



Bullet Points

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2015 Fiscal Year Wrap-Up (Covering July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015)

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Fiscal Year 2015: A Landmark for HCPI Progress!



A MESSAGE FROM CBP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELLEN JANES ON HCPI AGENDA PROGRESS IN FY 2015

Fiscal Year 2015 has been a landmark for the HCPI agenda and the Central Baltimore Partnership, both figuratively and literally. Readers are likely familiar with the many landmark redevelopment projects that came online, or neared completion, during FY 2015, notably – The Centre (Theater), the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Parkway Film Center, and the Motor House (formerly Load of Fun). But there have been several landmarks covered in HCPI Bullet Points during FY 2015 that are not of the brick and mortar variety.

For instance, CBP’s SMSA Task

Force launched the first major push in Annapolis in the organization’s history on behalf of SB 199 (a bill designed to alleviate saturation of drug treatment clinics in over-burdened communities). SB 199 passed the Senate unanimously, quite an achievement for the Task Force, who comprised the sole panel testifying in favor of the legislation. And this year we hope to see further progress in the Maryland General Assembly. Other landmarks ranged from the safety improvements in the J Van Story housing complex – zero crime reported in the month of May- and a landmark collaboration

between CBP, MICA, Station North and 5 arts groups that has resulted in Artists Within, an interdisciplinary project that received a \$100,000 NEA Our Town Grant.

HCPI Bullet Points covers just a fraction of all the activities reported at CBP’s Steering Committee meetings. But, I think this collection of the past year’s issues conveys the tremendous vitality and activity of the Central Baltimore Partnership, our 90+ individual Partners, our Task Forces, and what we like to refer to as “our official play-book” the HCPI agenda.

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Goal 1: Improve the quality of life and perception of Central Baltimore by addressing safety, sanitation, appearance, code enforcement, traffic calming, pedestrian lighting, and transportation.	\$169K in HCPI Community Spruce-Up Grants awarded	2015 HCPI Spruce-Ups: proceed apace	Public Realm: Station North A&E coordinates NEA Our Town grant application submission with CBP & others	Two-way traffic conversion becomes a hot topic	The rededication of Historic St. Paul Street Park as “The Michael J Deets Historic St. Paul Street Park “
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Goal 3: Support partners and other stakeholders who are working to improve schools and education.	HCPI Education Workgroup rolls out new Art and STEM programs	Single Carrot Theatre: Provides weekly theater workshops to two schools	Various departments at JHU partner with Margaret Brent to promote college going culture	29th Street Community Center continues to succeed.	Margaret Brent and Barclay qualify for Arts Everyday status
Goal 4: Support the Central Baltimore area’s commercial districts with revitalization and stabilization efforts, while fostering mixed-use transit oriented development and arts/entertainment related commercial opportunities. Charles Street Corridor revitalization and business development.	Maryland Film Festival: A great success despite post-curfew challenges	Centre Theatre’s transition to The Centre (10 East North Ave) meets many targets	Motor House (120 W. North Ave.) is accepting applications	Waverly Main Street Master Plan Implementation Rolls On	Art Walk in Old Goucher events yield long term tenants
Goal 5: Ensure equitable community development strategies that serve everyone in the diverse population of Central Baltimore.	J Van Story: Security and quality of life gains continue	J Van Story: Measures undertaken to improve security	JHU Economic Inclusion: Vendor acceleration pilot project launched	JHU hires Local Economic Inclusion Liaison	Workforce Connections Program changes the lives of those once considered unemployable
Goal 6: Ensure anchor institutions’ engagement in projects that promote neighborhood revitalization and economic opportunities.	MGH hired (with JHU funding) to promote whole HCPI area	CBP and CBP Partners: Receive \$40,000 Anchor Plan grant	Consultants kick off Charles Village retail and transportation master plan work	Towson University on board to develop HCPI metrics	Baltimore City Anchor Plan signed
Goal 7: Implement the long-term sustainability plan of the Central Baltimore Partnership.	HCPI agenda is presented to Maryland Bankers	HCPI Development Fund is growing	Approximately \$1 million in BRNI & Community Legacy funding attained	Funding program plan approved by Board of Public Works	Baltimore Regional Neighborhoods Initiative (BRNI) and Community Legacy grants submitted



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The rededication of Historic St. Paul Street Park as "The Michael J Deets Historic St. Paul Street Park."

On an evening that can only

be described as glorious, in a park that can only be described as beautiful, a ceremony was held to rededicate the Historic St. Paul Street Park (on St. Paul Street and Lafayette Avenue) as "The Michael J Deets Historic St. Paul Street Park." That night was Friday June 6th, 2014. The event, sponsored by (CBP partners)

the Charles North Community Association and Jubilee Baltimore Inc., drew a (Joe Squared) pizza-lovin' crowd that listened to the strains of bluegrass music and heard local luminaries speak of the multi-year effort that had gone into transforming the, once neglected, space into a photographer's fever dream.



Michael J Deets Historic St. Paul Street Park

Special guests included City Council President, Bernard C. “Jack” Young, and Councilman Carl Stokes and the creator of the park’s *We Are the People* mural, Dr. Bob Hieronimus. Dr. Hieronimus’ work (just one of the many improvements to the park) harmonizes beautifully with another gorgeous wall mural titled *Welcome to Charles North* by local artist Michael Owens and another stunning mural painted on floor of the park by Jessie Unterhalter & Katey Truhn (also local artists), as part of the Open Walls One project administered by CBP Partner Station North Arts & Entertainment, Inc. Together they form the most unusual mural installation in Baltimore, seamlessly covering all the non-green space in the park. The parks murals can be seen on local TV commercials highlighting living in Baltimore. And they are complemented by the unique park benches designed and built by local artist and architect, Sergio Martinez. The renovations and upgrades to the park which include infrastructure, as well as the *Welcome to Charles North* mural, were made possible by grants from Healthy Neighborhoods Inc., residents

and business owners; and the work of the Central Baltimore Partnership through its HCPI Spruce-Up program (funded by the Robert W. Deutsch Foundation). The *We are the People* mural was funded by Dr. Bob Hieronimus through the Myerhoff Foundation.

