

BCA General Body Meeting  
January 5, 2023, 7:30pm  
Baldwin High School

The meeting opened at 7:41pm by incoming President Kimberly Malone

Legislator Debra Mule performed the installation of new officers

- President - Kimberly M. Malone
- Vice President - Marguerite Grasing Keller
- Corresponding Secretary - Mark Prevatt
- Recording Secretary - Erika Hill
- Treasurer - Colette Carrion

### **Officer Reports**

- Outgoing Recording Sec:
  - Adoption of Meeting December Minutes
- Corresponding secretary
  - No updates, stay tuned for future meetings
- Treasurer
  - Steven Greenfield reported that as of 12/31/2022, \$20,169.05. He noted that this was \$1,000 more than we had last year. Successful fundraising
  - He put forth a motion to add Kimberly M. Malone, Collette Carrion and/or Marguerite Grasing Keller to be signatories on the bank account.
- President/Vice Presidents Report
  - Franky George is no longer the President of the Baldwin chamber. Hopeful to build relationship with new president Victor Sookdeo of Park Assets Real Estate Corporation
    - There was some discussion about having a designated liaison between BCA and the chamber. Also suggested that BCA identify other ways to interact with the chamber beyond attending their monthly lunch time meetings.
  - Proposal of hybrid meetings to help with attendance and membership growth. A calendar will be provided for the year.
  - Town of Hempstead Redistricting Process is continuing. Kimberly discussed that there are upcoming public hearings on January 9<sup>th</sup>.
    - Group discussion about keeping Baldwin in one district versus the proposed two districts. Petition still available to sign. Need to ensure available on website for others to sign
    - Press release will be updated and sent back out

- Suggestion of expanding outreach to include door knocking

Legislator Mule spoke about upcoming resources & access being made available by her office:

- Virtual tax grievance workshop on 1/20.
- Office hours at Baldwin Public Library at 10am to answer any specific questions/issues
- County redistricting process is being brought to the legislature on 1/17.
  - Map is illegal. Another map is being submitted
  - Silver lake activity

## **Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports**

### **Economic Development**

#### Membership/Website

- Membership Development: Rob reported 82 paid members, 3 people joined and pay today. Time for current members to renew. Deal with attrition with outreach about activities.

#### Beautification

- No activity. Plan garden activity in the spring

#### Quality of life

- Massage parlor on Merrick rd
- Officer O'Shea is said it has been quiet
- Smoke shop was robbed on Merrick rd
- Need people wanting to be crossing guards.\$25hr

### **Adhoc**

#### Bylaws Committee

- Bylaws have been updated. Membership needs to vote on bylaws during next meeting. Rob will be updating language to say "updated"

#### Preservation

- Baldwin preserve need to be remediated. Meta Mereday working in concert with Uniondale and Cornell extension because it borders that community

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm by a motion from Claudia and seconded by Matt

## BCA General Body Meeting

### Baldwin Senior High School

February 8, 2023

7:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by President Malone.

### Meeting Minutes

#### Officer Reports

- Recording Secretary:
  - Adoption of Minutes: Tabled until Recording Secretary is here.
  - Calendar for 2023: Kim announced that Erika is putting together a calendar that will show all the different events for 2023.
  
- Corresponding Secretary:
  - Updates: Mark reported that he's been putting on social media updates on the DRI so people know what is going on. Mark also is looking to get a consensus on people's interest in going hybrid with the meetings. Additionally, if there is anyone not getting emails, please see Mark and give him your email address.
  
- Treasurer Report:
  - Bank Account changes: Colette reported that she is finally on the account. Balance is \$20155.77 with \$19568.86 in checking and \$586.91 in PayPal.
  
- President/Vice President Report
  - 2023-2024 Vision: Kim stated to the general body that she wants to lead by consensus and wants to hear the concerns, likes and dislikes from all members.
  - Baldwin Council of Civics? Kim has reached out to Baldwin Oakes and Sterns Park to show unity for "One Baldwin." She thanked the Uniondale Civic Association for attending tonight's meeting.
  - Herald Articles: Kim spoke about the different articles the BCA has been featured in.

- Nassau Hub/Casino: Pearl Jacobs from the Uniondale Civic Association addressed the members. Discussion took place.
- Tax Grievance: Kim reported that the Receiver of Taxes Jeanine Driscoll conducted a workshop that was very informative.
- Police Commissioner's BHM Event on 2/16/23
- Police Commissioner's Council: Sam reached out and both Rodney and Mark will be on the Council.

## Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports

- Economic Development:
  - Cash Mob: Willy spoke about getting ready for the cash mob event to start in March and will have a list of eateries around Baldwin we will be supporting.
  - Updates
    - Clean up at preserve-April
    - Bike Rodeo. Helmet donations. Kids will get the opportunity to learn how to ride a bike. This will take place between Atlantic Avenue and Baldwin Park.
  
- Government Liaison:
  - Redistricting Updates
    - **Government Liaison-Karen-Nassau County has not gone to final maps. Town of Hempstead is moving faster with Baldwin: Baldwin was split North and South along Sunrise Highway. Goosby will be our representative in the North.**
    - **Redistricting map discussion Creek on east side of Baldwin.1 minority majority district from 3 minority majority. Spoke at Tuesday morning's hearing. Want 4 square miles in one district.dividing up DRI in the recent maps. Rule is you can only speak once at a hearing. 2/14 is the continuation of the hearings.**
    - **Sent joint statement with baldwin oaks stating desire to remain one district AND**
      - **440+ signatures.no response.**
      - **3 people from Baldwin spoke up**
    - **BCA Ask: attend the next hearing, sign the petition and/or complete the comment for on TOH website, spread the word.**
  - Vision Long Island Main Street Alliance
    - **Gov Hochul understands we don't want mandates but in certain communities nothing will happen without mandates (housing). Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) discussion.**
  - Bay Park Conveyance Project
    - **Bay Park Conveyance will start seeing central and west Brookside..sunrise highway**



- Bylaws Committee
  - Updates: Bylaws can be found on the website under the “About Us” page.

### **New Business**

- Meta Mereday Congratulations: Shout out and congratulations to Meta on her appointment to the Military Veterans in Journalism’s expert directory.
- Youth Engagement - Voter Registration
- Listening event for government officials
- Coal House
- Jason Vitale Scholarship Committee: Need one more committee member for this. The scholarship gives \$500 to a student in Baldwin.
- CommunityAmbassadors
- Music at Silver Lake
- Music in the Garden
- Sam Cools spoke about two events happening soon: Mobile office at the February Library on Thursday the 16th from 2 to 3; Blood drive with the Fire Department on February 22 from 2 to 8. Sam also reported an April Community Cleanup at the Freeport Preserves.

