

**Baldwin Civic Association
General Body Meeting
January 9, 2020 7pm
Baldwin Senior High School Cafeteria B**

Officer Reports

- Recording Secretary:
 - Adoption of Minutes: General Body

- Corresponding Secretary:
 - Facebook Posting/Activity
 - Officially transitioned to constant contact

- Treasurer Report:
 - Financial Report End of Fiscal Year 2019
Budget Over/Under= Budget Projected/Actual 2019
 - Treasurer's report at February meeting.

- President/Vice President Report:
 - Happy New Year 2020
 - ZBA JS Sunrise Realty Decision/Response
Adhoc Committee: Zoning/Land Use Committee
 - Call for DRI projects deadline extended to Jan 17
BCA projects
 - Baldwin Civic Youth Assoc.
Tentative Interest Meeting Jan. 28 , Café B time:
 - Civic Engagement Series
Securing a Speaker for February/March, Location: TBD Topic: TBD
 - What to do when stopped by the Police, BPL, May 13, 2020 Wed. 7-8:30

 - Jason Vitale
 - Thoughts about memorializing Jason Vitale. Ideas from membership welcome.

- Membership Committee:
 - Membership meeting to be held in upcoming weeks.
 - Updates/Website
 - Raffle Participation

New Business

- Baldwin District Superintendent Office, 7 pm
Baldwin Schools Innovation 2020, Presented by Dr. Shari Camhi, Superintendent of Schools

- Why Innovation 2020?
- Redesigned innovative learning spaces
- 2 Additional Information sessions
 - January 21st
 - March 3rd
 - <https://www.baldwinschools.org/innovation2020>

- Desire to have more connection between civic associations (Baldwin, Stearns, and Baldwin Oaks)

Respectfully submitted by Ashley Renaire Davis

BCA General Membership Meeting
February 6, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

There were no minutes because Recording Secretary Ashley Davis was not present, Treasurer Constance Pittas gave a brief review of the proposed budget. Numbers were revised upwards because of insurance and more committee expenses. Claudia Rotondo made a motion to accept which was seconded and the budget was passed unanimously.

Legislator Debra Mule introduced her new assistant, Jonathan Prevost as the point of contact for Baldwin. He is replacing Kiana Berria. The office number is the same.

President Darien Ward who sits on the LPC for the DRI said the project list has been emailed to all members.

- The next LPC meeting on 2/12 is postponed. There is a lack of TOD projects and the committee wanted more time for submissions. The proposals have been broken into three categories: Public Benefit, Commercial and Visual.
- Darien encouraged all to attend the meetings. Meeting time details are on the BCA and Town of Hempstead websites. Bob Hare also noted that he is posting details about the DRI on the American Legion FB Page which has been shared and has 900-200 views Darien stated it is not appropriate for the BCA to pick projects but encouraged people to attend meetings. Meta Mereday expressed concerns that there was 7 million dollars in just three projects. Also with items like the banners not all of Grand Avenue is in the DRI.
- Linda Deegan had a question about who proposed the BCA projects. Darien replied that members were asked for input and none was received. The project proposals were written by Sam Cools and Rob Weisser. Linda questioned why not voted on by members. Rob stated they were not official proposals from the BCA. Also stated there was a meeting about proposals sponsored by the BCA and the Chamber at the library.
- There were also postponements due to change of town leadership and passage of zoning overlay.
- Bob Hare said three proposals have been cut. Some are fully formed and some in formation and some are just ideas.

Innovation 2020 – Meeting on March 3, Vote on March 18.

- Darien encouraged all to vote whether agree or not.
- Patrick Keating said there is a lack of info about this and the BCA should demand info. Darien asked Patrick to send his questions/request for info and he will pass to Dr. Camhi. Claudia Rotondo added that she believed you could submit questions through the website.

Kim Malone – Economic Development Chair – reported did a tech incubator walk through Karen Montalbano – Government Liaison – reported on writing an op ed about the Sunrise Highway property that appeared in the Baldwin Herald, going to Albany with the Long Island Lobby Coalition on February 25th and attended the Main Street Alliance meeting.

Darien talked about creating a scholarship in memory of Jason Vitale. Claudia made a motion to create the scholarship, seconded by Sam Cools. Passed unanimously.

Rob Weisser – Membership – planning monthly meetings, planning a membership drive in the spring and summer. Average of 100 members over the past few years. Aiming to double that.

Eggstravaganza is schedule for April 4th. Need volunteers to help. Also need people to help with fundraising.

Question from member about consolidating civics. Darien said this has been discussed at executive board meetings. While have similar concerns the organizations were started for different reasons. There are no concerns about having a joint meeting which Claudia Rotondo thought was an excellent idea to bring the community together. Representatives from the Baldwin Oaks Civic also thought it was a good idea

Darien brought up the idea of a Zoning Committee to be proactive on zoning issues.

Meta Mereday noted the Nassau County Legislature was meeting at 7 pm on 2/24

Baldwin Oaks Civic Association representative Wayne asked about focusing on the car lots on Grand Avenue at Wesley and Joy Boulevard. Appears they have dealer's licenses but no variances.

Linda Deegan said she spoke with the landlord at the Best Buy Shopping center about the trucks there.

Bob Hare talked about two events – a Vets Expo on 2/10 at the coliseum and a St. Patrick's Days party at the American Legion on 3/14.

Claudia Rotondo made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

BCA General Body Meeting

March 12, 2020

7:30 PM Baldwin High School

Steve Greenfield opened the meeting at approximately 7:35pm by leading the pledge of allegiance.

President Darien Ward continued by discussing Baldwin Downtown Redevelopment Report and introduced Willie Zambrano who will discuss architectural design and density issues as they relate to the downtown redevelopment process. President Ward discussed some miscommunications and misconceptions regarding BCA's discussions of density.

Floor Area Ratio (FAR) is a formula that determines how many square feet can be developed on a property in proportion to the lot area.

Ability to build higher in more transit oriented areas.

(Attach PDF of Willie's Presentation)

POP Officer Report

-1985 Grand and Grand Bagels Commercial Burglaries

-A lot of phone scams. IRS phone scan starting again now that it is tax time. Beware especially for elderly residents.

-People stealing mail from mailboxes. Call police if you see people hanging out by mailboxes.

VP Greenfield discussion of Coronavirus and the need to support each other during this time.

Innovation 2020- Recognition of Ashley Davis for writing Herald guest column. Encourage neighbors to come out and Vote.

Presentation of Jason Vitale Memorial Scholarship Award by Ashley R. Davis. Scholarship will be sent to guidance office and will be available for students this school year. Ashley responded to questions regarding how scholarship will be disseminated to the community and who will choose the recipient. EBoard will review applications and agree on a recipient.

President ward mentioned to general body that Eggstravaganza may be canceled. Question from Shelia Romano as to whether or not the event can be postponed or rescheduled.

Jonathan Prevost from Debra Mule's office. Mobile office hours have been canceled due to Corona Virus

Spread news about the census and the importance of completing the census documents.

Call to support local small business through Corona virus issue.

Motion to close meeting. Sam Cools. Second by Rob Weiser. Motion unanimously carried.

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