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Telesis Hits Milestones

Real estate developer, Telesis Corporation, was designated by the Housing Authority of Baltimore, City in coordination with residents of the Barclay/Midway/Old Goucher Coalition as, the master planner and developer in those communities, which are known by the acronym, ‘BMOG.’ Telesis’ divides its overall project into different phases which include both rental and for sale units. It recently achieved numerous milestones; Telesis completed construction on its Phase 1 Homeownership and 13 of the

last 15 were sold, for a total of 35 new homeowners in Barclay. For its Phase 2 project, Telesis’s rental construction was completed in June and fully leased in July with a waiting list. For Phase 2 Homeownership, all demolition is complete, and excavation and fill work are underway for the 34 new homeownership opportunities.

Goal 3: Support partners and other stakeholders who are working to improve schools and education.

Margaret Brent and Barclay Qualify for Arts Everyday Status

New programming with a special emphasis on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) is being developed at both Margaret Brent Middle/Elementary School and Barclay Middle/Elementary School. Both schools were accepted as Arts Every Day Schools, which will increase exposure to arts for students and bring professional development opportunities to teachers. Margaret Brent has chosen “Arts Integration” as its flagship program, while Barclay will bring more state of the art STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) opportunities in partnership with

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Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering. Additionally, the Margaret Brent Middle/Elementary School (through CBP's HCPI Spruce-Up Grant, Healthy Neighborhood capital grant, a CSX donation, and community funds) has raised approximately \$68,000 for playground renovations. Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC) and CBP staff worked together to submit a \$100,000 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Community Legacy grant application for additional renovations. If approved, it will enable the Margaret Brent school to complete playground renovations next year.

Goal 4: Support the Central Baltimore area's commercial districts with revitalization and stabilization efforts, while fostering mixed-use transit oriented development and arts/entertainment related commercial opportunities. Charles Street Corridor revitalization and business development.

Art Walk in Old Goucher Events Yield Long term Tenants

CBP, (with the assistance of the Charles Village Community Benefits District who provided security for the event) held two "Art Walk in Old Goucher" events in June on the 2100 block of N. Charles Street. (The third event was cancelled due to weather.) Twenty-five vendors and an estimated 300+ patrons participated in the events, which involved both tents and pop-up shops, and featured – visual art, music, jewelry, and top notch food. As a direct result, 3 long vacant stores used as pop ups have been leased to long term tenants.



Art Walk in Old Goucher

CBP is organizing a working group to develop a broader vacancy reduction strategy, and will capitalize on its relationships with landlords and existing businesses, to expand the number of vacant storefronts filled.

Goal 5: Ensure equitable community development strategies that serve everyone in the diverse population of Central Baltimore.

Workforce Connections Program Changes the Lives of Those Once Considered Unemployable

The GHCC Workforce Connections Program (which was originally developed by CBP)

was designed to help people, (in zip codes 21201, 21202, and 21218) with job skill deficits, to improve their ability to function in the current competitive job market. It does extensive community outreach to further its mission of assisting unemployed/underemployed residents. In fiscal year 2014, Workforce Connections reached out to 300 adults. Of those 300 adults, 164 were registered in the Workforce Connections program. It was determined that 78 adults would require intensive case management. Through the program, 77 adults were successfully placed in employment during Fiscal Year 2014.

Job placements were done in various fields including construction (through Southway Builders on local projects, like the Centre Theater redevelopment), janitorial services, hospitality, construction, and human services. Pay ranged from \$10 per hour to \$25 per hour. An additional 26 program participants were referred to various training and apprenticeship programs in Baltimore City such as: JumpStart, Maryland Hospitality Training, and the Red Cross Nursing Program.

Goal 6: Ensure anchor institutions' engagement in projects that promote neighborhood revitalization and economic opportunities.

Baltimore City Anchor Plan Signed

The Baltimore City Anchor Plan was signed by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and presidents of eight anchor institution in June. The plan lays out a series of goals for the city and describes how the institutions will work to achieve them through collaborative efforts and resource allocation. Specifically, the goals are designed to: increase public safety, local hiring & purchasing, improve quality of life and sustain development. The plan is a dramatic testimony to the anchors' commitment to Baltimore City as a whole. CBP partners Maryland College Institute of Art, The Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Bal-

timore were all signatories to the plan, and have long advocated for just such a role for anchor institutions. The City's commitment to implementing anchor institution strategies compliments and aligns CBP's implementation of the HCPI Agenda through continued partnerships with Baltimore City.

Goal 7: Implement the long-term sustainability plan of the Central Baltimore Partnership.

Baltimore Regional Neighborhoods Initiative (BRNI) and Community Legacy Grants Submitted

On behalf of many partners, CBP submitted a \$837,500 BRNI grant proposal for the Fiscal Year 2015, as well as a Community Legacy grant proposal for \$625,000. The funds requested would go to a total of 14 partner projects and operating support for CBP, Jubilee Baltimore, and Waverly Main Street. The combined total state grant request was \$1.46 million with over \$12 million in project leverage. As described by the Maryland Department of

Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the BRNI grants were created "to demonstrate how strategic investment in local housing and businesses can lead to healthy, sustainable communities with a growing tax base and enhanced quality-of-life." The DHCD states that the Community Legacy grants are for: "mixed-use development consisting of residential, commercial and/or open space; business retention, expansion and attraction initiatives; streetscape improvements; Increasing homeownership and home rehabilitation among residents; residential and commercial facade improvement programs; real estate acquisition, including land banking, and strategic demolition; establishing funds to provide loan guarantees and credit enhancement to leverage other public or private financing." Last year, CBP was successful in securing \$1.485 million for 12 projects, including operating support for CBP, GHCC Workforce Connections and Jubilee Baltimore's BRNI grant management.



