

Peabody Heights Resident Homeowners Alliance
Tuesday, March 18, 2003 @ 7:15 PM to 8:10 PM
@ St. Johns Methodist Church - 27th and St. Paul Street

Attendees: Christian Wilson, Acting Chairman
Pam Wilson, Secretary
Kristin Smith, Baltimore City Planning Department
David Wallace, RK&K Engineers
approximately 12 to 15 community/business members from the
Peabody Heights Resident Homeowners Alliance

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The following summarizes the notes taken by David Wallace on March 18, 2003 during his meeting with representatives of Peabody Heights Resident Homeowners Alliance. These notes do not represent the official position of Peabody Heights Resident Homeowners Alliance nor have they been reviewed or approved by them.

Following a brief business meeting, David Wallace provided an overview of the City's previous studies along Charles Street between 25th Street and University Parkway; focusing primarily on the southern portion. Displays of existing conditions, the previous reconstruction plan as presented to the community at the BMA in June, 2002, and selected images from the January 7, 2003 PowerPoint presentation (enlarged and mounted on boards) were presented. He also noted that the City is initiating traffic simulation of Charles Street and is applying for federal funding for design/construction. In all likelihood, design activities will not be initiated until the fall of 2003.

The following comments/observations were offered during the 45 minute Q&A:

- As a part of the Johns Hopkins University Bookstore project, traffic and parking surveys have been initiated by the developer, SBER.
- The City received State Scenic Byway designation for Charles Street, and will be applying for federal designation; such designation would assist in funding.
- Parking for residences and businesses is at a premium along the southern section of Charles Street. Lengthy discussions about parking opportunities and the effect the lack of parking has on attracting new businesses and residences. Angle parking on some streets was discussed, with a note that the headlights have an adverse affect on residences in basement apartments. In addition, off-peak period parking was strongly supported along Charles Street.
- Construction of the SB traffic sweep at 29th Street in 1953-1954 by Henry Barnes carved out a key piece of the Wyman Park Dell. Strong support was shown for the removal of this sweep and the restoration of a more conventional intersection at Charles Street and 29th Street.

- A question was raised concerning two-way traffic on Charles Street south of 29th Street.
- Interest was expressed in the City's Residential Permit Parking program.
- A question was raised concerning the potential of the pedestrian bridge in the vicinity of 34th Street, between Johns Hopkins University and their proposed book store.
- Truck loading docks and bus stops were briefly discussed.

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