



# THE NEW AUCHENTOROLY TERRACE ASSOCIATION, INC. (ATA)

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**WHEN: Thursday, June 8, 2023, 6-8pm**

**WHERE: Parks & People Stone House**

The New Auchentoroly Terrace Association (ATA) held its General Membership Meeting in person at the Parks and People Stone House Thursday, June 8, 2023, 6-8pm. ATA President Graham Coreil-Allen opened the meeting. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as read. Twenty people were in attendance in person and eight participated online. President Graham Coreil Allen welcomed members and began the meeting.

- Meeting called to order at 6:15pm
- Opened with a prayer from chaplain Deacon Tally.
- President read minutes from the last meeting. Minutes approved as read.
  
- **Public Safety updates**, Reginald Williams, MONSE
  - Reginald Williams shares updates on the Gun Violence Reduction Strategy in the Western District and its expansion to other districts. The GVRs program targets individuals likely to commit violence and offers them support to get out of their circumstances, such as housing and employment. GVRs has shown to reduce murders last year in the Western District and is showing progress in the Southwestern District.
  
- **William Honablew, Jr.**, Digital Equity Coordinator for Baltimore City
  - William Honablew Jr shared information about the city's efforts to expand broadband internet access to underserved areas, starting with Rec Centers and hotspots. He also noted that lower income residents are eligible for internet access for \$10 per month through a federal program. In addition, he shared information about how residents can apply for free Chromebooks to access the internet.
  
- **John Kwayma**, Brick Bodies Wellness Partnership
  - John Kwamya shared information about his roles at Brick Bodies gym at the Rotunda, and propsoed a partnership between Brick Bodies and ATA whereby residents would get a discounted membership. He reviewed the benefits of this discounted gym membership, including access to the gym, unlimited classes, and two personal training sessions. President Coreil-Allen moved to approve the discounted membership program as proposed by Kwamya. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Margaret Holly**, Neighborhood Housing Services
  - Margaret Holly introduced herself as the new Community Engagement Coordinator at Neighborhood Housing Services. She highlighted the program offering senior residents \$15,000 grants for home improvement.
  
- **ATA Banners repairs**
  - President Coreil-Allen shared updates on quotes received to repair the ATA street pole banners and asked if the organization should spend some of its reserves on the repairs. Members in attendance supported repair of the banners. GMCC Executive Director Eli Lopatin and NHS representative Margaret Holly offered to look into existing grant money that may be available to cover the expense. They said they would get back in touch with options to make the repairs this summer.
  
- **Good News Gallery / Community Announcements**
  - President Coreil-Allen shared that ATA conducted a successful Community Action Walk with city officials on May 30th.
  - President Coreil-Allen announced DOT's completion of long-sought speed bumps on Orem and Ruskin Avenues, which residents have reported are effectively slowing down speeding cars.
  - John Kwamya shared that he met with Baltimore Green Space to begin the process of acquiring vacant lots maintained through the ATA Care-A-Lot program for preservation in the green space land trust.
  - Ms Barbarba shared that the Druid Hill Farmers Market is open once again, meeting Wednesday afternoons.
  - Ms. Benita shared about the upcoming 100 year anniversary of her church, Mt Hope Baptist on Gwynns Falls Parkway.
  - President Coreil-Allen promoted the Saturday clean up.
  - Ms. Barbara reminded folks to renew their membership.