Friends of Wyman Park Dell ribbon cutting for renovations at the Dell. The renovations were partially paid for by the HCPI Spruce-Up Grant program, which received funding from BRNI [See Goal 7]. Other Spruce-Up funding comes from the Robert W. Deustch Foundation and Johns Hopkins University (who also made separate contributions to the Dell)



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Two-way Traffic Conversion Becomes a Hot Topic

The conversion of St. Paul and

Calvert Streets into two way traffic was the focus of CBP's October Partners meeting. The Baltimore City Department of Transportation was on hand to discuss their study of two-way traffic on those streets. The meeting featured a panel discussion on traffic calming. There was also a Powerpoint

presentation about the effects of two-way traffic conversion, including traffic calming (specifically safer roads for pedestrians and bikers), more foot traffic for retail, reduced crime, higher visibility for businesses and an increase in property value. The event included a brainstorming session



The dramatic new two-way traffic streetscaping coming to Charles Street, by JHU, has proven a boon to pedestrians and drivers alike. Now the two-way conversation has turned to St. Paul and Calvert Streets. See Goal 1.

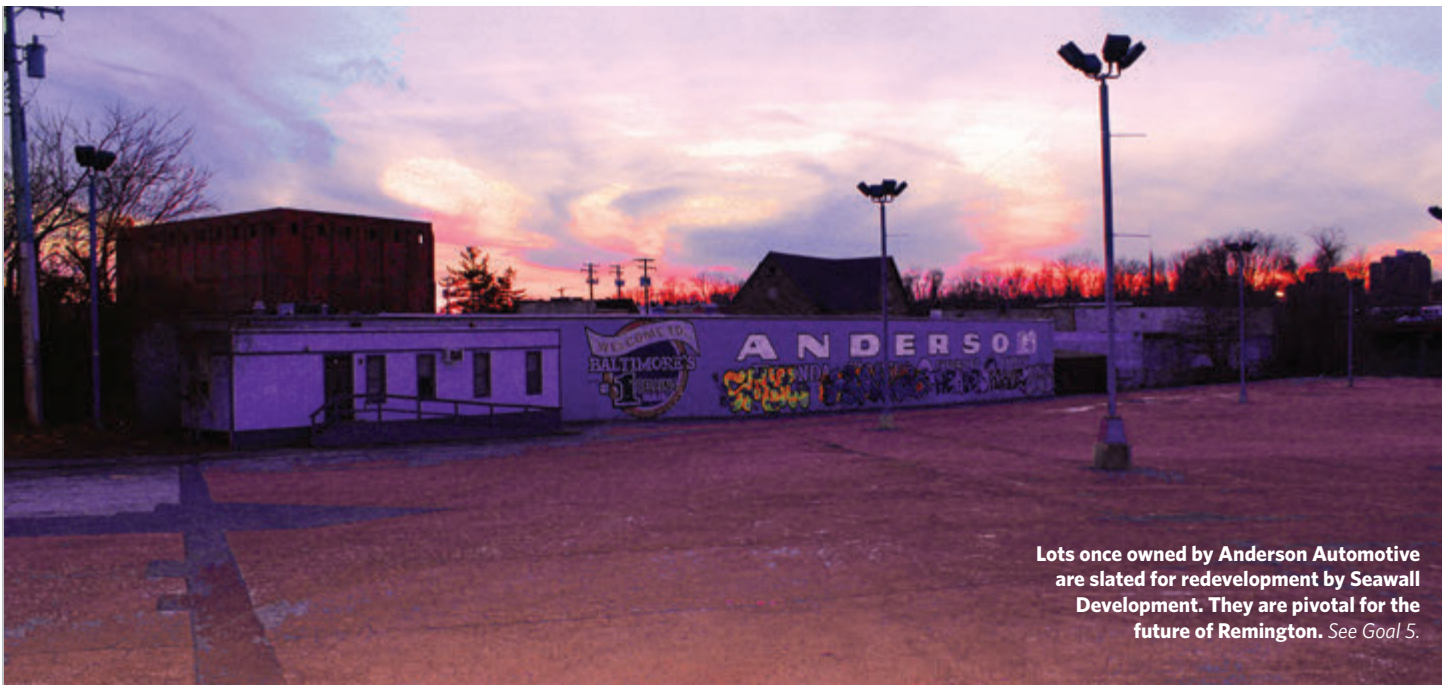
for ideas to explore during the study and an opportunity to join the CBP Corridor Study Working Group. In related events, the DOT provided the Steering Committee with a chance to review and comment on their final public opinion survey in November. And the first Corridor Study Working Group session, under the aegis of CBP's new Public Realm Task Force, was convened and is open to any, and all, who'd like to collaborate.

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25th Street Station 8-acre site purchased

Seawall Development Co. purchased an 8-acre site previously slated for the 25th Street planned unit development.

The original planned unit development (PUD), which was to include a Walmart, had been under controversy for the past four years. The former Anderson Automotive site will be developed as a mixed use project, however Seawall did not purchase several sites that were included in the original 11-acre PUD. They are open to suggestions for the space and plan to start fresh on their development ideas.



Lots once owned by Anderson Automotive are slated for redevelopment by Seawall Development. They are pivotal for the future of Remington. See Goal 5.

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29th Street Community Center Continues to Succeed.

The 29th Street Community Center continues to be a success. Its fall programming began on September 2 which includes 9 classes for adults, 3 child development classes, and 11 school-aged children programs. In addition to the morning and evening programs for all ages, the Center runs a structured after-school programs serving 40 children (K-8th graders), with help from local universities and 14 volunteers. Constellation (an Exelon company) donated \$500 in support of the after-school programming. But this was not the only activity on the fundraising front. The Center

produced an Oktoberfest event to raise money for its activities. Approximately 200 tickets were sold for the event which included a silent auction for those in attendance and they were able to raise over \$17,000 in net profit. The Center also received \$20,000 from Middendorf for bathroom renovations.