Motion to close the meeting made by Claudia and seconded by Mark. Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Baldwin Civic Association  
General Body Meeting  
March 9, 2023, 7:30 pm  
Baldwin High School

Meeting Minutes

**Officer Reports**

**Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by President Malone**

- Recording Secretary
  - Adoption of Minutes-adopted by majority vote
  - Calendar for 2023-erika reviewed the handout

Introduction of eboard members for new members/attendees

- Corresponding Secretary
  - Updates
    - Social media-fb updates with complete streets and DRI; heavy social media running car theft, atlantic and grand, shooting on jefferson; police cruisers visibility at dollar tree but not a lot in the community
    - Drug house on lydia place. Place that is devastated and the police don't show up (virtual attendee). Connect her to Rodney, quality of life.
      - Quality of life issue. We want to follow-up with resource officer
        - Resource officer will attend general body meetings every other month
- Treasurer Report:
  - Bank Account -Capital One
    - Beginning Balance: \$19568.86
      - Debits: \$629.55
      - Deposit/credits: \$10
    - Ending Balance: \$1849.31
    - Paypal(income)
      - Beginning Balance: \$188.16
      - 6 new members



- Ending Balance: \$736.36

**Total Balance: \$19695. 67**

- Process of budget draft so that line by line budget. We are looking at a deficit. Switching banks to bethpage federal credit union so we can earn interest
- President/Vice President Report
  - Police Commissioner's BHM Event on 2/16/23
    - Mark and Kim attended this event. Commissioner shared with them a lot of the activities the police were doing in our neighborhood to make things better and be more transparent. Such as additional training of police and use of body cameras. With cameras they have said it has resulted in better interactions. Learned police curse a lot. Commissioner confirmed they will work on that. When police pull someone over they are supposed to introduce themselves and indicate that they are recording for the safety of both parties. They are receiving training on site interactions to teach individuals on the spot
      - Mark: commissioners and chiefs were open and honest. He expressed his concerns about how community members are being perceived in general. The Commissioner acknowledged it.
        - Did he say anything about the crossing guard issues? Meta brought it up. BCA brought up the pay scale was \$25 per hour and he said they were going to make it more appealing with benefits.
        - Meta working with the county legislature and the police budget for crossing guard new hires to get benefits. Still need a list of candidates because of attrition and people have retired. If residents have issues please send a list.
        - Elissa. Residents need to be nicer to the crossing guards. Not screaming at them or not stopping when children are crossing. Seen kids almost get hit because of 3 point turns and crossing guards are trying to protect our children. Meta-almost been hit trying to get to the high school. Officers at the crossing guard post can't leave their post.
  - Police Commissioner's Council





## Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- Economic Development:
  - Cash Mob - 1st restaurant is Grill Basil Leaf - working on flyer
  - Updates
    - Bike Rodeo & Bike Parade. Mapped out a possible route. Has a map for folks to look at. In collaboration with TOH, vision LI, Let's Move LI, county, police. May is national bike month, get people moving. A second one in September.
      - Kim explained the goals of these events.. promote community. Support businesses. Sustainability. Hope we will have bike lanes in Baldwin.
    - Cash Mob. working on details with the owner. Have raffle baskets. Have to work out the logistics. He will get the flyer out next week.
      - Kim explained during the pandemic we picked a night to patronize businesses especially restaurants, eat together
    - Question on the floor about getting reports from Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. Goal is to have a liaison that attends our meetings and attend their meetings as well.
      - Marguerite and Kim met with the incoming president before they got installed. Open lines of communication.
      - Elissa mentioned 7-11 that closed was robbed
- Government Liaison:
  - Redistricting Updates
    - We are in one district. We are still with Legislator Mule
    - TOH they were going to split us at thomas avenue which I could kind of see. Instead they ended up splitting us at sunrise hwy. Splitting DRI, overlay zone and library districts. She argued with them. Puts us in Goosby district to the north and to the south we are in there with oceanside where there is no representative
  - Vision Long Island Albany trip rescheduled to March 14
    - Bus slid off the road prior to the trip starting. LI lobby coalition. Find common ground from the different communities. Affordable housing is one of the issues. They aren't against this just against mandates. Packaging-when we do recycling TOH pays for it. They want the producers to pay for that.

- Facade
  - Gone to Commissioner Rottkamp TOH DRI. The revolving loan is not in the final DRI. Kim said it was not true. Facade program is moving forward. Spoke with the person doing the branding (facade and revolving loan fund should be one in the same). She will go back to Matthew Hersh. Spoke to nicki jones who is doing the branding. What she is thinking is not so bad because he was . she might meet with nicki and discuss things. There is a whole thing about sweet baldwin. Made mention of Pear farm and peach farm. Seems like there may be an opportunity for BCA to get involved. Rottkamp originally said that business owners would make the updates and then community members can tell them what they think about. Karen said that would create confrontation.
    - What does the facade program cover?
      - Willy: more cohesive feel and awnings. Getting businesses to reface their businesses on grand avenue
        - DRI portion of the Baldwin
        - Meta Meraday said then it leaves out other portion of Baldwin
        - We want all of baldwin to look cohesive and aesthetic pleasing
          - Kim said during Vision Long Island meeting saw grants from National Grid, PSEG and others and we should put in for grants that can be used for north Baldwin
          - Karen: Some businesses have found difficulties with the facade program. Certain contractors. Cost prohibitive. Etc. It is a matching grant.
            - Low awareness about the program for other communities
- Beautification:
  - Updates
    - Geocaching 5 or 6 with kids. Presentation on it at the garden last summer. App on the kids on the phone. Like pokemon.

- Food truck Fridays will start, first Friday of May will probably be the first one. 2 or 3 food trucks. Music by members. 5pm to 8pm.
  - Member asked about local restaurants & county rules Hope to have local businesses especially Baldwin but keeping open to other LI businesses
- Baldwin civic fest at the Garden. Will probably be June, date may change 10th. Fee for members. Fee for non members. Food trucks. Arts & crafts. Music.
- Adopting planters for the ones that are still there. Lost 3 or 4. Dui, and two other auto accidents. With the revitalization of grand ave, once completed will put new planters along grand ave. call to action for community members to join beautification and/or offer ideas
- Working with chair of girls scouts to do things around baldwin as well to help them with service hours
  
- Fundraising:
  - Updates
    - Spring Fling in April. April 8th
    - **Sheree isn't here, will send out an update via email since we won't meet until after the event**
  
