

**HISTORIC BREWERS HILL ASSOCIATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
**Time:** 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
**Place:** HoneyBee Sage 1819 North Dr Martin Luther King Jr Drive

**I. Call to Order**

- a. President opens and welcome members

**II. Speakers:**

- a. Angela Mallett, the owner of HoneyBee Sage, shared some history of her business. They have been around since Nov. 2018. They actually started off in the small business incubator at Sherman Phoenix. they were one of the first businesses to go into the Phoenix, and after 2 years they outgrew the space. Then they moved to 91st and Lisbon which allowed them to spread out, but as they grew they decided they needed even more space. When they moved into the King Drive location, it was a blank palette. Mallett designed the way the space looks today herself. They use the herbs to make proprietary blends of herbal tea (which can help with waking you up, helping w/ anxiety, etc.). Additionally, they make alcohol free drinks and mocktails and sell alcohol free spirits. They also offer clean body products and home products like candles, lotions, room sprays, etc. They are also working with a menu to consistently be able to offer food items in the near future. Follow on Facebook or Instagram.
- b. Lou Alexakis, CEO of Avli (pronounced Av-LEE) - 1818 N. Hubbard St
  - i. They only allow about 50 online reservations per day - but that is because they want neighbors to feel welcome to come in. Weekend evenings might be hard for walk-ins. Early or late is better - but try - you'll probably get a spot.
  - ii. Lou introduced his chefs for our Milwaukee location (from NY and Australia) The partners in the restaurant are the Antetokounmpo's (Giannis has been there once, his younger brother twice, and his older brother once)
  - iii. The other Avli has been in Lincoln Park. After 5 years - they feel like they are part of the fabric of the neighborhood.
  - iv. After the next few weeks of just dinner - they are looking to see what they want to get into? Probably a lunch/ brunch - then we'll see.
  - v. Also - make sure to ask about travel recommendations if you are planning on traveling in Greece!

**III. Treasurer's Report & Membership Update**

- a. Current Balance: \$7,335.77  
We have a ton of new members from the block party!

- b. Household (H) Memberships: 94
  - c. Individual (I) Memberships: 45
  - d. Total Memberships (H and I): 139 (122 last year)
  - e. Total Members: 233
- \*\*\*Dues are raising in price next year to keep up with inflation so that we can continue to offer the services and events you have all come to expect

#### **IV. Secretary's Report**

- a. All approved meeting minutes available at: [historicbrewershill.com](http://historicbrewershill.com)

#### **V. Vice President's Calendar of Events**

- a. 2 casual event pop-ups. (skyline music series kickoff and closing)
- b. Patio round robin - first sold to neighborhood members. If you see any of the yard signs you can scan the QR code to join.
- c. New this year for Halloween: Decorate your house contest.
- d. Check out our most recent BOD minutes summary for a complete list.

#### **VI. Development Listening Session**

- a. 232 E Brown
  - Mike D'amato was here representing Regina Kret (the property owner) - Mike used to be an alderman in the 5th district. The first design for the property was going to have six units. Neighbors pushed back saying that this was too many units. After reconsidering, Kret decided on a four-unit plan. D'amato says they will be sticking to the historic land use and rhythm of the site. Two duplexes (for a total of 4 units) are consistent with the area. If you look within the block, there are 14 2-family houses. In the past, you couldn't build on lots like this because we had a suburban zoning code. The proposed density is consistent with what already exists - in an urban area. (According to D'amato)
  - They provided two perspectives - one that faces Brown, one that faces Hubbard (to get some community input)
  - Some Details:
    - This is in the national historic district - but just adjacent (not inside) the local historic district.
    - Setback from the sidewalk (10 ft) - about 5ft from the sides.
    - This is designed for long term rentals. (not Airbnbs)
    - Target Demographic: young families, empty nesters, (2 bedrooms)
  - Background - they already own two commercial condos on E. Reservoir
  - They have been staying up to date with Alderwoman Coggs. Rachel suggested that the Board will review prior to the November meeting. Rachel points out that a lot of people just want to make sure that it's not a short term rental property. She suggested that she do a 5 year clause on no short term rentals. Regina said she'd be amenable to a 10-20 year clause. Other neighbors cautioned to please make sure you check the tenants.

- Tim wanted to underscore that Regina Kret has already demonstrated good faith by changing her original plan from a 6-unit to a 4-unit

## **VII. General Business**

### **a. Susan Smieja - United Way**

- Holiday Giving Tree - Please consider donating gifts to those in need and please sign up early because it helps her plan (everyone will be excited to get gifts). Once people sign up - she will request tags which won't come until Mid November - (there is a little delay) please don't reach out to her and ask where they are. Once you've got it - you can bring them to her house or to the United Way. An average gift is roughly \$20-25. Please no toy guns. No need to wrap - just put it in a gift bag.
- Project Homeless Connect - Oct. 19 half-day volunteer opportunity. This is a 1-day resource fair for people at risk for experiencing homelessness. It is held at the Marquette Alumni Memorial Union. People are matched with a volunteer to get them what they need. (clothes, food, vision test, bus pass, etc. - all the resources they need all in one place) If you are available it is a really important event (10 am to 4 pm) Last year, they had 700 guests and 400 volunteers.

### **b. Crime and Public Safety**

- Steve Colowell: 414-935-7504 (our community liaison officer for District 5)
  - He deals with nuisance, license compliance. Brewers Hill and Halyard Park have the lowest incidence of crime in D5 - the downside is that the the crimes that we experience are usually lower priority meaning that callers might be waiting a long time because other neighborhoods are experiencing more serious/violent crimes.(For instance, there have been no shootings in Brewers Hill this year).
- In the next Month, Mayor Johnson will be making an announcement. They will try to consolidate surveillance footage from businesses like the Fiserv Forum to help police solve more crimes.
- Related to this is Community Connect: If you have a Ring doorbell you can register with the city so that if there is an incident in your area - an officer can see that you have one registered - so they can reach out to you and see if you have any footage. (this is a good way to keep officers from bothering you at 3:00 am when they notice your doorbell)
- Crime Statistics: Burglaries are up 3-10 from last year (lots of crimes are down - but burglaries are up)
- Car break-ins from 2021-now, there has been a 66% drop. Kia came out with a fix. The result is that car jackings have increased (not as much as the drop in break-ins, but still a noteworthy increase)
- To avoid a carjacking - don't stop too close to the car in front of you at a traffic signal. Air tags are another way - (air tags on your car will let you track your car if it is stolen) Every time someone else with an i-phone is within bluetooth range - it pings and updates. An air tag means that they are usually found within a couple hours with the people that stole them still

inside. If you don't have an air tag hidden in your car and it is stolen, your chances of having the car recovered soon or at all are significantly diminished. (another idea is a dash cam- it's only \$60)

- Monthly crime and safety meeting. (hosted by the captain)
  
- c. Upcoming Elections
  - i. Seats for our President, treasurer and auxiliary officers will be up for election
  - ii. Please attend our next board meeting 10/17 if you are interested in a position on the board. Location to follow.
  
- d. Lakefront Brewery is hosting a Coat Drive for our very own Carver Academy on October 21st. Our goal is to earn roughly \$250 for coats for needy children. (With a grant that allows us to purchase winter coats for \$5 per coat, this could purchase roughly 50 coats!) Keep an eye out for details!

## **VIII. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting ended at approximately 7:40pm