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Waverly Main Street Master Plan Implementation Rolls On

The Annual Beats and Eats Festival was held on Oct 25th with great success. Phase 1 of

the Waverly Commons plan will be completed by spring 2015. Planning is underway for Phase 2 with funding provided by BRNI. The facade improvement program and strategic acquisitions will be targeted in the "core area" on Greenmount Avenue from East 32nd to just north of East 33rd. The WMS Executive Director Search Committee is conducting a search to fill the position with a highly qualified candidate by March 2015.

Goal 5: Ensure equitable community development strategies that serve everyone in the diverse population of Central Baltimore.

JHU hires Local Economic Inclusion Liason

Johns Hopkins University is committed to their goal for



The Schoolhouse Garden and mural are just one small part of the Waverly Main Street Master Plan. See Goal 4.

economic inclusion within the HCPI area. To this end, they recently hired the Local Economic Inclusion Liaison who is now reviewing data and internal structures. The Liaison has been meeting with many local stakeholders and third party organizations including Baltimore Integration Partnership, Central Baltimore Partnership, Greater Homewood Community Corporation, and the Mayor's Office. The language in contracts, as well as request for proposals (RFP's), is being amended to increase JHU's use of local vendors. This will allow smaller contractors greater opportunity to bid competitively on projects. JHU continues to monitor and

evaluate the program, as well as identify other opportunities to purchase within the HCPI area and elsewhere in Baltimore City.

Goal 6: Ensure anchor institutions' engagement in projects that promote neighborhood revitalization and economic opportunities.

Towson University on board to develop HCPI metrics

With major funding from BIP, JHU and CBP have retained Towson University's Division of Innovative and Applied Research to create a statistical framework for evaluating the progress of the Homewood Community Partners Initiative agenda. The working group is developing a dashboard in

order to evaluate HCPI metrics. They are finalizing the list of data metrics needed in order to do so.

Goal 7: Implement the long-term sustainability plan of the Central Baltimore Partnership.

Funding Program Plan Approved by Board of Public Works

The HCPI Development Fund developed a program plan for funding provided by the State of Maryland. It was approved by the Board of Public Works, so that the HCPI Development fund can begin utilizing that money. In the meantime, the HCPI Development Fund negotiated a joint venture with TRF and has begun resource development.



CBP Gains approval from the Maryland Board of Public Works. From left to right: State Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp, CBP Steering Committee Chair Tim Armbruster, Governor Martin O'Malley, CBP Executive Director Joseph McNeely, Comptroller Peter Franchot. See Goal 7.



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Public Realm: Station North A&E coordinates NEA Our Town grant application submission with CBP & others

On December 15, 2014, Station North Arts & Entertainment, Inc.

coordinated a joint NEA Our Town grant application submission with MICA, CBP, Friends of Mill Corridor, and Baltimore City Dept. of Planning to conduct a vision planning process and install three pilot installations along the Jones Falls Valley corridor. A response to the application is expected from the NEA in July 2015.

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increase population in the Central Baltimore area - through expanded housing, economic and educational resources that will attract newcomers, and incentivize existing residents to remain in their communities.

CBP co-hosts employer assisted housing conference for 50+ city and state institutions and decision makers

On January 16, 2015, CBP co-hosted an employer-assisted



The rustic beauty of the Jones Falls Valley Corridor, which cuts through the heart of the city, is one of the great hidden secrets of Baltimore. Will an NEA Our Town grant help reveal its glory to Baltimoreans? See Goal 1.

housing conference with the DC Firm, Brailsford & Dunlavey, in January. Over 50 decision makers from city and state agencies, universities, hospitals, and non-profits attended. CBP followed this up by coordinating a very productive meeting at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond in (Baltimore office) on March 13th, hosted by Ellen Janes, Regional Manager of Community Development. The discussion focused on action planning for exploring joint employer-assisted living programs and ways to improve the existing programs.

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Margaret Brent Elementary School

Various departments at the Johns Hopkins University partnered with Margaret Brent to promote a college going culture by offering a variety of opportunities for students to visit the Homewood campus. These included an Office of Admissions hosted campus tour in November and a number of youth development workshops hosted by the Space Telescope Science Institute.

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Motor House (120 W. North Ave.) is accepting applications
Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation (BARCO) began accepting applications for the six

second-floor studios though an open call process. Any Maryland resident artist is invited to apply. Additional consideration will be given to artists and collectives that promote and develop community-based projects. Project construction is slated for March 2015. BARCO was awarded Maryland Sustainable Communities Rehabilitation Tax Credits.



Leslie King-Hammond, Graduate Dean Emerita of MICA , chairs the artist studio residency selection process at the Motor House (formerly the Load of Fun building).
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JHU Economic Inclusion: Vendor Acceleration pilot project launched

During the fall, Johns Hopkins University launched the Vendor Acceleration pilot project in conjunction with the Surdna Foundation and Next Street Financial. The pilot is designed to assist competitively selected well established, local minority and women-owned businesses

to provide high level advisory services to expand their products or services into areas that position them to do more business with the university and other large employers in the region. After an extensive outreach program, almost 50 vendors that met the program criteria applied for consideration and four finalist businesses were selected, with business expansion plans to be completed by June. When the pilot concludes in June, the university will evaluate the outcomes to determine whether the program

should be continued and, if so, will seek the necessary funding and support services to sustain it.

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Consultants kick off Charles Village retail and transportation master plan work

In December, consultants hired by JHU from two firms (Streetsense and VHB), reviewed their public kick-off presentation with the plan's

Will the stretch of St. Pauls Avenue between 31st Street and 34th Street become the next great retail and transportation hub in Central Baltimore? See Goal 6.



Project Management Committee – then presented their direct role, goals and initial market study at a Charles Village Civic Association (CVCA) General Membership meeting. The consultants hosted a half-day workshop on January 10th to get input on retail facade design and transportation flow, etc. The master plan is expected to be completed in late Spring 2015.