- Membership/Website
  - Updates
    - 107 members; partially need to get their money for 2023. 50 are on subscription.
  - Community Engagement Series
    - Normally a series of events with experts discussing things that are important to us.
      - What to do if you are stopped by a police officer? Attended previously very well by high school seniors.
      - Claudia Rotondo effects of medications and drugs by seniors. She was in a car accident and is currently in rehab.
      - Chris Tomasell former board member, environmental consultant, one on groundwater because we have some places in Baldwin that are tainted.
      - Good to have a session on how best to engage with TOH either your representative or someone from the department.
      - History of Baldwin in conjunction with the historical society.
        - Years ago we did a video that was handled by high school and with the intent to have the students interview people. Ended up being the advisor conducting the interview. Rob

would like to see an updated one done, historical society and community,

- Elissa: make it an event with people dressing up. At the historical society.
- Locations have been at fire department, library and event space
- Meta: Kellogg house, connection to that, veteran connection. Losing out on money. How to fix up and restore a historical landmark. Suggestion: Do a training for veteran, widows etc about resources available to them.
- Working on the website. Can use help. **Call to action for volunteers.**
  - Suggestion: Talk with high school about the IT department and outreach for community service. Set up internship
- Quality of Life:
  - Updates
    - Quality of life email. TOH contacted about garbage being left at the train station. Criminal activity on their block, contacted TOH and first precinct
- Bylaws Committee
  - Updates
    - Bylaws: up on website on the about us page Updated for pandemic allowances like
      - **Action: we will email out the marked up one so that at our April meeting we can make the vote**

### **New Business**

-5K charity run walk, March 25th at 10am. March is kidney cancer. Young 28 yr old former bhs student. In his honor. Flyers left. Hosting organization M2square college to career. This is a community (mckinsey and magnus). Run by mother daughter teams. M2square associates. 200 people signed up as runners/walkers.

Question from the floor: Will BCA take a stand on Sands Casino. Will they educate Baldwin members and impact?

- Kim: Not immediately in our backyard but still important. BCA Members have mixed views. Collecting data. Attending hearings. Pearl. Need to vote next month.
- Meta mereday TOH walked through the process. We are now with Garden City due to redistricting

- Pearl-garden city is mostly against this. Passed a resolution. People are being paid off.
- **Kim: Eboard will discuss it and bring it back to the general body.**

Kim motions to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Karen and Mark second



# BCA General Body Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023 7:30 pm

Baldwin High School

**Meeting called to order at 7:47pm by President**

## **Officer Reports**

- Recording Sec:
  - Adoption of Minutes
    - Mark motion, Rob second it
    - Minutes adopted
  
- Corresponding Sec:
  - Updates
    - Pop Officers questions regarding crime in the community. Plan to have them here during the May meeting. For any questions people might have email us or contact us via BCA
    - DRI: Been getting emails about what is happening in town. Unsure how to answer some of those questions.
      - Prior to next meeting will meet with Eboard to determine how best to answer
  
- Treasurer Report:
  - Bank Account
    - Capital One-\$1887.07
    - Paypal-\$1152.86
  - Total: \$20039.93

## **President/Vice President Report**

- Sands Casino
  - Lots of discussion. People have come to us. Sands organization is looking to get a license to have a casino and develop an entertainment complex where the coliseum is. There is a meeting taking place this evening with folks expressing concerns about casino in terms of crime, gangs and young people gambling. There are others who are in favor of the development due to the workforce & economic development. License didn't get passed

in the Nassau County Legislature Open Space Committee. On Monday people will be at the Nassau County Legislature to voice their concerns and interests about the casino. We as the BCA are continuing to collect information about it. Having taking a stance.

- Silver Lake concert - June 15th 7 to 9, Food truck, details
  - Marguerite: Debra Mule is helping with this. Still working on music. More details in May
- Thank yous from the President: Cash Mob at Basil Leaf & Compost Event.  
Upcoming events: Grand Baldwin Festival

## **New Business**

- Jason Vitale Scholarship Committee
  - April 25th is the deadline to follow up with students who have applied. Kim gave a brief overview of Jason Vitale for the group.
- Debra Mule
  - Sands: Open Space committee met. They could either send or not send a recommendation. They have opted not to send a recommendation. Decision from the Nassau County Legislature Planning Committee to come.
  - This Saturday is Earth Day, her office is sponsoring a clean up at 9am at Brookside preserve, green army join them again, senator thomas is partnering with her. Bags and gloves will be provided. Oceanside Warriors are heading up a clean up at Silver Lake park. May 6th event in honor of Joe Skenell, who was a legislator before Debra Mule, who had a degenerative disease. The event will take place At 10am at Silver Lake. A tree has been planted in his honor. Those who will be in attendance include previous legislators, Laura Curran, current county executive. It is a Non-partisan event. Special surprise is coming up.
  - Grand Ave-ongoing improvements will take a year before it is fully completed. 12 million dollar project that includes flowers, trees will be replaced, decorative lighting and benches.
  - Bay Park Conveyance is working in the area. Seen comments about issues, expected to be done in Baldwin in the next few weeks.
- Senator Thomas' Office-Debbie Medina, Director of Community Affairs
  - Came to introduce herself to the community.. Senator Thomas is in Albany fighting for the budget. Loads of information and resources. New to baldwin. Trying to get acquainted with the community. Their office connects folks with resources. Asian Pacific Islander Month (API) event is coming, stay tuned. Postponed Woman of Distinction event until June due to the budget.
- Baldwin Library-Elizabeth Olesh, Director of Library

- Referendum Meeting on May 10th at 7pm at the Library. Every household in Baldwin will receive details and FAQ in the next few weeks.
- Why?
  - Last renovation was done in 2005. Community needs have changed and the state of the world has changed. They had a survey with community members telling them what they wanted to see. They had a series of community meetings where people told them what they wanted to see. Last time there was a referendum there was insufficient funds in the bond to complete the proposed renovation
  - Worked with architects from H2M
    - 2nd floor: Raw space could be split into another community room and a smaller community room. High demand for the small rooms for folks to study. Can also be used for business rooms if folks are working remotely. Coffee. More comfortable seating. Adding maker's space. podcasting/video casting room. A teen zone that is double the size of the space that is downstairs. Also a gaming room.
      - HVAC systems and portion of the roof needs to be replace: \$ 3.1 million of total project
    - 1st floor: Children's room doesn't allow a lot of natural light and better space. Story hour room will become a play area. Instead of two small rooms, one for arts and crafts. Story time room moves. Reference desk is moved to the middle of the room. Dedicated baldwin history room. Better office for their social worker (social work consultant). Also will have a passport office. Updates to the media room. More requests from the teen space converted to a tween space. Programming in there. In the morning space can be used by seniors. Smaller circulation desk.
  - Timeline
    - Spoke to community
    - Board approved the design
    - Vote: Tuesday May 16th 7am to 2pm at Baldwin High School . Separate piece on the ballot
      - If yes, H2M needs to submit the design to state education department. Takes quite a few months for approval. Submitted by November 2023 will get approval by April 2024. Construction to begin mid to late June 2024
  - Cost

