A Message from the Chair

Park Heights and the surrounding areas have a unique opportunity to foster positive change within their communities. Beginning in 2012, through the year 2032, the City is receiving Slots Revenue from the operation of casinos across the State of Maryland. A portion of this money is dedicated towards use within Park Heights and surrounding neighborhoods within a one mile radius. This money will be used to implement the Park Heights Master Plan through both physical redevelopment and human services, and to implement projects throughout the surrounding communities.

Based on estimates from the state, the City budgeted $4,000,000 in FY13 and $4,000,000 in FY 14. This newsletter outlines how these funds are being put to work in the greater Pimlico community.

The City is already working with the community developing the fiscal year 2015 spending plan for the budget year that starts July 1, 2014. Meetings were held in November to solicit community priorities and the City released the draft spending plan on December 4, 2013. PCDA is hosting community meetings in December and January to inform its review of the spending plan, per state legislation.

The Final FY13-14 Spending Plan and the DRAFT FY 15 Spending Plan are both available on the PCDA website; http://pcdabaltimore.wordpress.com/documents/.

We thank our State Delegation from the 40th & 41st Districts for their vision and strong partnership with the City and the Greater Park Heights Community. Together, we can make Park Heights a key part of fulfilling the Mayor’s goal to grow Baltimore by 10,000 new households over the next decade.
In addition to physical redevelopment, the Park Heights Master Plan includes recommendations for human development. To support implementation of these recommendations for FY 2013 and FY 2014, a total of $600,000 was allocated towards investing in human development. It is essential that the physical changes which we will see over the years in Park Heights are coupled with much needed support for current residents.

This money will be used to fund projects selected through a competitive application process. The current round of projects are aimed at engaging older youth in the Park Heights community in positive activities by connecting them to resources and supports and providing positive places for them to be. Sample projects include:

**Project Engage** is a collaborative effort between the Boys and Girls Club of Metropolitan Baltimore and Bon Secours Baltimore Health Systems. The program includes research-based youth development programming, increased access to mental health services for youth and their families, and healthy lifestyle development focused on HIV and STI prevention.

**Project Yes** is a collaborative effort between the Park Heights Community Health Alliance, Baltimore Healthy Start and Holistic Life Foundation. Through this program, youth will participate in holistic personal development through the Life Planning Institute which jump starts disconnected youth to receive the basic credentials and skills necessary to enter the workforce, and helps youth to cultivate intensive stress management skills to cope and thrive through challenging transitions.

**Kujichagulia Center** is a partnership between Sinai Hospital and New Vision Youth Services which aims to reduce rates of school dropouts and absences, youth unemployment, and involvement in the cycle of violence.
Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake joins Cal Ripken, Jr., Dick Cass of the Baltimore Ravens and other dignitaries at the ribbon-cutting.

Slots Revenue at Work in Park Heights: Ripken Fields at CC Jackson Recreation Center

On November 12, 2013, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Cal Ripken Jr., Ravens players, and many others participated in the ribbon cutting for phase 1 of a new 7-acre park adjacent to the CC Jackson Recreation Center. With the help of slots revenue and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, the park includes a new multi-purpose turf field, playground, basketball court, walking path, and parking.

The Ripken Foundation raised $600,000 towards construction of approximately 91,000 square feet of new athletic fields along with bleachers, lighting and fencing. The fields are made with a synthetic playing surface that makes them usable for a variety of sports including baseball, football, soccer, etc. The Ripken Foundation’s investment in the fields is part of a $7.9 million project to create an athletic complex at CC Jackson, including $3.9 million for expansion of the recreation center and $4 million for renovation of the pool, development of the fields, and other site improvements. $1.1 million in slots funds are being combined with the Ripken Foundation’s investment, State Public Open Space Funds, and City G.O. Bonds to fund these projects.

Moving ahead with the park accomplishes multiple recommendations in the Master Plan. Vacant properties that pose a health and safety threat have been demolished, and the residents that were living in this substandard residential area have moved to more stable areas. In addition, community residents will participate in creating programs for the new fields and in establishing guidelines that will keep the area safe.

The park, coupled with the adjacent recreation center, will be a great asset for the community. It is designed to provide a cohesive recreational and social experience for children and will be a source of positive, safe activities to give Park Heights youth an opportunity to succeed and thrive.
Slots Revenue at Work

Dolfield Corridor Revitalization

In October of 2012, the Department of Planning, Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC) and an Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance Panel (TAP), along with neighborhood leaders, area residents and stakeholders conducted a two day planning session to create the Dolfield Avenue Revitalization Report utilizing $15,000 in FY 2012 Slots revenues.

