


Greater Baybrook Alliance Steering Committee Meeting Notes March 22, 2023

Agenda:

4:00 PM - Welcome

See attached attendance list

4:15 - Hon's Honey expansion to S. Hanover St.



hon's|honey
a healing hive

Hon's Honey is a social enterprise dedicated to giving dignity and purpose to women survivors of trauma— addiction, trafficking, generational poverty and abuse.

The Vision

- A land flowing with Milk and Honey
- A welcoming space to showcase Hon's Honey products
- A gathering place for our community
- An opportunity to increase workforce development opportunities for women in South Baltimore - increasing economic sustainability while introducing the next woman walking through the door....
- Community Development - keeping Hon's Honey HOME

Community Support:

- Bond bill
- Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative
- DHCD Merchant Reno Fund
- Facade Improvement - BDC Baltimore Development Corporation
- France-Merrick Foundation
- GBA

Schedule for the Storefront

- June 15 - Hon's Honey Storefront manager and sales associate hired
- July 15 - Construction Completion
- Ribbon Cutting - Early August
- August 31-September 15 - Scheduled opening

Upcoming event: April 28 Baltimore Museum of Industry – 20 year celebration

<https://www.drinkatthewell.org/> <https://www.honshoney.com/>

4:40 - New businesses at 121 Riverside Rd.

Presentation cancelled.

4:55 - GBA Executive Director report and Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI) program update

Executive Director Report

- Goal: Catalyze equitable economic development and neighborhood wealth
 - Foster vibrant retail corridors through 6 TA clients, 6 facade improvements and 1 vacant rehab by Q4
 - Raise \$350k for renovation of 3601 S Hanover St and develop plan for reuse

Catalyze equitable economic development and neighborhood wealth

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- Accomplished FY23 year to date: 4 TA projects complete, 3 underway
 - Goldie's Adult Medical Daycare: website and staff recruitment
 - Sweet Home Jamaica: BASE network application for web design
 - Stylin Zone: BASE network application for web design
 - Stylin Zone Boutique and gym (name TBD): business plan and renovation support
- 4 facade improvements completed + 6 underway
- 1 vacant rehab in progress (Hon's Honey) + 1 applicant (former Star Mart)

Goldie's Day Care (Brooklyn Park)

- Facade Improvement and technical assistance



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Frank's Bay Tavern (Curtis Bay)

- Facade Improvement



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Sweet Home Jamaica (Brooklyn)

- Facade Improvement and technical assistance



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Stylin' Zone (Brooklyn)

- Facade Improvement and technical assistance



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Maynard's (Brooklyn)

- Facade Improvement



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Hon's Honey - Vacant Rehab

- Merchant Renovation Fund and technical assistance (FY22)



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3601 S Hanover St.

- Monday, Feb. 6 press event coordinated by media relations team from Bank of America and Economic Action Maryland (formerly Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition)
- Highlighted coalition of community members and contribution by Bank of America
- GBA has a pending \$225,000 bond bill for building rehab



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Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative

- Link to [BRNI FY24 proposal spreadsheet](#)
- Survey of Steering Committee priorities

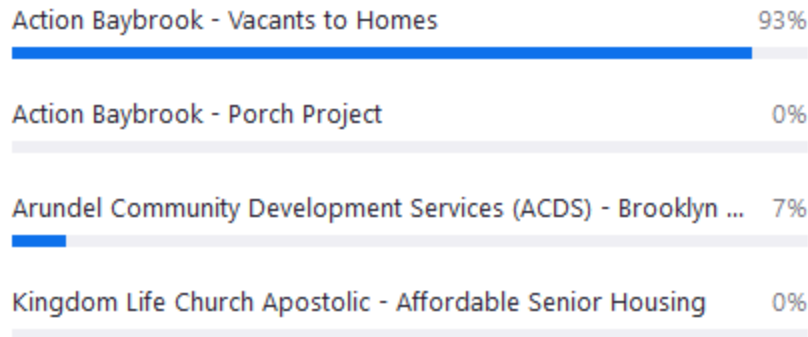


Review of BRNI Proposals

Fund	Lead partners	Potential projects	Project Description	request	area
BRNI/ CORE	Action Baybrook	Vacants 2 Homes	Purchase and renovate 8 vacant residential properties for homeownership in partnership with a private developer.	\$250,000	housing
BRNI	Action Baybrook	Front Porch Project	The Front Porch Project is a community building neighborhood revitalization program for Baybrook community homeowners to repair porches and front facades.	\$200,000	housing
BRNI	ACDS	Brooklyn Park Rehabilitation Program,	Acquisition and rehab of three distressed properties in the Arundel Village and Brooklyn Heights communities. Leverages \$450k in CDBG funds.	\$400,000	housing
SEED	CORB	Community Collaboration for Social Transformation in Brooklyn – Phase 2 Renovation	Renovating 3501 7th Street, Baltimore, MD 21225 to complete our Phase 1 renovation, Building 2, which houses our Commercial Kitchen and Cafe, Workforce Development Hub (WDH) and Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC).	\$1,000,000	econ dev
BRNI	Drink at the Well	COR expansion	Renovation of the 2nd floor of our building on Pennington Avenue in Curtis Bay to expand our COR Life Development and workforce development classroom space as well as expand our childcare center	\$150,000	econ dev
BRNI	Kingdom Life Church Apostolic		Purchase and the basic construction of two properties including space for a community action agency and affordable housing.	\$250,000	housing/quality of life
BRNI	LIFE Church Ministries	Operation Cleanup & Crime Prevention	Implement security and beautification features to improve quality of life on Hanover St.	\$200,000	econ dev
BRNI	SB7	SB7 Building Renovation	Renovate a former single story dental office into the South Baltimore 7 office space and meeting rooms	\$100,000	quality of life
BRNI	GBA	Baybrook Spruce Up & Creative Placemaking Initiatives	Development and installation of public realm beautification and public art projects.	\$75,000	quality of life
BRNI	GBA	Duane Ave parklet	Installation of sidewalks along 6th Street to facilitate access to Duane Ave parklet and the Bay Brook EMS Safe Routes to School	\$150,000	quality of life
BRNI	GBA	Baybrook Retail Improvement Program	Incentives exterior and interior improvements for legacy and new businesses. Expansion of current Facade Improvement Program.	\$100,000	econ dev
BRNI	GBA	Greater Baybrook Alliance Operating Support	Supports the implementation of the Greater Baybrook Vision and Action Plan including staff and other indirect costs.	\$200,000	operating
				\$3,075,000	