Goal 7: Implement the long-term sustainability plan of the Central Baltimore Partnership.

Resource Development for CBP and Partner Projects: Approximately \$1 million in BRNI & Community Legacy funding attained

CBP has secured \$775,000 in BRNI and \$205,000 Community Legacy grant funding for FY2015 from Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development. Of this, \$250,000 will be allocated to CBP and subgrants to Waverly Main Street and Jubilee Baltimore operating expenses. The balance will fund CBP partner projects. Specifically, the grants received were as follows:

BALTIMORE REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE GRANTS

\$250,000 -- Central Baltimore Partnership on behalf of itself and Waverly Main Street operating expenses
For operating expenses to be used by both by CBP and Waverly Main Street.

\$250,000 -- Central Baltimore Partnership on behalf of Telesis Corporation Barclay Phase 2 Homeownership
For creation of energy efficient, transit-oriented homeownership units by rehabilitating 13 vacant properties in a long blighted block across from a new park.

\$100,000 -- Central Baltimore Partnership HCPI Community Spruce-Up Grant Program

For funding of a competitive grant program that stimulates, leverages, and serves as a catalyst for high impact capital improvements that will help fulfill community plans.

\$75,000 -- Central Baltimore Partnership on behalf of Waverly Main Street Waverly Commons - Phase Two

For improvement of infrastructure and streetscape and facade improvement program along the target block of 3200 Greenmount Avenue, supporting the implementation of the Waverly Main Street and Waverly Commons plans.

\$50,000 -- Central Baltimore Partnership on behalf of GHCC Scenic Byway Facade Grant Project

For restoration of deteriorated facades of buildings on Charles Street National Scenic Byway between North Avenue and 25th Street by providing a matching grant to participating property owners.

\$50,000 -- Central Baltimore Partnership on behalf of Maryland Film Festival Parkway Theater

For predevelopment and design activity.

COMMUNITY LEGACY GRANTS

\$100,000 -- Central Baltimore Partnership on behalf of BARCO (Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation) North Avenue Arts

For restoration of a vacant building in Station North into a café with a black box performance space, artist studios, and a cultural incubator for non-profit arts and design organizations.

\$55,000 -- Central Baltimore Partnership on behalf of People's Homesteading Group, Inc Greenmount De/Construction Jobs Center

For rehabilitation of a new carpentry workshop, classroom, office and with expanded storage space for construction materials, equipment and tools.

\$50,000 -- Central Baltimore Partnership on behalf of Telesis Corporation Barclay Park

For creation of much needed and desired green open space in the community surrounded by new homes for both renters and homeowners in Barclay.



The farmers market (seen here) is a weekly fixture in Waverly Commons thanks to Waverly Main Street which received operations funding through a BRNI grant via the Central Baltimore Partnership. See Goal 7.



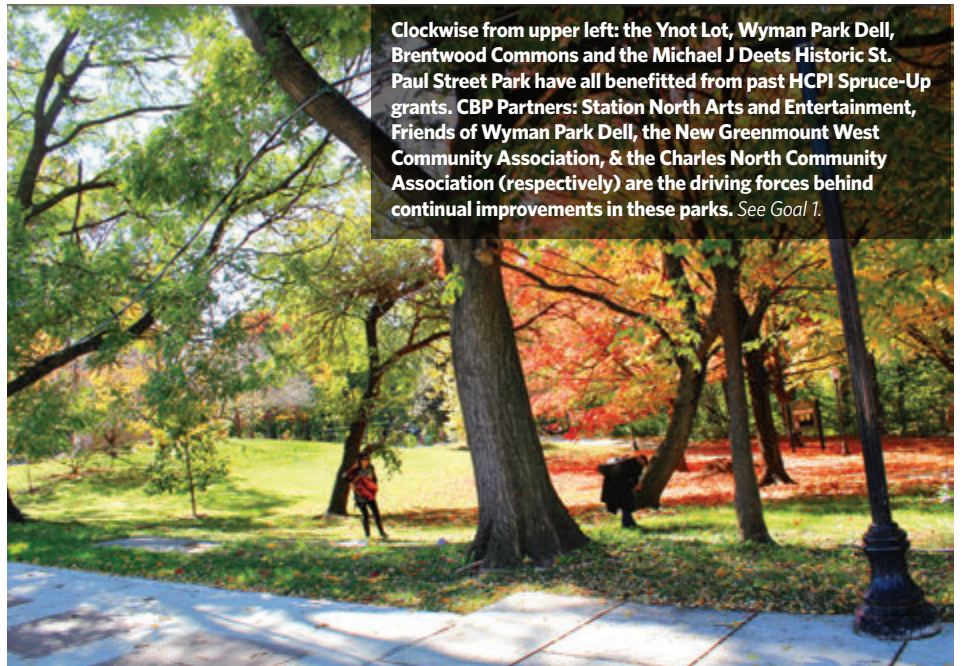
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From the April 13, 2015 Meeting (Covering February 2015 through March 2015)

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2015 HCPI Spruce-Ups Proceed Apace!



Clockwise from upper left: the Ynot Lot, Wyman Park Dell, Brentwood Commons and the Michael J Deets Historic St. Paul Street Park have all benefitted from past HCPI Spruce-Up grants. CBP Partners: Station North Arts and Entertainment, Friends of Wyman Park Dell, the New Greenmount West Community Association, & the Charles North Community Association (respectively) are the driving forces behind continual improvements in these parks. See Goal 1.



Goal 1: Improve the quality of life and perception of Central Baltimore by addressing safety, sanitation, appearance, code enforcement, traffic calming, pedestrian lighting, and transportation.