- 11.6 million to be bonded, 15 years (because not from scratch)
  - \$400 per household, for ever \$8 a month for 2025/2026 tax year
  - Contact: [bond@bpl.org](mailto:bond@bpl.org) for questions and concerns

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Question from the floor:

- Steven inquired about the library offering later hours and accommodating groups like BCA whose meetings go beyond 9pm when the library typically closes.
- Willy can they add steps to the plaza to align with the goals for the community for more walkability?
  - Both would need to be discussed with her board

## Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports

- Economic Development:
  - Cash Mob - 1st restaurant is Grill Basil Leaf. **Owners thank BCA for hosting Cash Mob event. They took a lot of pictures. 2nd location: Touch of Italy- May 30th. Come out and support that business. Get a raffle basket.**
  - **Bike Rodeo and Parade to be on May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10am to 1pm** - We will use proposed bike route map to do parade – South of Atlantic to Baldwin Park only

**Bike rodeo** to start at Baldwin Park's Parking lot by tennis courts. 10:00am – 11:30am

**Bike Parade** to start after Bike Rodeo 11:30am – 1:00pm - Continue north along Wolfson Drive exit then turn right heading east along Northern Boulevard, then turn left North along Eastern Parkway, then turn right to Cornwell Avenue, then turn left North to Eastern Boulevard, Then turn left east along Atlantic Avenue, Then turn south along Grand Boulevard, Then turn west along Washington Street, then turn left south along Grand Avenue to Baldwin Park.

Samantha Cools will speak with PDA and Letters to TOH, NCDPW and NCPD have been drafted and will be sent this week - Save the date flier to go out ASAP.

**Logistics are being worked out. Still waiting on permits from the county and town. Fliers are available. Collaborating with Debra Mule. Trying to get other organizations involved.**

## **Grand Baldwin Festival. Great vendors. Great performances. April 29th.**

- Government Liaison:
  - Redistricting Updates
    - People are questioning and talks of being in court.
  - Vision Albany trip rescheduled to March 14
    - Never made it. Did zoom with legislators and governor's office
  - Facade
    - No update, will follow up
- Beautification:
  - Updates
    - Planting will start soon around town. Let Matt or Elissa know
    - Food Truck Friday should be starting in May. follow on FB group
    - Saturday June 3rd BCA Fest
    - Mother Day Plant Sale date TBD
- Fundraising:
  - Spring Fling
    - Kim spoke since Sharee wasn't present. Annual event was canceled. Will implement a new fundraiser to take its place. Call to action for new members to join this committee.
- Membership/Website
  - Updates
    - 109 members. 2 new members joined
  - Community Engagement Series
- Quality of Life:
  - Updates- Rodney not present, no updates
- Bylaws Committee
  - Updates
    - Not voting tonight. **Call to action:** Group advised to go look at the bylaws on the website before our May meeting so that we can vote on them during the meeting.

- School budget presentation -see **handout**
  - Presenting: Sue Cools, Mary O Hagan Karen Reed, Dr. James Robinson- Assistant Superintendent for Business

**KEY FACTORS AFFECTING THE BALDWIN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

- Strategic use of federal funding and district reserves
- Creating a multi-year plan for sustainability
- The partial foundation aid restoration does not fully refund state aid originally withheld
- Inflationary cost increases

**COST-SAVING AND REVENUE-PRODUCING MEASURES IN BALDWIN**

**Ongoing initiatives to maximize budget resources:**


- Revenue from leasing of properties
- Savings from rerouting of school buses
- Increased in-district programming such as Baldwin High School @ Shubert and special education
- Conversion to LED lighting districtwide
- Maximize expense driven aid
- The district registered under the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program to ensure state and federal reimbursement for student meals
- Maximizing interest income/BOCES aidable services
- Maximizing grant funding opportunities

**FUTURE PLANNING**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Establish a New Capital Reserve – “Capital 2023”</b></p> <p>Funding for this reserve would come from the end-of-year fund balance, therefore there is no additional impact on the tax levy</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Use of the Technology Reserve Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*iMAC for HS Tech Lab and Art Studios</li> <li>*Chrome Book Replacements</li> <li>*Interactive Board Replacements</li> <li>*Security Server Replacements (2)</li> </ul> |
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**2023-2024 BUDGET SUMMARY**

*Tax levy increase 1.99% (within tax cap limit)*



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| <b>Expenses</b>                      |                      |
| • Administrative (11.56%)            | \$18,235,797         |
| • Capital (12.73%)                   | \$20,087,652         |
| • Program (75.71%)                   | \$119,435,093        |
| <b>Total Budget</b>                  | <b>\$157,758,542</b> |
| <b>Revenue</b>                       |                      |
| • All State Aid                      | \$48,914,363         |
| • Miscellaneous Sources              | \$1,597,500          |
| • Appropriated Reserves              | \$1,108,620          |
| • Appropriated Fund Balance          | \$800,000            |
| • Anticipated Property Tax           | \$104,013,059        |
| • PILOTS (Payments in Lieu of Taxes) | \$1,325,000          |
| <b>Total Budget</b>                  | <b>\$157,758,542</b> |

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2023-24 BUDGET**

**Adds:**

- Curriculum Writing/Revisions
- Instructional Technology in the Classrooms
- Senior Experience
- K through 12 resources including literature options
- L2L (Leaving to Learn) Excursions

**Expands:**

- Professional development for faculty and staff
- New inquiry-based science curriculum to Grades 4 and 5
- High School AP Government courses
- Revision of Social Studies curriculum K-5

**Maintains:**

- Restorative Practices Program at the High School and Middle School
- RULER Program at the Elementary Schools
- Increased Dual Enrollment Courses
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm

# BCA General Body Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2023 7:30 pm

Baldwin High School

**Meeting called to order at 7:40pm by President**

## **Officer Reports**

### **Recording Secretary (on behalf of Erika)**

- Tabled minutes
  - Motion Colette
  - Willy -2nd
- Exec intros
- Two new members introduced
- Karen on zoom & Marguerite absent
- 2 on zoom we have a Quorum

### **President/ Vice President**

- Silver Lake concert , live musician
- Food truck bringing back
- Location silver lake
- Grand Festival
- rodeo/cycle

### **Sam Cools-/BHS -May/ June**

- National night out
- 6pm -8/1/23

### **NCPD/ POP officers**

- Crime-
  - converters , every night
  - Civilian intelligence mapping patterns
  - 1 in 5wks
  - 1 stolen in 5 wks -99% cars unlocked
  - No burglaries
  - Shooting behind superfresh - still under investigation
- Chestnut street -debris
- Bike officer - limited number
- QOL-Homeless intervention-2x mos.

