

**MIDTOWN COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010  
University of Baltimore Foundation Building  
1130 N. Charles Street – 6:30 pm**

**Member's Present:** Randall Carroll, Juanita Curtis, Shannon Doolin, James Erny, Keith Gilchriest, Adrian Harpool, Pamela Johnson, Steven Johnson, Michael Molla, Nick Mosby, Lat Naylor, Joseph Palumbo, Omari Patterson, Steven Shen, Paul Snyder, Carlo Van Grieken, Jason Curtis

**Staff Present:**

Peter Merles, District Administrator, Midtown Community Benefits District  
Peggy Smallwood, Office Manager, Midtown Community Benefits District

**Visitor's Present:**

Jeff LaNoue, University of Baltimore representing Steven Cassard  
Major Dennis Smith, Central District Commander

Pamela Johnson called meeting to order at 6:32 pm and calls for introduction.

*Chair asks for motion to approve items on Consent Agenda - Minutes, District Administrator's Report, Committee Reports to include Budget & Finance, Operation, and Personnel*

Point of Order - Joe Palumbo states that a consent agenda is a rule of order that should be accepted by the board.

Discussion follows.

Chair asks for consensus from board to move to a consent agenda for approval of Minutes, District Administrator's Report, and Committee Reports to include Budget & Finance, Operation and Personnel.

Chair denies point of order.

Joe Palumbo appeals to the board – Consent agenda is a rule of order to the way that the board operates and it must be adopted by the board.

Discussion follows.

Suggestion made not to have consent agenda for February's meeting and to hold discussion and vote until board has further clarity.

Chair withdraws request.

Kristie Taylor makes suggestion to hold discussion and other agenda items until after guest speaker, Major Dennis Smith.

Approved Unanimously

**Major Dennis Smith, Central District Commander**

- Crime in the MCBBD posted lower numbers from previous years. Although MCBBD is second in Baltimore City to post a reduction in crime; there continues to be an increase in property crimes and car break-ins. Suggestions were made for MCBBD to pass out informational material in collaboration with the Central District to educate tourist, commuters and residents who park in the district. A suggestion was also made to utilize a billboard to post warnings to help reduce car break ins. COP walks within the neighborhoods and community networking was

- also suggested. MCBBD will work to create a safety link on the website that will send information to the Major.
- Concerns discussed about the prostitution problem in Charles North at 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and possible solutions and/or intervention strategies.
  - Question asked about getting mounted patrols within the district.
  - Email address for Major Dennis Smith – Dennis.Smith@Baltimorepolice.org

### **Approval of Minutes**

*Motion to accept minutes as presented.*

*Steven Johnson seconds motion. All in favor. Motion passes.*

### **Peter Merles, District Administrator's Report**

*Report distributed prior to meeting and copies are on file at the MCBBD office in the minutes binder.*

*Motion to accept report as presented.*

*Steven Johnson seconds motion. All in favor. Motion passes.*

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Steve Johnson, Budget & Finance**

Point of order – Peter Merles points out that during the board training retreat several years ago, the board was instructed that the Budget & Finance reports are to be accepted for audit and not approved.

*Motion to accept Budget & Finance report for audit.*

*Omari Patterson accepts Budget & Finance report for audit.*

*All in favor. Motion passes.*

#### **Steven Shen, Operations**

Point of order – Joseph Palumbo states that the committee report should not be presented since the committees ceased to exist as of December 31.

Chair denies point of order.

Joseph Palumbo makes appeal to board. Committees ended December 31 and have not been reassigned by the board and met inappropriately so reports should not be presented to the board.

Discussion follows.

Point of order - Joseph Palumbo states that the chair should remain neutral on topics of discussion.

Discussion follows.

*Omari Patterson makes motion to proceed with sitting committees as of December 31 until the March meeting when there are new recommendations from the Chair.*

*Jason Curtis seconds motion.*

Discussion follows.

Recap of motion on table.

*Motion on the table is to proceed with committees as of December 31<sup>st</sup> until the March meeting when there are new recommendations from the Chair.*

Discussion follows.

*Joseph Palumbo makes motion to lay committee reports on the table.*

*Carlo Van Grieken seconds motion.*

*All in favor. Motion passes.*

## **New Business**

### **Approval of proposed resolution regarding neighborhood association representation**

Board Resolution distributed to the board for adoption. The resolution was prepared by Deborah H. Diel, Attorney.

Discussion follows.

*Joseph Palumbo makes motion to accept resolution as presented.*

*Carol Van Grieken seconds motion.*

Discussion follows

*13 votes in favor. 1 vote opposed.*

*Majority in favor. Motion passes.*

### **Approval of committee appointments to date.**

*Joseph Palumbo makes motion to allow committees to elect their own committee chairs.*

*Jason Curtis seconds motion.*

Discussion follows.

*Joseph Palumbo amends motion that if committee chair is not assigned within one month the board can appoint a committee chair.*

*4 votes in favor. 4 votes opposed. 1 vote abstained.*

*Motion fails.*

Discussion follows.

*Omari Patterson makes motion to accept recommendations to appoint the committee chair as indicated on the said Proposed 2010 Committee Assignments marked with a (C).*

*Steve Shen seconds motion.*

Discussion follows.

*1 vote in favor. 10 votes opposed; motion fails.*

*Steve Johnson makes motion to accept committee members for Budget & Finance.*

*All in favor; motion passes.*

*Kristie Taylor makes motion to accept Joseph Palumbo as Public Safety Chair.*

*Steven Shen seconds motion. Motion passes. All in favor; motion pass.*

*Joseph Palumbo makes motion to accept Adrian Harpool, Chair of the Personnel Committee, Randy Carroll and Steve Shen, committee members.*

*Carlo Van Grieken seconds the motion.*

*All in favor; motion passes.*

*Joseph Palumbo makes motion to table personnel committee report.*

*Lat Naylor seconds motion. All in favor. Motion passes.*

## **Neighborhood News**

*None to report at this time.*

*Omari Patterson makes motion to adjourn*

*Motion is seconded. All in favor.*

*Meeting adjourned.*