



Wyman Park Community Association General Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

Quick Recap

The meeting focused on traffic safety concerns along Keswick Road. A Baltimore City DOT representative provided information about potential traffic calming measures and ways to address visibility issues at intersections along Keswick Road. Additional topics included parking permit pickup arrangements for May 29-30, information about Baltimore's Group Violence Reduction Strategy program expanding to District 14, the upcoming neighborhood community picnic on June 6th and another Weed Warriors event this Saturday, May 16th.

Summary

Keswick Road Traffic Safety & Roland Avenue Resurfacing

Following up on a traffic walk focusing on safety concerns along Keswick Road led by Baltimore DOT last May (2025) with Odette and residents of Wyman Park and Hampden, Matthew Bleakney, traffic engineer with Baltimore City DOT and Chaquetta Wallace, Baltimore City DOT Community Liaison (Chaquetta.Wallace@baltimorecity.gov ; 443-604-3660) discussed potential solutions to address speeding, vehicles not stopping properly at intersections, and reduced visibility due to vehicles parked too close to intersections. Two locations of particular concern are the intersections at 37th Street, which serves as a major crossing route to the school, and at 39th Street, where visibility is severely limited for drivers trying to turn onto Keswick.

Possible improvements include daylighting (designated no-parking areas at intersection corners), bump-outs, mirrors, and speed cameras, though specific responses about these requests were not yet available as no formal notes from the traffic walk had been distributed and there were delays in follow-up actions due to staff turnover. One item of note was that previous conversations about speed cameras may need revisiting, as recent Maryland state law changes now allow expanded authorization for installation. Ms. Wallace said DOT would be meeting soon to coordinate various safety projects along the Keswick Road corridor and will follow up with us.



James Wolf shared information about Asphalt Art/Art in the Right-of-Way projects as a traffic calming/pedestrian safety intervention in East Baltimore and offered to help with fundraising and grants for similar installations in Wyman Park. To see examples of completed projects, visit <https://grahamprojects.com/>.

Mr. Bleakney also gave a brief overview of the Roland Avenue resurfacing project between 40th St. and 34th St., including the creation of a separated bike lane using precast concrete pillars (Visit <https://streetsofbaltimore.com/> for details/status updates on this and other DOT improvement projects).

Other Business

The group also discussed community solar installation opportunities. Scott –? presented research on a potential Maryland Energy Administration grant for EV charging stations with solar canopies.

Lara attended last week's meeting about Baltimore's Group Violence Reduction Strategy implementation in District 14 now that funding and partnerships are in place. The program is part of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE) and has been successful in other parts of the City where it has been in place, beginning in 2022. For more information, visit <https://www.baltimorecity.gov/monse/gun-violence-intervention/gvrs>

Mollie Soloway announced plans for community parking permit pickup May 29-30.

James Wolf announced another Friends of Stony Run Weed Warriors event Saturday, May 16th (meet 10 AM at 36th & Beech).

Andrea urged everyone to use the picnic volunteer sign up link included with the email list announcement sent out this week.

Next Steps

- **Matthew Bleakney, Balt City DOT:**
 1. Re-escalate and follow up with DOT colleagues regarding Keswick traffic calming walk recommendations.
 2. Review and evaluate intersections (especially 37th, 38th, 39th Streets and relevant alley cuts) for potential safety measures.
 3. Check for existing plans or tickets for painting or ADA improvements and coordinate with James Wolf and a DOT planner regarding potential Art in the Right-of-Way projects at 37th Street and other problem intersections.

- **Chaquetta Wallace, Balt. City DOT Community Liaison:**
Coordinate with Mr. Bleakney to consolidate information and provide an update to the community after next week's internal DOT meeting on status of plans for traffic calming measures along the Keswick corridor.
- **Andrea:**
Reach out to Odette to obtain and share notes from last year's Keswick traffic calming walk for community reference.
- **Scott -?:**
Follow up with potential commercial partners (e.g., Keswick garage, ROFO, The Castle, local businesses) to explore feasibility of hosting a solar canopy/EV charging installation, and coordinate with interested community members.
- **Mollie:**
Finalize and communicate details for neighborhood parking permit community pickup (May 29-30), including locations and timing, and share with the community via email list (*Done 5/15*).
- **Lara:** Serve as neighborhood liaison or coordinate with interested parties to act as liaison with the Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) program for District 14.
- **James Wolf:** Prepare and distribute information about Asphalt Art as a traffic calming measure at problem intersections to the email list to recruit interested participants; Organize and lead an Asphalt Art working group; follow up on potential grants and fundraising.