- Vendors on the street
- 8:58 pm end

## **Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports**

### **Economic Development:**

- Bike Parade & rodeo 5/13
- Cash Mob- 5/30 touch of Italy
- Grand Baldwin Festival 5/20

### **Marketing crew**

- Facebook event please join
- Link tree IG page
- Rebooting YouTube
- Text message service checking fees.

### **Beautification-Elissa & Matt**

- Arts& Crafts 6/3, 11-4p; 17 vendors
- Food Truck (3-4 trucks) Friday -6/2-5:30-8 @ garden
- Monthly arts ' crafts w/ kids & storytime
- Plants
- Landscaper completed
- Shed -
- No smoking signs

### **Membership/Website-Rob**

- 106 of members email dues
- Next week spring membership renewal drive email
- 2 new members joined during the meeting

### **Bylaws Committee-Rob**

- Complete & edited please read to vote @ next meeting

### **Government Liaison & Jason Vitale Scholarship-Karen**

Sands

- Presented casino pros/cons.doc
- Jason Vitale- science
  - 4 applications. \$500.

Sam- Sands go to last NC meeting

- 5/21- sunday Lofts pond clean up , flat bottom boats
- Bombers 10-12n
- A Graduating Senior



- Delta sigma
- Juneteenth celebration
- 6/17- Clarke gardens Albertson
- Free for vendors & entrance

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm

# BCA General Body Meeting Minutes (work in progress)

June 8, 2023 7:30 pm

Via Zoom

## Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by President

### Officer Reports

#### Recording Secretary

- Erika made a motion to adopt May 11th meeting minutes. Rob seconded it. No discussion. Minutes were adopted.

#### Corresponding Secretary

- Excellent feedback from May's events. Biggest thing is that more email advertising of our events is necessary. Will be increasing the emails going out moving forward in addition to putting it on FB and the website.

#### Treasurer

- Still financially healthy
- Accounts
  - \$2,017.22 -Paypal (incl arts festival less the \$57 Rob gave on site)
  - 8,204.33 bethpage checking
  - 2,057.07 capital one checking
  - 8,518.56 bethpage savings
  - **Grand Total: \$20,802.24**
  - There are still outstanding expenses that haven't gone through. This balance was as of May 26, 2023
  - Summer arts & crafts festival, according to paypal and minus the fee, we had 17 vendors and \$906.70 +\$10 in membership (rob) and \$15 in donation, \$2 in water so far have \$965.70. Don't have any expenses.
    - Comments/Questions
      - Rob: Paypal doesn't need to have that much money in it. Most of the money in the paypal account could come out and go into the savings account because we don't actually use paypal to buy anything. It builds up and needs to be put into the bank account.
      - Colette: Pending approval plan to make it so that paypal balance is deposited in the bethpage checking account which builds interest.

#### President/ Vice President

- We participated and supported the Grand Baldwin festival. Kudos to the committee. Claudia chimed in as well acknowledging the hard work of Colette and David.
- Bike Parade: Transit Solutions wrote an article
- Need to add 501c3 in all marketing and within logos etc. meta mereday

- Cash Mob: Touch of Italy. Well received by the restaurant. The Daughter of the owner was confident they got 10 new customers. Next one might be Sweet & Savory-Antoinette Porter and then Swirl Bliss moved to July. Need to confirm with Willy.
- Memorial Day Parade. Looked great in shirts. Need to replace the banner, it fell apart.need to look for grants or use our budget
- Voter Engagement & Awareness
  - Voter registration at every meeting. Requested BOE to some of our events.
  - Kim asked for machines at: arts & crafts, June 15th and octoberfest
  - Soles to Polls event
    - Kim shares flyers, all going to polls for early voting.
    - Karen sounds like a good idea
    - Elissa- make sure it is just about voting and not about politics. No side conversations
    - we are nonpartisan so no swaying individuals
    - Claudia outreach to the teens and younger folks and offering to drive senior citizens
    - Kim mentioned this to superintendent Kelly says they already do that once the kids become of age
      - Member comment:Meta mereday activates their vote, take action, help neighbors. Sample ballot is important because people didn't realize local folks were further down.

### Grants/Funding

- **Rob suggested to start a grants committee**
  - Kevin Cain suggested we should try to apply for Main Street Grant should try it and then let them reject you.
  - Kim and Marguerite met with Victor of Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. Plan meet with him again, will bring up the grant

### **Member comment/question: Meta Mereday:**

- Are we going to encourage Baldwin Businesses to pursue the 10K grant offered by the county executive? NC Main Street Recovery Grant.
  - Kim will revisit this as well. Share with our local businesses as well. Still have funding for the vet related stuff like Kellogg House. American Legion that is empty off of Seaman avenue
  - NC Office of Health is opening soon

## **Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports**

### **Government Liaison**

- Karen- Brian Curran, working on getting a meeting. Things are quieter.
  - Meta Mereday: debt ceiling act, claw back on Covid, TOH has tucked away the money. Waived off an audit of their accounting. Zoning process for the Sands Casino. Hired Nelson & Pope to clean up what Cameron engineering did for Inwood DRI. Cameron engineering took money out of our account. Laura Ryder feels likes she only represents south and Goosby reps the north.Kim will follow up with Meta Mereday
  - Debra Mule supported the lease agreement

### **Jason Vitale Scholarship**

Winner. Not presented due to senior night was canceled last night

### **Beautification**

- Food Truck Fridays. 5 trucks. People connected and socialized. 200-250 people at the first event
- Arts & crafts. 25 vendors. Hand made. Beautifully crafted. Matt's music. Taco truck on Saturday. Positive feedback from all of the vendors.
- Starting a book club. Language of flowers. Date tbd. During the week at 7pm once a month. library is getting the book.
- Kids arts & crafts monthly at the garden. About to start.
- Girl Scouts and 2 middle school students pursuing citizens award
- Mindfulness at the garden too
- Movie night at the garden. Someone has a connection, making a call this week.
- Taste of baldwin-restaurants & eateries
- A few more plantings around the community

### **Fundraising**

- Kim, Colette, Marguerite and sharee will be meeting to discuss fundraisers.

### **Economic Development:**

### **Quality of Life (on behalf of Rodney):**

- Concrete chestnut and Brooklyn. Informed pop officer. Pigeons nesting in the ridge on grand avenue
- Kim: We normally have a strategic plan meeting during the summer. Perhaps in August.
- Member comments:
  - Meta: fireworks or firecrackers are illegal. Report anything to the police department. Catalytic converters stealing is still happening. See something, say something.
    - New Equity office has a homeless crisis team. Meta will send information to us.

