Wyman Park Community Association
General Meeting Minutes—October 13, 2026

Quick recap

This month's Wyman Park Community Association general meeting focused primarily on traffic safety concerns and proposed solutions. In addition, City Councilwoman Odette Ramos provided Council business updates, Baltimore DOT community liaison Chaquetta Wallace provided traffic safety updates and options, and BPD Sgt Modesto Olivo gave an update for the Northern District. The group also held board elections and discussed WPCA t-shirts, new neighbor welcome kits, and a few additional issues and initiatives.

Summary

Keswick Pedestrian Safety Art Project

WP resident James Wolf introduced the Public Art for Pedestrian Safety Art Project proposed for the Keswick Rd & 37th Street intersection, a $53,000 proposal from artist Graham Coreil-Allen (grahamprojects.com) that would create vibrant pavement art using traffic calming techniques including curb extensions, flex posts, and thermoplastic markings to improve safety for pedestrians while making the intersection more visually appealing.

Graham gave a presentation about his work in collaboration with Baltimore communities that creates safer pedestrian environments through traffic calming art installations. He shared examples of existing projects in other neighborhoods, demonstrating how community engagement and art can improve pedestrian safety, with data showing a 50% decrease in car crashes and 27% increase in drivers yielding to pedestrians after installation.

Graham explained that while his construction company could handle the work, it would be preferable to work with the Department of Transportation (DOT), which has some limited funding for such projects, particularly at high-risk intersections and historically neglected neighborhoods. He recommended starting with a 311 request and traffic study to build data showing the intersection's dangers, and suggested exploring various funding sources including

Baltimore Community Foundation grants, Maryland State Arts Council grants, and the Community Legacy Program.

James mentioned that the WPCA needs a fiscal sponsor to apply for grants, as they cannot apply as a civic neighborhood organization. He also suggested involving the Councilwoman to lobby for necessary upgrades to ensure ADA compliance at the intersection.

A workgroup has been formed to determine feasibility and explore funding options; next meeting is October 27th. James and Andrea invited meeting participants or anyone else in the neighborhood to join (reach out to Andrea if interested).

Other traffic safety initiatives

Ms. Wallace discussed traffic calming measures for the Keswick corridor, including speed humps, speed tables, and a traffic study for stop signs. The group agreed on the need to install additional one-way signs for 37th Street between Beech and Tudor Arms at the foot of the alleys between Craigcombe and 37th and possible additional stop signs along Keswick at side street intersections above 36th St.

Mollie Soloway raised concerns about dangerous conditions near the bus stop across from the 33rd and Beech Avenue intersection. The large portable sign alerting drivers to the temporary crosswalk on Remington obstructs visibility of the bus stop just beyond the sign. Odette agreed to request that the sign be moved.

Community Initiatives and Updates

Sgt Olivo provided updates on local crime statistics (all categories continue to drop compared to last year) and announced upcoming events, including a haunted house at the Northern District on Halloween.

Councilwoman Ramos provided updates on several community initiatives: Several traffic calming projects are underway where DOT is redoing intersections using more durable materials; the Rental Dwelling Health and Safety Enforcement Act (Bill 25-0141) she introduced reached 3rd Reader stage (final passage) and is scheduled for upcoming council action; and funding for the municipal ID program that is set to launch next Spring through a network of participating local business partners. She also announced a new multi-agency task force focusing on challenges along 36th St. and Greenmount Avenue, and announced upcoming mural projects including one on the side of the Seppia restaurant building at 901 W 36th St. and

a book-themed wall on Greenmount Avenue. Odette also noted positive progress with neighbors returning to homes in the 3400-3500 block of Keswick after the fire two years ago.

Board Elections

Four new WPCA Board candidates were introduced and elected: Laura Walsh, Kelsey Cruz, Robert Scheffler, and Jennifer Malone. The slate of officers was approved, including Andrea Rackowski as president, Eli Sherlock as VP, Lara Boeck as secretary, Mike Sears as treasurer, and Rosewin Sweeney as parliamentarian.

Other Business

The meeting wrapped up with updates about a coat drive (see below for details copied from email posted to listserv Oct 13), Halloween Alley event between Beech Ave and Gilman Terrace, new t-shirt designs, welcome packets for new neighbors, and plans for a hybrid meeting in December at St. Luke's.

Coat Drive:
The student-run Service Learning Club at The GreenMount School is collecting winter coats for Paul's Place. Students have a goal of collecting 100 coats this year, and I'm hoping our neighborhood can help!
If you have any gently used or new coats of any size (kids or adults) that you no longer need, please drop them off on the porch at 3800 Beech before November 5. *The kids are also happy to pick up coats from you anywhere nearby.*
Thank you so much for helping us support the important work of Paul's Place. Every donation makes a difference.
Best,
Liana at 3800 Beech

Next steps

Andrea

- Send out the order form for the new Wyman Park Community Association t-shirts.
- Send out a reminder email about the Baltimore Running Festival traffic closures this weekend.
- Explore and plan a hybrid meeting for December at St. Luke's, including setting up a camera for Zoom participants.

James

- Follow up with Ms. Wallace regarding leveraging needed repairs to 37th Street to lower costs for the art project.
- Continue driving the Keswick Crossing Art Workgroup forward and fundraising for the project.
- Coordinate with the workgroup for the next meeting on October 27th.

Chaquetta

- Send Andrea the website from the state of Maryland with different grant opportunities.
- Request the largest available one-way signs for 37th Street between Beech Avenue and Tudor Arms, including signs at the foot of the alley between Craigcombe and 37th.
- Double-check if the stop sign study extends above 34th Street on Keswick.
- Follow up on the status of the speed tables planned for the 2900, 3000, and 3100 blocks of Keswick.

Graham

- Share grant funding options information with the workgroup.

Odette

- Send Chaquetta the map of the 37th Street one-way area and signage needs.
- Contact JHU to have the sign alerting people to the closure of the Hopkins side of the sidewalk moved from in front of the bus stop at 33rd and Beach Avenue.
- Continue coordinating with DOT on traffic calming priorities and the comprehensive plan for the Keswick corridor.