2015 HCPI Spruce-Ups: Proceed apace

Twenty Letters of Intent for the Homewood Community Partnership Initiative (HCPI) Community Spruce-up Grant Program were submitted to the Central Baltimore Partnership (CBP) for the first stage of the application process. Sixteen applicants were invited back to complete the full application, which is due March 31st. The Grant Review Committee will convene on April 8th for the first round of revisions.

Goal 2: Promote a thriving and diverse residential real estate market and increase population in the Central Baltimore area – through expanded housing, economic and educational resources that will attract newcomers, and incentivize existing residents to remain in their communities.

RDM Task Force: CBP Developers Roundtable (organized by Jubilee Baltimore)

packs them in

The Residential Development Marketing (RDM) Task Force saw over 60 developers and real estate professionals attend the second meeting of the CBP Developers Roundtable at Parts and Labor on February 13.

This roundtable was devoted to rowhouse development and the incentives available to developers in Central Baltimore neighborhoods. Jon Constable of Seawall Development spoke about their work in Remington and Steve Gondol of Live



Jon Constable of CBP Partner Seawall Development, speaking at CBP Developers Roundtable (organized for the CBP Residential Development and Marketing Task Force by CBP Partner, Jubilee Baltimore, co-chair of the task force). See Goal 2.

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Baltimore reviewed the range of homebuyer tax incentives accessible through their website.

Goal 3: Support partners and other stakeholders who are working to improve schools and education.

Single Carrot Theatre: Provides weekly theater workshops to two schools

Single Carrot Theatre began providing weekly theatre workshops to high school students at the Community School in Remington in November 2014. As of early March 2015, Single Carrot Theater partnered with Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle

School to provide onsite theatre workshops for youth. These workshops take place 5 days a week during normal school hours.

Goal 4: Support the Central Baltimore area's commercial districts with revitalization and stabilization efforts, while fostering mixed-use transit oriented development and arts/entertainment related commercial opportunities.

Centre Theatre's transition to The Centre (10 East North Ave) meets many targets

On March 3rd, The Centre celebrated meeting construction (and other) milestones with a

marquee lighting event. It had a lot to celebrate. The Center for Neighborhoods is complete and Neighborhood Housing Services Baltimore is scheduled to move in by the end of March 2015. The third floor of the building has been leased to Sparkypants, a computer gaming company moving from Hunt Valley. Other tenants include the Baltimore Jewelry Center, CBP, Jubilee Baltimore and Telesis (in the Center for Neighborhoods), and MICA and JHU, who have created a "Film Center" on the second Floor where they will share classrooms and a sound stage.



CBP Partner, Single Carrot Theater is providing onsite theatre workshops for youth at another CBP Partner, Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle School. Pictured is Single Carrot's headquarters at the Tire Shop Building Complex (2600 Howard Street), developed by yet another CBP Partner, Seawall Development, with help from a \$100,000 (Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) Community Legacy grant received by CBP.

See Goal 3.

Goal 5: Ensure equitable community development strategies that serve everyone in the diverse population of Central Baltimore.

J Van Story: Measures undertaken to improve security

To improve security, a tenant ID card has been issued (98% of all residents now have them). The Housing Authority of Baltimore City has also hired a 24 hour security service to patrol the building (beginning April 1st).

Goal 6: Ensure anchor institutions' engagement in projects that promote neighborhood revitalization and economic opportunities.

CBP and CBP Partners: Receive \$40,000 Anchor Plan grant

JHU, MICA and CBP, in collaboration with the Old Goucher Business Alliance, received a \$40,000 Baltimore City Anchor Plan grant for streetscaping, signage, and merchant development, as well as organization, promotion, and event activities along Charles Street between North Avenue and 25th Street. CBP, the Old Goucher Business Alliance, and the Charles North Community Association will retain a part time (9-month) marketing associate for projected new promotions and events.

Goal 7: Implement the long-term sustainability plan of the Central Baltimore Partnership.

HCPI Development Fund is growing

The HCPI Development Fund is successfully raising capital.



Johns Hopkins University has already committed to a grant of \$750,000 for the Fund. Additionally, TRF Development Partners, the lending partner

of the HCPI Development Fund, has existing capital and is in a position to accept loan applications for development projects in Central Baltimore.



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\$169K in HCPI Community Spruce-Up Grants awarded
Nine projects were selected and the award was made during the May CBP Partnership Meeting. The amount awarded was \$169,302 for projects with

combined total (long-term) costs of approximately \$1 million. HCPI Spruce-Up Grant projects will start in June. Awardees have exactly one year to complete their projects' Spruce-Up funded phase.



A whole bunch of 2015 HCPI Community Spruce-Up Winners!
At our May Partners Meeting, we asked the 2015 HCPI Spruce-Up Winners in attendance to pose for a quick group photo with seated (far right) Public Realm Project Manager Maria Garcia, (second from right) Director of Projects & Program Services Ashley Wallace, standing (in back, fourth from left) Steering Committee Chair Tim Armbruster, and (far right) former Executive Director Joseph McNeely. The Spruce-Ups are funded by CBP Partners Johns Hopkins University and Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. See Goal 1.

HCPI COMMUNITY SPRUCE-UP GRANT AWARD WINNERS

Project	Organization	Grant Award	Neighborhood
Come Out and Play	New Greenmount West Community Association	\$21,560.00	Greenmount West
Old Goucher Tree Canopy Restoration -Phase 2	Old Goucher Community Association	\$24,068.00	Old Goucher
Village Street Tree Replacement Project	Charles Village Community Benefits District	\$24,017.00	Charles Village
BMPCS Build Our Backyard	Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School	\$17,500.00	Greenmount West
Old Goucher Neighborhood Signage Improvement Project	Old Goucher Business Alliance	\$12,050.00	Old Goucher
Sisson Street Lot Project	Greater Remington Improvement Association	\$12,801.00	Remington
Hidden Gems	Jodie Misiak and Rod Malin	\$11,610.00	Greenmount West
Barclay Park Spruce Up	Telesis Corporation	\$25,000.00	Barclay
2101 Calvert Street Beautification Project	Greater Homewood Community Corporation	\$20,696.00	Barclay
	<i>Total Amt Awarded</i>	\$169,302.00	

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Johns Hopkins Community Physicians will anchor Remington Row

With phase 1 under construction, Remington Row (2700 Remington Avenue) developed by CBP Partner Seawall Development has been lining up tenants. Johns Hopkins Community Physicians will be the major tenant of the office space. This commitment has helped Seawall Development,

Construction is underway at Remington Row (2700 Remington Avenue) developed by CBP Partner Seawall Development. Johns Hopkins Community Physicians has already signed on. See Goal 2



the developers of the project, secure financing that will benefit continuing progress at Remington Row.