### **Membership/Website-Rob**

- 18 people in total on zoom
- New members shireen was on. Tula lacy paid member for 4 years. I am a senior.
- Membership-108 members
- almost out of membership flyers, will need to new ones printed. Membership committee meeting in July. Rob will send out an email. Needs help with updating the website.
- Discussion about Junior membership for young people. Provide information about past & upcoming events of the BCA. Did this for the arts & crafts event.
  - Claudia-high school version of this. Colette's daughter nicollette and Darien daughter Taylor co-chaired two meetings. Need an advisor in place. Youth development survey showed the kids didn't feel connected to the community. Grand baldwin festival was to help business and community to be connected.
  - Kim saw in the paper there was a youth group in the high school that sounds similar to what we talked about in terms of junior civic. Want to first to find out what their group is about and then figure out how to proceed. More ideas means more volunteers needed. CTA: elicit volunteers
- Have events and meetings during the day for our seniors/seasoned folks who don't come out at night. Need to leverage facilities that folks pay taxes for here in Baldwin. Meta joining membership committee

### **Bylaws Committee-Rob**

- **Bylaws committee/vote was conducted following information on bylaws updates**

- Updated from 2012: allowance for zoom meetings, 9 to 11 Eboard members, changes in Eboard roles, giving consent electronically or virtually, members in good standing to give a quorum, meeting frequency
- Rob made a motion to vote to accept bylaws update. Vote to accept was seconded by Claudia. 14 in favor. Motion has passed. Rob will update the website with the new bylaws

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kim and seconded by Claudia. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

# BCA General Body Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023 7:30 pm

## Baldwin Senior High School Cafeteria

### Meeting was called to order at 7:31pm

- The Pledge of allegiance was done
- Colette motion to adopt minutes from last meeting. Claudia seconded. Minutes were adopted
- Kim asked any non members to introduce themselves.
  - Wayne from Baldwin Oaks
  - New person to the community
  - Two additional gentlemen introduced themselves

### Officer Reports

#### President/ Vice President

- Building more community. Want more engagement, who represent us, who to go to with challengers and who to hold accountable, civic engagement. New member September. See Rob at the table
- First time in 60 years that we had 3 concerts in Silver Lake Park. Herald did a nice piece. Plan to do it again next year, bigger bands.
- Awarded PSEG grant must be downtown. 10k
  - Priced two cement planters intersection Merrick rd & Grand Ave by the barber shop.

#### Legislator Mule

- Working on different things.
- This Saturday child ID event at the BPL in conjunction with my life
- Bike Rodeo next weekend. Fun, learning and safety
- Did a tour of Grand Ave a couple of weeks ago regarding complete streets. Concrete and weeds are in an old section. New section weeds are not coming up the cement. Once construction is done it will be assessed. Everything is moving along, there were some delays. November time frame to be mostly done (Merrick until Stanton). Punch list by end of year. Utility poles can't be removed until wires are added to the new pole. Up to the utility company. Calls about Prospect and Miller by 7-11, it will all be elevated when the updates are complete.
- Silver Lake money in capital plan for light along paths and monuments. Historical society has been freshly painted deck and interior. Capital budget. Dm explained the curb cut outs.
  - Sammy- always an island and ability to cross. People were speeding around and hitting pedestrians. Now more room for pedestrians. Safer for pedestrians.

#### Corresponding Secretary-no report provided

## Treasurer

- Capital One Checking: \$315.15
- Bethpage Federal Credit Union
  - Checking: \$7,032.70
  - Savings: \$5
  - CD/12 months dividends: \$6,610.63
  - CD/6 months dividends: \$2,024.81
  - **BETHPAGE GRAND TOTAL: \$15,673.17**
- Paypal: \$46.83
- **GRAND TOTAL: \$16,035.15**

## Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports

### Economic Development

- Cash mob- Lucas restaurant by the oaks, 10/16 or 10/17
- Bike Parade 9/23. Hosting a clinic to help kids learn how to ride a bike. It was fun in may. Try to extend but based on roadwork might not work. Route will go from Baldwin Park to Atlantic Ave. Roads will be blocked off. Need volunteers to put letters in mailboxes for homes along the route.
- Discussed lawn signs to get the word out about events we are having with a decal. Creating sponsorships from local businesses to enhance our reach
  - Kim mentioned the community involvement in the last bike parade. Kids and adults.
  - Willy wants to use this activity to connect all of our neighbors all of the way up north.
  - American Institute of architecture conference Willy is speaking. Bike parade will be a case study
- Capital improvement budget. Fix route bike path Merrick road down foxhurst down silver lake and loft pond park

### Government Liaison

- Trying to schedule meetings with Laura Ryder, Brian Curran or Senator Thomas office. Adler do a pta legislative forum
- DRI. Got through the town. Go though all
- Breslin design & permitting phase (Sammy: pushed to the new year)
- Park grove hoping to break ground in the fall . (Sammy: pushed to the new year. Baldwin commons-old diner on Merrick rd, got an additional 3 million since it is workforce housing; not make a maximum of 60% (\$130k) \$70K a year. 32 units, mostly 1 bedroom. ). Not section 8 or low income.
- The Karen-TOH facade program has started . She asked for designs, branding, grant program should start-unified look for businesses, so they can go to the town for funds to make these improvements.
- Kim-lots of chatter on Facebook. Suggests nothing going on in Baldwin and/or bad stuff. Last 6 months BCA has been giving feedback on designs.Things are happening.pleased that people are coming to us for feedback. These developments will be mixed use.
- Rob: Is there something we can do to get that information out to people, make it accessible? Debra Mule has been doing that.
  - Kim-we we're doing that on our website.
  - Karen-we don't have anything concrete to share right now.

### Beautification

- Oktoberfest 10/7. Family friendly
- Food truck Friday 10/6 or 10/13

## **Fundraising**

- Kim-Vending at Oktoberfest & a giveaway basket

## **Membership/Website-Rob**

- 72 paid members
- -auto debit via credit card
- New Member September. Tell people. Email or text them. Join the bca. Events we have coming up. Getting people out and involved
  - **Meeting attendee agreed to email membership flyer to people. Relies on fb community for his own outreach**

## **Member/General Body Open Discussion**

- Claudia Inquired about Pop officers coming in the future.
  - Kim stated they will come as often as we want, just not every meeting.
  - Claudia expressed issues with kids doing poppy wheelies in front of cars. Accident occurred on coes neck rd and woman had to go to the hospital.very scary.
    - Another resident suggested -sponsor a talk about bike safety with parents. Mentioned kids witnessed an accident at the end of last school year.
    - Kim raised that we brought up at the Eboard going to PTA Mtg's to advertise the bike parade & bike safety clinic
- Commercial vehicles parking nuisance.
  - Kim-Rodney is the quality of life person and has been inquiring about it. Can't just be Rodney. Have him share who to call. Too big of a task. We need more voices.
- Zoom attendee inquired about Board of Ed budget presentation, mark offered to look for it and share it with them
- Zoom: Linda Argelastro.Mentioned an issue regarding a property on verity lane

## **Kim**

- Recap of upcoming events listed on agenda
- Keep an eye out on the community garden, lots of vandalism.
- 10/12 receiver Driscoll doing presentation
- 10/19 pta legislative forum

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Claudia and seconded by Mark. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.



