

CHMCC Community Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2015  
7:00 p.m.  
CHM Center

1. Opening Prayer, recap of previous meeting and review of important dates
2. Mrs. Hawks chronicled the history of the organization and its various community efforts over the years. Even praising the work occurring under the current CHM leadership.
3. Mark Washington presented an update on the \$40,000,000.00 21st Century Schools project for the REACH School to incorporate community space into the new facility.

Mrs. Hawks commented the community was not involved in the process. Mrs. Hawks was reminded of meetings held at the Lake Clifton campus that drew close to 100 residents. She was also referred to articles in the Sun Paper and Baltimore Brew, reprinted in the CHM newsletter that highlighted joint community efforts to reverse the BCPSS Board decision to sidetrack the project. And important date meeting notices in the CHM newsletter community agenda announcing the dates of meetings with the school board. Mrs. Hawks commented she and others she knew were not a part of the process and that the print in the CHM newsletter was too small for her to read. She was reminded she was wearing glasses.

4. Community Law Center attorney Robin Jacobs updated meeting participants on "slumlord" Scott Wizing lawsuit and upcoming trial date.

Mrs. Ridgely wanted to know why there was no lawsuit against the slumlord property owners near her house. She stated she was fined by the city in the 1980's when Anthony Ambridge was in city council and was upset that others are not being fined now. Mrs. Ridgely was reminded of the inspections done in her area by housing code enforcement and that citations are being issued to those negligent property owners and that there is an upcoming tour of the area with Deputy Housing Commissioner and head of Housing Code Enforcement Michael Braverman. She stated "nothing is being done the city."

5. Mark Washington announced a March 25th area tour with head of housing code enforcement and Deputy Housing Commissioner Michael Braverman, asking residents to participate.
6. The Harford Road street scape will be revamped. CHMCC and partner community Mayfield are requesting new plant materials be installed along the Harford Road median strip.
7. Baltimore Police Officer Joseph Banks presented monthly area crime data.
8. Pruning began on the gardens at Kirk Avenue and Homestead. A tree tour of the area will be conducted to assess tree canopy conditions. CHM President Monique Gilliam encouraged residents to participate in community greening efforts.
9. CHMCC business partner Melnick/ Newell did a pre-emptive acquisition of the storefront church property at Garrett Ave and Exeter Hall. Property will remain in Melnick/ Newell inventory until a beneficial community use is devised.