Goal 3: Support partners and other stakeholders who are working to improve schools and education.

HCPI Education Workgroup rolls out new Art and STEM programs

The HCPI Education Workgroup has begun to rollout the new Art and STEM programs at Barclay and Margaret Brent. On June 3rd, neighbors and parents were able to see activities firsthand and student performances highlighted the new focuses at each school.

Goal 4: Support the Central Baltimore area's commercial districts with revitalization and stabilization efforts, while fostering mixed-use transit oriented development and arts/entertainment related commercial opportunities.

Maryland Film Festival: A great success despite post-curfew challenges

This year, the Maryland Film Festival (a CBP Partner) appeared in many venues around Central Baltimore, ranging from Station North to the Baltimore Museum of Art – as well as venues in some

adjacent neighborhoods. Despite being the first multi-neighborhood event in Baltimore post-curfew, admissions levels were equal to recent annual totals (between 20,000 and 25,000) and the whole event went exactly as planned, with one positive exception – an avidly attended “Writing Race” panel (that producer/writer David Simon pulled together over the curfew weekend) was added to the festivities. In addition to Simon, it featured authors Taylor Branch, Ta-Nehisi Coates, and James McBride

and a video of it is viewable on the Film Festival's website. Next year's festival will have an additional Central Baltimore venue of note, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Parkway Film Center, a newly restored incarnation of the 100 year-old Parkway Theater. This majestic addition to Central Baltimore will serve as the administrative home for the Maryland Film Festival organization, which will show films there year round.

The 100 year old Parkway Theater– soon to be reborn as the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Parkway Film Center – will come online as the new home of the (CBP Partner) Maryland Film Festival and (part of the) MICA /JHU joint film program by next year. The Central Baltimore Partnership has long worked for the redevelopment of this building, most recently securing a fiscal year 2015 Baltimore Regional Neighborhoods Initiative (BRNI) grant for \$50, 000 and a BRNI fiscal year 2014 grant of \$125,000. See Goal 4.



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J Van Story: Security and quality of life gains continue

The long awaited courtyard has re-opened (after renovation) and additional programming is being offered to residents, including sessions with Dance Bmore (funded through a Fiscal Year 15 NEA Our Town Grant) and nutrition classes with Open Plough. These innovations come on the heels of continuing improvements in the security situation. During the month of May, there was no reported crime at the J Van Story Branch Sr. Apartments (11 W. 20th St). Quite a contrast for the building, where previously a number of crimes (ranging from aggravated assault to theft) were reported each week, The proactive approach that has brought down crime is easily observable. New guards challenge visitors and people loitering outside of the entrance. An off-duty Baltimore Police Office is on premises for safety enforcement.

Goal 6: Ensure anchor institutions' engagement in projects that promote neighborhood revitalization and economic opportunities.

MGH hired (with JHU funding) to promote whole HCPI area

With JHU funding from the HCPI commitment, the major advertising/PR firm, MGH, has been engaged to create a promotion campaign for the whole HCPI area to help attract residents,

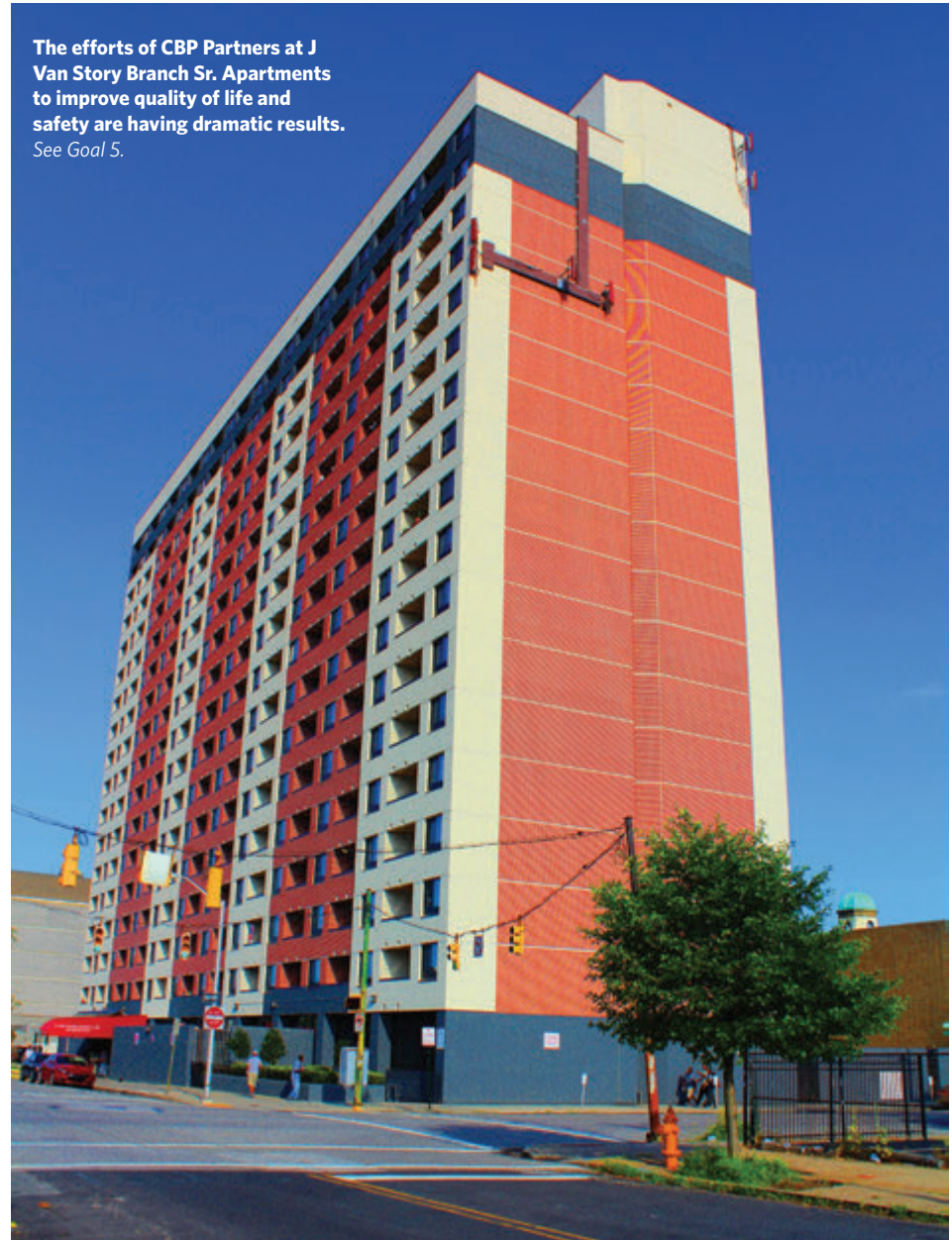
business investment, developers and development financing.