# BCA General Body Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2023 7:30 pm

## Baldwin Senior High School Cafeteria

Meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

### Officer Reports

#### Recording Secretary

- Adoption of Minutes
  - Kim made a motion to adopt minutes. Erika made a motion to table the minutes. Minutes were tabled until next mtg so that the minutes can be added to website

#### Corresponding Secretary

- Updates
  - Good reviews from Oktoberfest. Good response. Social media has been working. Complete streets 2018 QA doc shared via email. He emphasized that the Bca is a resource about DRI and other work happening in the community .

#### Treasurer

#### Oktoberfest

- \$2690 + \$496 in Paypal
- \$420 from raffles
- Gross Revenue: \$3606
- Expenses \$652.18
- Net income \$2983.52 (less Paypal Fees)

Overall the event was a success. Plan to do more fundraising next year

**Attended Baldwin Middle School PTA and people expressed interest in joining the BCA**

#### Bank Accounts

- **Capital One Checking: \$168.94**
- **Bethpage**
  - Checking: \$6,967.88
  - Savings: \$5
  - CD/12 months dividends: \$6,633.28
  - CD/6 months dividends: \$2,032.55
  - **BETHPAGE GRAND TOTAL: \$15,638.71**
- **Paypal: \$74.01**
- **GRAND TOTAL: \$15,881.66**

#### Vice President/President Report

- Pseg grant recap from last meeting. 2 Planters Merrick rd and grand. Holiday lights will go north as much as we can. Planters will be delivered in November. Downtown area is the limitation of the grant. Location is at the corner of Grand and Merrick where the bump out and barbershop are.
  - Concerns raised issue about weeds and the brick
  - Kim has been talking with Wayne from oaks about plans to beautify up north

Guests from Baldwin Business Exotic Tropical Creations introduced themselves. Opened in September. Started as a home based business. Husband started in the Bahamas. Left samples of fruit, seafood and chicken salad.

### **Legislator Debra Mule**

- October 16th mobile office hours at Oceanside library 7-8pm
- October 25th Medicare seminar
- Complete Streets: Almost at the end of complete streets, something that came from the community 10yrs ago to jumpstart downtown revitalization. One thing, Complete Streets from Merrick Rd to Stanton up to the southern state pkwy, was put in the capital budget. It will start with a study. Weeds will be pulled up. Utility poles take time to remove. Traffic light signaling has been changed
  - **Community Comment:** North of seaman complete streets is not new and poles are not concrete. The stuff by Walgreens is from 5-6 years. Concern about safety with street merger. Mentioned that she heard there was flexibility that if it (the complete streets project) didn't work we could go back to the way it was. Also, mentioned that the Baldwin preserve hasn't gotten any \$ from the capital budget
- Kellogg house has been painted. Money added into the capital budget to take care of the inside of it

### **Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports**

#### **Economic Development (Kim provided this update)**

- Cash Mob overview. Next one is 11/8 at Lucas Dominican Restaurant

#### **Government Liaison (Kim provided this update)**

- Attended the Town of Hempstead Board Meeting on October 3 where G2D presented on a proposed project on Grand Avenue (where the Cecere Funeral home is located) Several residents of Harrison Avenue expressed the concerns about the impact of the development on their street - notably how the building would affect their property values and extra traffic on the street. She spoke and told the board that G2D has been working with the BCA, that the apartments were market rate and will bring people to support businesses. She also suggested the town follow up on their suggestion to issue resident parking permits on the street. G2D expressed interest after the town meeting to meet with the residents to discuss their concerns.
- Kim and Karen will be meeting with Assemblyman Brian Curran October 13th in the morning.

#### **Beautification**

- Elissa expressed gratitude for food truck Fridays. Huge success. Shared that we hosted 5 of them in total. Continued planting during the summer with girl scouts and other citizens. Girl Scouts moving up ceremonies took place at the garden. In hibernation now until Spring. Will complete two clean ups.

#### **Fundraising**

- Sheree has spoken to Lonny Werner about the 2024 spring event. It is too early to reserve the space. Event date is March 30th, rain date April 8th. The event flier is created

#### **Membership/Website-Rob**

- 78 paid. A few paid at Oktoberfest. Events allow people to see what Bca does. Will email people who haven't paid since 2022 in an effort to boost membership.

#### **Announcements**

- Tax receiver candidate announced a drug take back day 10/28, brookside in Merrick

#### **New Business: Special Presentation by Jeanine Driscoll, TOH Receiver of Taxes**

- **Some things she covered in her presentation were:**
  - Pointed out School tax bill, general bill, exemption boxes , another resource is <https://lrv.nassaucountyny.gov/>-insert the address, click on bills. Can go back 4yrs.
  - Types of tax exemptions -STAR, Nassau County, Seniors Limited Income, Persons with disabilities limited income, Veterans -alternative, Cold War, eligible funds
- She mentioned that Tax grievance seminars will start in January

**Claudia made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm second by Marguerite. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.**

BCA General Minutes  
November 9, 2023 7:30 pm  
Baldwin High School

President Kimberly Malone called the meeting to order at 7:39.

**Officer Reports**

- Recording Secretary:
  - Adoption of Minutes: tabled until next meeting. No quorum present.
- Corresponding Secretary:
  - Incoming Correspondence: Mark thanked the members for exercising their civic duty and voting during the recent election.
- Treasurer Report:
  - Bank Account: Colette reported approximately \$18,572 in checking accounts and cds.
- President/Vice President Report
  - PSEG Grant progress: Marguerite reported on planters having been delivered to intersection of Grand/Merrick. Soon new plants will be planted.

**Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- Economic Development:
  - Cash Mob: Willy reported next cash mob will be at Lucas Dominican Restaurant from 6 to 8 on the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Government Liaison:
  - Kellogg House
  - Façade Program/Grand Ave: Karen reported that the Town of Hempstead is working with building owners on a façade improvement program.
  - Assemblyman Curran: Kim thanked Assemblyman Brian Curran for helping us get the façade improvement information.
  - LI Lobby Coalition: Karen reported she will be attending a meeting in February.