From this report, several key recommendations were made for this area including: streetscape and façade improvements, sanitation and security measures, signage and lighting improvements and a landscape plan. These recommendations were used to determine spending priorities for the slots revenue for. In FY 13, and FY 14 a total of $217,000 was allocated towards the Dolfield Commercial area. In addition, the FY 2015 Draft Spending Plan allocates further slots revenue towards this project.

Projects identified in this area that will receive funding include $22,000 for sanitation services, $30,000 for beautification improvements that will feature planters, decorative banners, and a community sign, $40,000 to create a detailed public realm and landscape plan for the area, and $100,000 for façade improvements to enhance the commercial area. In addition, $25,000 will go towards community outreach and capacity building.

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*For complete details on the approved FY13 and FY14 spending plan, access the PCDA website at http://pcdabaltimore.wordpress.com/documents
Northwest Park

In 2012 the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks (BCRP) released a master plan for Northwest Park. Northwest Park is a 49.1-acre parcel located in Baltimore’s Mt. Washington neighborhood. The park is a unique public resource for the City due in large part to the variety of active and passive recreational activities afforded by the relatively small site. It will become increasingly accessible to the regional community with the Phase V extension of the Jones Falls Trail from Cylburn Arboretum through the park to Rogers Avenue and, ultimately, the Mt. Washington Village light rail station.

The master plan provides the City, community members, and any future partner organization(s) with a tool to illustrate a long-term vision for the park, protect the park from unwanted changes, and guide park enhancements over the next 15 years or more. The master plan also identifies individual projects that can be implemented incrementally as funding becomes available, in order to ensure progress over time within the context of the greater vision for the park.

The master plan was completed by Mahan Rykiel, a consulting firm hired by the City to work closely with BCRP and community members to create a viable vision for the park. Throughout 2011 and 2012 the consultant team worked with BCRP and conducted a series of community meetings to ensure that the desires and concerns of residents were addressed.

The resulting plan provides a roadmap to create a regional park which will be of great benefit to the entire northwest Baltimore area. The finished park will include a playground, little league baseball field, a soccer field, a multi-purpose field, community gardens, an indoor multi-purpose space, a putting green and driving range, and nature trails. In Fiscal Years 2013-14, $288,000 of slots revenue was allocated to begin the first phases of implementation of the plan. It is expected that additional slots funding will be allocated in FY 2015 to allow for completion of phase 1 of the plan.
# Pimlico Community Development Authority

**Who is the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA)?**

Authority members are volunteers appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City. The Director of Planning serves as Chair of PCDA. Below is a list of current members, their affiliations, and when their terms expire:

1. Thomas J. Stosur, Department of Planning, PCDA Chair
5. Gloria Cinquegrani, Pimlico Racecourse (2015)
7. Ramsey Harris, PNC Bank (2016)
8. Stuart Macklin, 1 Mile Radius (2013)
10. Kathryn Cooper-Nicholas, Civic Leader (2014)
11. Martha Nathanson, Sinai Hospital (2016)
12. Senator Lisa Gladden, 41st District
13. Delegate Nathaniel Oaks, 41st District
14. Senator Catherine Pugh, 40th District
15. Delegate Shaun Tarrant, 40th District

**How Does PCDA Work with Park Heights Renaissance (PHR)?**

State legislation requires PCDA to allocate the Racetrack Impact Funds to address the housing, economic, and community development needs of the Park Heights corridor. To help achieve this goal, PCDA established the Park Heights Renaissance, Inc. (PHR). PHR is a community-based development organization whose mission is implementing the Park Heights Master Plan. Unlike PCDA, which is a volunteer board, PHR was formed as a 501c3 with the staff and organizational infrastructure to implement the plan.

PCDA primarily allocates and advises on funding while PHR seeks funding to implement the Master Plan and administer programs.

Both organizations engage community stakeholders and host public meetings. To learn more about PCDA’s meeting schedule, visit our website or call 410-396-5935. To learn more about PHR’s Resident Council and other opportunities for community engagement, visit [www.phrmd.org](http://www.phrmd.org) or call 410-664-4890.

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### WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Are you interested in learning more about Pimlico Community Development Authority and how slots revenue is being spent in your community? Please visit our website to review past spending plans and the FY2015 Draft Spending Plan.


### WANT TO JOIN PCDA?

Every year, new members are appointed to PCDA. PCDA has developed an application for potential new members to express an interest in being appointed. Applications are available online:


or by contacting Sara Paranilam at 410-396-5935 or sara.paranilam@baltimorecity.gov.