Goal 7: Implement the long-term sustainability plan of the Central Baltimore Partnership.

HCPI agenda is presented to Maryland Bankers

CBP and the HCPI agenda

were presented to the Maryland Bankers Association Community Reinvestment group on April 14 to encourage further investment in partners implementing the HCPI agenda. A series of follow-up conversations and tours is planned.



The efforts of CBP Partners at J Van Story Branch Sr. Apartments to improve quality of life and safety are having dramatic results.
See Goal 5.

HCPI Extra Points

Extra Points FY 2015

Here are some more Bullet Points from FY 2015: Photos of important milestones in the HCPI Agenda that we wish we'd been able to include in our regular issues.



BARCO ANNOUNCES OPEN WORKS, A NEW MAKERSPACE

In June of 2015, (CBP Partner) the Baltimore Realty Arts Corp.(BARCO) announced that it would develop Open Works - a \$10M makerspace in the Greenmount West neighborhood that contains part of Central Baltimore's Station North Arts and Entertainment District. The 34,000-square-foot project, located at 1400 Greenmount Ave, will house tools and machinery for artists, makers, and manufacturers of all stripes. Facilities will include: a wood shop, a metal shop, a digital fabrication shop, a computer lab, a microelectronics lab, an OSHA certified

paint booth, CNC-routing and laser-cutting lab, and a textiles studio. Open Works will also offer 142 micro-studios, available as monthly rentals, and there will be classes offered in all the various skills and technologies practiced onsite. Beyond simply providing an important resource to community members, the space is designed as a vehicle for workforce development, a precious commodity that is needed for Baltimore's future success. Work has proceeded on schedule at Open Works, and they plan to be piloting youth and community programs in summer 2016, and fully open by fall.



CVCBD/JHU PILOT PROGRAM REDUCES CRIME ON CHARLES ST BETWEEN NORTH AND 27TH!

In January of 2015, Johns Hopkins University contracted with the Charles Village Community Benefits to create a 9 month pilot project to provide supplement-

tal safety services along the North Charles Street corridor between North Avenue and 27th Street. This program provided professional, data-driven management and regular patrols by off-duty Baltimore City Police, as well as enhanced and dedicated monitoring of CVCBD CCTVs in coordination with Baltimore City Police (Northern and Central District offices), local community and business interests, and MICA and Johns Hopkins' University security. The success of the pilot, in helping to significantly reduce crime, led JHU and CVCBD to enter into a contract for one year - running from October 2015, through October 2016. MICA, JHU and the Charles Village Community Benefits District are all CBP partners.

PROGRESS AT WAVERLY COMMONS

During the summer (CBP Partner), Waverly Main Street made great progress in furthering the Waverly Main Street Master Plan with many improvements to its public space Waverly Commons. Notably, there were significant visual and practical upgrades to the landscaping and parking lot there, which is the scene of the weekly, year-round farmers market, known to its fans alternately as “the Waverly Farmers Market” and the “32nd Street Farmers Market.” Most prominently, a beautiful new W sculpture, designed by the Central Baltimore firm Post Typography was installed in Waverly Commons. It will serve as a landmark and source of pride for the community, and be used as advertising for the weekly farmers market. Over the years, upgrades to Waverly Commons have been supported by HCPI Community Spruce-Up Grants.



PHG DEMOLITION CREATES JOBS AND SETS THE STAGE FOR A PARK

In Fiscal Year 2015, CBP Partner, the Peoples Homesteading Group (PHG) razed 22 vacant houses on East 20 1/2 Street, Guilford and Barclay Streets, serving as a licensed demolition contractor for (CBP Partners) Telesis Corporation and Baltimore Housing. The houses were taken down as part of a process that will

create a park and other public space amenities. On this project, PHG provided entry level jobs with valuable experience for workers from Central and East Baltimore, who were unemployed, underemployed and/or previously incarcerated. They were part of a group of 43 such deconstruction trainees that PHG has mentored between 2012 and 2015. In addition to work on the future park, these

workers have also been responsible for the demolition of 50 vacant houses in the Oliver and Barclay neighborhoods. Ninety-four percent of PHG's demolished building materials were recycled according to LEED standards by a local Barclay recycling firm, L&J Waste Recycling LLC, owned by (CBP Honor Roll recipient) Lenzie Johnson, a lifelong Barclay resident who works out of his home office there.