BRNI FY24 proposals

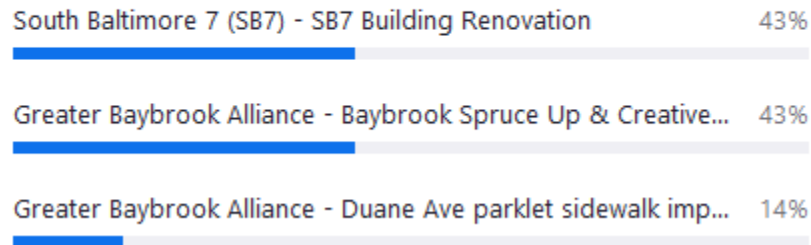
1. Which of these housing projects will be most impactful for the Baybrook community? (Single Choice) *



2. Which of these economic development projects will be most impactful for the Baybrook community? (Single Choice) *



3. Which of these quality of life projects will be most impactful for the Baybrook community? (Single Choice) *



Send email or call Meredith if you have any questions or comments on projects.

5:15 - Brief announcements

- 1) Filbert St Gardens is still taking online applications for plots. As low as \$5 for the growing season.
- 2) City of Refuge - April 1- GED and ESL classes starting again, Saturday and mid-week classes. Adding many more classes in the Fall for IT and other higher paying careers.
<https://www.cityofrefugebaltimore.org/>
- 3) Lots more at Greater Baybrook Alliance Quality of Life group on Facebook, which I will be updating today and tomorrow. <http://bit.ly/gbaqol>. I'm attaching relevant flyers.

Chrissy, Filbert Street Garden's External Relations Coordinator says, "I would really like to start getting the young adults in the garden for Community Service hours!"

Ask her about all kinds of volunteering, individual or groups, at chrissy@filbertstreetgarden.org

Our upcoming events. We're setting our full events schedule for this year.

- 3/25 Community Garden Plot Distribution. We will have some perks for gardeners, such as free soil. FILBERT STREET GARDEN | Linktree

- 4/1 Easter Fest FILBERT STREET GARDEN | Linktree

- 4/12 Farm Alliance Field Day: Composting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/570966174197>

- 4/20 Composting Workshop w/ BCC/DPW Grow Center

<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/grow-center>

- 4/22 Ben Fest

- 4/28 Open to participating in City Nature Challenge. Have discussed it as a possibility for Farring Baybrook Park w/ GBA's Makayla Alicea

- 4/29 Seedling Giveaway <https://facebook.com/events/s/free-seedling-day-2023/1182918445704584/>

- 5/6 The registration is open for our class series w/ Enoch Pratt Free Library, in person at the garden. This May 6 event is the first in the series: The last scheduled partnership event is July 29.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/568357672097>

- Soil Testing event in May

new team members

- Brittany Coverdale, Garden Steward

- Shira Goodman, Internal Relations Coordinator

Elsewhere in the community:

3/22 Baltimore City Climate Action Plan Workshop- stipends available for attendees

3/25 City Lit Festival at the Meyerhoff

3/27 DPW Solid Waste Management Plan Community Meeting. 6-7:30pm

For more information visit: bit.ly/10YearSWMP

4/1 Ready Set Hire: Baltimore Rec n Parks

4/1 From @theneighborhooddesigncenter

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The Trash Dash is back! Save the date for our annual team Cleanup Contest on April 1st. This year, we'll be at Middle Branch Park in Baltimore where groups will compete to see who can pick up the most litter AND raise funds for Neighborhood Design Center - with prizes for spirit, costume, most funds raised and best 'found object' trophy design.

It's a family-friendly, earth-friendly FUNdraiser that brings our community together to steward our public places - all for a great cause.

Gather a team and see how much watershed cleaning you can do in 1 hour — competitively... and in costumes, of course! Winners get a handmade trophy, swag, admiration, and potentially a few disgruntled glances from their defeated opponents.

📍 Location - Middle Branch Park

📅 Date: Saturday, April 1st

🕒 Time - 9:30 am

👤 Who: You! Gather a team of 5-10 people! Bring colleagues, friends and family!

Learn more and register your team: <https://ndcmd.app.neoncrm.com/forms/13>

5:30 - Closing

Attendance:



Greater Baybrook Alliance (Host)



sarah batley



Daisy Heartberg (she/her) (Co-host)



Emma Simpson (she/her) (Co-host)



mandymemmel



Andrea Mayer



Dan McGinty



Elias Hinderberger -GBA



iPhone



Jan Eveland



Jason



Kambre Rideout



Kristy Aquino- MedStar



Laurie Rollins Anderson (she/her)



Makayla Alicea



Meleny Thomas



Michael Dorsey



Mizetta Wilson



Rodette



Spencer Setters