

# Greenmount Avenue LINCS - Public Safety Listening Session

May 12, 2016

## Special Guests

Major Ward – Eastern District

Major Gibson – Northern District

Officer Gibson – Northern District

## Eastern District Update from Major Ward

- Johnston Square – 1200 block of Greenmount – issues with loitering. Strategies to address include cameras, working with BUILD
- Greenmount West – Juveniles riding bikes and tormenting community members, two have been arrested for an attack
- 2100 block of Homewood – high drug activity
- Methadone clinics – high crime activity, very little regulation

## Community Input Session

- There should be a prioritization of police officer resources on the Greenmount Corridor – Major Ward says this is already happening
- Police recruitment should focus on hiring within the community. There are some issues which may make this more difficult such as requirements regarding minor drug-use. These are controlled by the state and would need to lobby state to change these.
- There is a committee with Central Baltimore Partnership that is working to address the issues around methadone clinics – Peter Duvall has been involved
- Health Department should be brought in to discussion about methadone clinics since the Health Department is involved in the regulation of the clinics
- Police/Community events – portable movie nights, Eastern District Fun Wagon
- Community members should develop a 911 and 311 strategy
  - call 911 and develop relationship with individual police officers call them/email them with information, be sure to give as many details as possible
  - Call 311 for illegal dumping to keep areas clean
  - Keep community log to track 311 and 911 calls
- Need more activities for youth and a playground for Greenmount West and Johnston Square
- Community members could start a community walking group to keep eyes on the streets
- Health/Safety committee with representatives from the Health Department (Is this something that already exists or a suggestion to start this?)

- Create Greenmount Avenue Partnership similar to York Road Partnership
- Greenmount Recreation Center is scheduled for renovation in 2017/2018
- 317 North Ave. – problem apartment building
- Block Ambassador program
- Parole and Probation in Barclay is a problem since it sits in residential neighborhood right across the street from the school – not compatible uses. Parole and Probation should be relocated
- Officer Gibson suggested several actions communities can take now
  - Late night operators permit process in B-& B-2, operator must apply for a conditional use permit and 10 residents can oppose the permit
  - Drug nuisance abatement for problem properties – contact Rob Durocher in Code Enforcement
  - Social host ordinance (was this ever passed?)
  - Oppose renewal of liquor licenses in an organized manner