**MINUTES FOR SHA BOARD MEETING JANUARY 13th 2015**

**Congratulations**: Board member Father John Kemper was congratulated for his elevation to Provincial Superior of the US Province of the Society of Saint Sulpice.

**Minutes of the November board meeting: approved.**

**Treasurer’s report**: Aaron Greenlun reported that at year end SHA had $8,000, including residual park steward grant money

**Park Steward funding**: providing John with end of year documents was discussed. The original contract was extended into this new year by reducing John’s hours. Funding for park stewards is no longer available through the Parks and People/Rec and Parks grants. Rec and Parks is meeting with Friends group to assess their needs and we can ask for further funding but it is not guaranteed. Fr. Kemper proposed asking for neighborhood sponsorship for a ½ or whole day at x cost. Karen will report back from her meeting with Rec and Parks.

**MLK Day of Service**, Saint Marys Park; coordinated with the UMB School
of Law Student Bar Assoc. 20-25 students are proposed to work with the neighborhood from 10 -2 p.m. Park steward John will coordinate work in the park and Karen will direct work inside the building to create an improved SHA lockable storage area. Karen will send obtain basics and send out a request for borrowing tools, Lisa and Kevin will get donuts and SHA make coffee.

**N Paca Street Parking Lot**: The owner has changed to overnight parking, which resulted in several neighbors being towed. SHA will contact the owner to see if he is open to subscription parking by residents overnight.

**State Center:** Many groups are working to push this development forward again. There are concerns the new Governor will not support it. The development was approved years ago, but delayed by a law suit, resulting in increased costs today; to make up for this shortfall, costs could be reduced by reducing the size of the proposed parking lot. Kevin will keep the neighborhood informed of developments.

**Circulator Bus**: Reducing routes and/or charging for the Circulator have been proposed. A letter will be sent out from SHA to out city councilman in support of continuing the City Circulator free and with its current routes.

**Lexington Market**: The City has acquired all the properties and a RFP is going out. Positive changes are being proposed which SHA supports.

**Bicycle master plan**: There will be a presentation on 28th January, at 5:30pm at Pratt Central Library Auditorium which Kevin and Karen will attend and report on.

**Arts cafe on Bike Party evenings**: Aaron began this effort after the French Fair café and it has been much appreciated by the bike riders; $18 was raised so far.

Howard’s Park: The City has approved $35,000 with ground breaking scheduled in March.

**French Fair 2015**: Days and dates in October were discussed to not overlap with the Baltimore Marathon or Bolton Hill’s festival; switching to a Sunday or the first week of October were suggested.

**Mailing list**: Kevin will give Dawnn the current mailing list to check with the membership list.

Meeting adjourned 8.10 p.m.