday classes being offered to children at the CAC, where children from the Boys & Girls Club will be learning and making birdhouses for the park

Jones mentioned the Community Barn Build for Filbert Street garden on Sept 14th,

And that Yoga in Garrett Park would take place on Sept 18th at 530pm

Zumba classes in the park begin on Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:00 pm on Sept 26th, October 10th and October 24th

Sidewalk Mural painting in Garrett Park will also take place on 9/12 and 9/14.

**III. Discussion - Illegal Dumping and Problem Properties**

The community has reached out to Zachary Harden, housing inspector for the city, who would like to help fight problem properties, especially after an arson on 7th street earlier. Volunteers are needed to help knock on doors to register complaints about problem properties and illegal dumping for Inspector Harden

Also, if anyone notices illegal dumping, please contact [aalucksted@gmail.com](mailto:aalucksted@gmail.com) or phone 443-722-2024

Harden also encouraged residents to file 311 complaints through the 311 phone line, the 311.gov website or the mobile app. Please record the ticket numbers of reference information to share with Harden (contact info below)

Zachary Harden  
Baltimore Housing Inspector  
410-396-3232 (office)  
410-387-6176 (cell)

**IV. Upcoming Trash pickups announced:**

Sept 21st - Community clean up scheduled at Pontiac and 5th street from 9am to noon

On Saturday Oct 26 is the Mayor Jack Young's fall cleanup in Baltimore. Occurs Rain of Shine. Register on 311 before Oct 18 <https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/events/mayor-fall-cleanup-2019>

#### **V. Police & Public Safety Update**

Officer Perry updated the group on public safety issues, including a VRI Update, which has been submitted

Officer Perry and the group discussed installing "Closed from Dusk to Dawn" signs in the parks, which can allow officers to issue civil or criminal citations for violations. This will require DPW involvement/cooperation.

Officer Perry said he does nightly patrols in the park, and that he can ask the midnight shift to also make rounds there.

There is a Patrol in the Park scheduled with Officer Perry on

Sept 26 at 6:30pm at the VFW, after the Zumba session, Friends of Garrett Park Meeting

#### **VI. Problem Property Discussions, continued**

Residents said there is a chop shop believed to be operating at 100 W Garrett St, and an Illegal shop at 111 Chesapeake Ave

Residents were urged to file 311 tickets, since they are housing/zoning violations. Action Baybrook is working on a proposal to issue \$900 per day fines for violations.

V2H is looking to acquire titles to vacant properties that can be re-sold to LMI community members

There was a discussion about the duplex at 3705 4th Street.

The Community Law Center may be able to take legal action under the Community Rights Act, but requires extensive data to take action, including:

- A track record of verified problems over several years
- Adopting vacant properties and keeping track records of violations, visual records, and complaints that are verified by Harden/Housing Inspectors.

21 properties are currently under their observation as "adoptees"

#### **V. Other Business**

Jen berg announced there are resources available for the Middle Branch Master Plan at the city planning dept: <https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/planning-plans/middle-branch>

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.