

BCA General Body Minutes
November 18 Thursday 7:30 PM
Via zoom

President Darien Ward started the meeting at 7:38.

Officer Reports

- Recording Sec:
 - Adoption of Meeting Minutes: Marguerite asked that minutes be adopted. Karen made a motion, pending any corrections, that minutes be adopted. Seconded by Rob. Minutes adopted.

- Corresponding Sec:
 - Updates: nothing reported.

- Treasurer Report:
 - Committee Chairs Prepare Budget Presentation in Jan. 2022: Steve reported a total of \$19372.80. He needs budgets ASAP. If he does not hear from anyone, their budget will be the same as last year's.

- President/Vice President Report
 - What is our responsibility if any to increase vaccination rates in Baldwin? Darien shared the numbers below to the General Body. He would like it to be a resource and have a running discussion on how we are doing.
Covid 19 Numbers in Baldwin, Dept of Health as of Nov 9, 2021
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/zip-code-vaccination-data>
 - ✓ Vaccination rates one dose-79.1%
 - ✓ Vaccination rates two dose-70.1%
 - Strategic 5 year plan 2021-2026: Darien charged the Executive Board with the task of revising the old plan by January.
 - ✓ How do we engage membership on goals?
 - Establishment of BCA Bylaw Review: Darien reported that Rob is spearheading this and is picking a team to make changes.
 - Popcorn Fundraiser Fall 2021: Kim reported that the popcorn fundraiser is scheduled to be held at the earliest the 12th & 13th up to the 17th of December. She has enlisted the 2 top performers from last year's popcorn fundraiser – Lonnie Hart and Van White.

Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports

- Economic Development:
 - Updates: Willy reviewed the bike path for the general body. He reported meeting with a group looking for alternative means of transportation.

- Government Liaison:
 - BCC President Installation: Karen attended the Chamber meeting where there was a change over. Erik Mahler retired, and Franky Jorge is now the current president.
 - Updates: Karen is in the process of trying to get clarification on funds for the Historical Society & art project. Karen reported she and Darien attended the

Smart Growth Summit. Darien presented for Baldwin. There will be a recording available. Topics on post Covid, green building climate change, etc. were covered at the Summit. Karen also reported on a Diversity Panel and how are communities being viewed from the outside. Discussion took place on that topic. Karen also reported on the Complete Streets with a new start time of the spring. Only two projects under the DRI are moving forward presently – Park Row & Breslin. Additionally, the Silver Lake Drainage has started.

- Steve suggested the BCA generate an article in the Herald to give updates on what is going on with the DRI and other projects.
- Beautification:
 - Status of Policy for Use and Donation Schedule
- Fundraising:
 - Flower Power Fundraising Results-Marguerite Keller: Marguerite was able to raise \$117 doing an online spring flower sale.
 - Open Position: Darien announced we are still looking for a fundraising chair.
- Membership/Website:
 - Updates to website: Rob reported 66 paid members. If anyone wants to pay their dues now, they will include all of 2022.
- Quality of Life:
 - QOL Updates: Darien reported that Rodney had responded to a complaint about a neighbor using their residence as a chop shop. Rodney reached out to the neighbor to speak with him. A POP Officer got involved and the matter has stopped. Darien reported on this so the members know that the BCA was the conduit to help with complaints.

New Business

- Election Civic Responsibility-Our Role: Darien asked the members what they thought the BCA should do as a nonpolitical organization when it comes to elections. Different members voiced their opinions, information should go out to the public early, get people more engaged, make them feel like they are a part of the process, use the BCA as a source of information on early voting, when and where, etc.
- Sue Cools announced that this weekend is the first musical at the high school where people can attend. Seating is limited. Sue also reported a Wellness Center will be set up in the high school sometime in the future.

Claudia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55, and Karen seconded

Next meeting will be December 9th, 2021.