



April 11, 2012
General Meeting Minutes

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call of Officers in attendance: Chris, Tony, Shannon, Cheryl, Justin, Terry.
Approval of Minutes: not approved.
- New Neighbor Introductions:
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance: 51,061 general account and 4,000 in dog park

Committee Updates and Task Force Updates:

Communications: newsletter is running well. ELECTIONS ARE NEXT MONTH!! There are many positions that are opening up: all the officers and 5 board members.

Festival and social: skipped due to time

Parks & Beautification: refer to new business (Fort Ave. Beautification)

Dog Park: skipped due to time

Safety – COP Walk: refer to new business (Police Explorers)

Trash/Recycling: skipped due to time

Design Review: refer to new business (Fort Ave. Beautification)

New Business:

Fort Ave. Beautification: Will lives on Towson Street and has done a lot of work has been done with the under armour monies that have been allowed. In order for this to be done by the bi-centennial. What is the vision for the streetscape on Fort Avenue?? We have been putting together some designs to get things rolling. We wanted people to be able to see where locust point starts and have an entrance that shows who we are. Some areas of the neighborhood look very nice and other areas need some help. It is also important that we have a standard/model so that when business wants to donate or fix an area they know what it should look like. We are creating the area in which we want it to look. There are certain key areas such as (gateways: Key and Hull, and Lawrence and Fort) in the neighborhood (Latrobe Park, Francis Schott Key Elementary School, Little League Fields, Circulator Stops.) Banner can be created for a lower cost currently and then we can expand later. We worked with a budget. We decided that there would be a 2 phased focused area to banners all along Fort Ave. Below is the breakdown: Signage: (2 major), Brick improvement, Repairing the roads is also important. We want to make improvements that people are going to notice. We want to expand the budget as much as possible. We also wanted to start a process for new people in the neighborhood to follow. Plants in front of the park, Redoing the benches and adding ¾ more, Banners, 30 hanging baskets, and 4 street graphic:

Total: 116,444.00

Signage: 37,668.00

Motion: Move to support the plan from the committee: Motion passes



Police Explores: Motion to contribute 1500.00 to the Explores fund: Motion passes

Flag day weekend Locust Point will need some special support. 40 ships will be in Baltimore: 20 in the harbor, 12 in fells point, and 8 at Tide Point Friday through Sunday. There will be a website to go to in order to see the road closing and how Locust Point will be affected or if you wish to volunteer. The community brought up concerns about church on Sunday and how people living here will park. In order to see the ships in the harbor, people must go through checkpoints at the stadium. There will be more information about the MTA and circular routes at a later point.

Firehouse and the removal of Truck 6: There were many people that wanted to share information; we are limiting it to only how the changes affect Locust Point. July 1st: There is a citywide budget meeting and there is a problem with the budget being approved. We need units to work together. There will be suffering. We are giving people information about the effects. Educate on the city plan and what pieces of equipment we have. Budget concerns are safety. Currently we would like to remove truck 6 to another station in the downtown area, it would still service Locust Point but be based out of another station. Some facts: In 2011 we had a record-breaking year, the lowest number of deaths related to fire. There has been a lot of awareness of fire safety in the city. The two truck companies are the ones that need to be closed due to budget concerns. The concern is to give coverage to the whole city. We want to make sure that we can cover the needs. Truck 6 currently is a seven-minute response area. When we move truck 6 to a different station will have still have a seven-minute response time. The community is concerned because will not have a truck company that cannot go to the third floor and much more and here would be here to help. The fire chiefs spoke at the meeting, along with fire unions. (Power points and handouts were passed out; if you would like copies please contact the board). We encourage people in the community to write letters stating their thoughts.

Motion: LPCA will write a letter to support truck 6 staying in Locust Point and not being moved to the downtown station: Motion Passes.

Adjournment