- Beautification:
  - Updates: Elissa reported on plans for a Garden birthday celebration next year. She is hoping for yoga classes to happen soon.
- Fundraising:
  - Updates: Sheree reached out to the Coral House for information on hosting an event there. She will also reach out to the Town for the Springfling & bike parade.
- Membership/Website
  - Updates
- Quality of Life:
  - Updates: POP Officers informed the members of the various activities that have occurred around Baldwin. Theft of catalytic converters still remains a problem. Elissa brought up ongoing issues with the Garden and was asked to call 911 to get immediate responses. Rodney reported problems at the LIRR parking lots and has reached out to the LIRR.

#### **New Business**

- Assemblyman Brian Curran spoke briefly with the members

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Claudia and seconded by Mark.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

BCA General Body Meeting Minutes  
December 14, 2023 7:30 pm  
Via zoom

**Meeting called to order at 7:36pm by President Kim Malone**

**New attendees introductions**

- Melendez. Miguel, long time resident, Abby long time resident. They have been meaning to join.
- Santiago, long time resident, involved with the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce

**Officer Reports**

- Recording Secretary:
  - Adoption of Minutes-Erika made a motion to adopt the minutes. Marguerite second. Majority agreed. Minutes were adopted.
- Corresponding Secretary:
  - Incoming Correspondence
  - Updates
    - Emptied the mailbox.
    - Social Media-received fewer complaints about work in Baldwin especially complete streets
    - Mark believes the BCA Community forum about the Cecere Funeral Home redevelopment project went a long way. No real complaints about that or about the project at the corner of harrison and sunrise hwy
- Treasurer Report:
  - Bank Account
    - Cap 1: 1813.45
    - Bethpage: 6109.72
    - Cds: \$8719.76 for both
    - \$74 paypal
    - Debits: \$2494.65
    - Deposits: \$573.44
    - Total: \$16721.94
    - Still have \$8200 for pseg

- President/Vice President Report
  - Vision LI Summit
    - Vision LI gets involved in development of towns around LI. Ki shared that attending the summit gave BCA leadership the opportunity to interact with other towns and villages and learn what they are doing. Willy, Kim and Karen attended.
  - PSEG Grant
    - Started project sept/october corners of merrick rd and grand. Two planters were purchased from Hicks. Tom Owens, owner of Evergreen Landscaping, is doing all of the plantings. Will start fresh in early summer. Planted tulip bulbs. Next step is for the lights. \$700 of string lights along merrick rd and grand ave. Marguerite has been playing phone tag with Doug of the Baldwin Fire Department. She wants to see if the lights look right, if not, she will return them. Latest she can spend PSEG grant money is March 2024. Everything she uses the money for must be concentrated in the downtown area.
    - Kim shared that the BCA is hoping to reapply for the PSEG grant next year. We want to keep bringing in funds to offset our budget. She expressed appreciation to Marguerite for all of the work she has done with the 2023 grant funds.

### **Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- Economic Development: by Kim Malone
  - Cash Mob -Next one is taking place at Viva Tulum on January 27th
    - Kim provided an overview of the cash mob efforts eg: Business gets a good return that one night when residents are encouraged to patronize their restaurant. Normally BCA raffles off a basket
  - Development projects
    - 7-11 on Grand & Atlantic will be closing and they are looking to open it across the street where there used to be a bank branch. Developers plan to add a gas station component.
    - LI Bagel Cafe on Grand Avenue plans to have a built out. Developers are invited to our January meeting
- Government Liaison:
  - Grand and Atlantic Development - recap of TOH meeting by Karen
    - Former Bofa building. Condo residents are very upset. 24/7 operations, gas fumes health hazard, close to their property lines, set up for the traffic patterns. They have an in and out on Atlantic ave and on Grand Avenue.

BCA wants to meet with the developers. They said they were going to add more parking for synergy

- Smart Growth summit - Breslin and Park Grove projects
  - Karen ran into developers working on the project at the old diner on Merrick road. They shared that shovels should be in the ground by January. Breslin is taking more time. Community placement-making the community more approachable for walkers vs cars. Lots of data showing that the arts are really good for the community. We should think about more art programs . She reiterated that Baldwin as a community is very arts oriented. County is open to feedback from community about the Kellogg House:
    - Can Kellogg house be an art house? Just got painted. Inside needs some work
    - Call for folks to share their ideas for what they would like to see at the Kellogg House
  - Karen shared that Christopher Carini is no longer part of Baldwin after the redistricting process. The Nassau County Legislature meeting on Thursday is set to start at 1pm.
    - Last meeting for Laura Shaffer, Kevan Abrahams and Richard Nicoletto
    - Discussion and concerns about the district being split on the town level. Laura Ryder represents the bottom half of Baldwin
      - BCA leadership tried to meet with her several times but she wasn't available
      - Miguel knows Laura Ryder personally. He asked her assistant if she would come to the bca meeting and he was told that it would be better if she was invited (dan salmon ). Karen wants her to meet with the board first.
      - **Call to post about monday's meeting on social media.**
- Beautification:
  - Updates:
    - Did some cleaning at the shed around the community garden. Plan is to build a new shed. Marguerite's report about pseg grants mentions other beautification efforts.



- Fundraising: Kim
  - Updates
    - Spring Fling is booked for March 30, 2024, 12pm-3pm in Baldwin Harbor Park. Save the date. In the past that event was one of our most effective fundraisers. Flyers to come.
  
- Membership/Website-Kim
  - Updates
    - 84 members, should have 87 after this meeting. Request members to join a committee
  
- Quality of Life: None
  - Updates

### **New Business**

- Jason Vitale Scholarship-Karen
  - Jason Vitale was our second quality of life chair. Long time member of BCA. Great cheerleader for the association. He was a science teacher. Established scholarship for a Baldwin student who is very much involved in the community. Marguerite and Valerie Anderson Campbell will sit on the committee. \$500 scholarship.

### **Community Feedback:**

Meta question:

What are we looking to do for more outreach to younger people?

David Viana

Present strategic plan to the general body?

Need to re-invigorate energy around bca and getting involved in Baldwin

Kim shared that a lot of projects that are moving forward BCA has been a mediator between the entities and the community as evident from the forum between G2D and Harrison ave residents. While not the most exciting, we do it is still important work for the community. We spend a lot of time fighting misinformation that is stalling progress.

Darien Ward

Impact of Covid

Robust Visioning Process. Sara Hill did our initial 5 year plan. She created a logic model. BCA could take her vision plan as a blueprint and update it. The BCA has revisited the strategic plan twice and will continue to do so.

Darien emphasized that when people raise ideas about a project, they should be prepared to own the project and/or work on it. At the moment, The. BCA doesn't have the manpower to manage all the projects that people suggest.

Marguerite

Silver Lake Concerts first time in 50 years. Being planned for 2024.

**Community Announcement:**

Miguel and Abby Melendez announced the Relay for Life Event taking place on June 9th from 12pm to 10pm at baldwin park.

Motion to adjourn made by colette, karen seconded

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm