



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2017

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Harry, Ginny, Sarah, Justin, Damian, Beth, Bryan, John, Caitlin, Matt
- New Neighbor Introductions: 2
- Treasurer Update: \$49,764.45 in main account; \$1,350.01 in Dog Park.
- Membership: 83

Approval of previous minutes:

- Will be reviewed at next meeting

General Updates

Communications/Newsletter:

- Email blast system has been disabled; looking into alternative solutions, but for now the Facebook page is the best way to get updates. Email contacts@mylocustpoint.org to get on our email list and like us on Facebook for news.
- May issue of newsletter is coming out soon - please send in any content requests.

Education/Schools:

John Shea:

- Science fair last week, from pre-K to 8th grade, very well attended.
- Harris Teeter program has raised over \$10K this year.
- Erin Karpowitz, PTO Co-President: We are aware of incidents in peninsula community with Digital High students, as well as complaints about FSK students at bus stops. For any issues, please call 410-396-1503 or 443-447-3827 to reach Principal Dunne directly. Or call North Ave number and ask to file a HEAT ticket at 410-984-2000.
- 1st phase of Blue Sky Experience outdoor classroom will be implemented in August.
- Tremendous response from community for volunteer call for mentoring/tutoring program.

Safety:

Ellen Worthing: March 1 - first week April crime reports

- Assault (2), Larceny from Auto, Larceny, Commercial Robbery
- 911 calls list is available
- OpenBaltimore data sets - lots available, any other requests?

Police Southern District liaison - Lt. Ford

- Arrest from theft at 900 Fort Ave
- Burglary 1400 Woodall
- Garage Burglary 1300 Decatur
- Theft 1200 Steurt

Please lock your windows, avoid opportunistic thefts.



Lots of footraces coming up. 22nd is next event, will let us know route ahead of time. Port to Fort will be disruptive, police come in 2 hours prior to start. Working for future events to have pre-designated exit routes from neighborhood.

Open House on Thursday regarding ideas for dealing with recent problems with juveniles committing assaults/robberies.

Committee Reports

Design Review:

- Groundbreaking for PDI lot development this week.
- Anthem House will likely be able to end the lane closures in the next 2 weeks.
- Questions about traffic & parking mitigation for Anthem House & PDI projects.
- Field House update - Rec & Parks did not get RFP out in April, plan to put it out in May.

Dog Park:

- Furry Fiesta is May 6 from 3-6pm at JRs. Dog-friendly event, and a portion of food/drink sales will be donated to LP Dog Park. Still looking for sponsors who want their logos on the event t-shirt, please email locustpointdogpark@yahoo.com.

Parks & Beautification:

- April Eco Week cleanup 4/22, from 9am - 12pm, meet in the park (Kim Asner and Jennifer Benson coordinating).
- We still need a chair for the committee! Please step up if you love the park!

Social:

- Festival will be Saturday, Sept 9. Call for volunteers is now. We will be outsourcing everything this year to avoid high bills from the City - if you have any connections for electrical, trash, tables/chairs, and security please let us know.
- Happy Hours on 3rd Thursdays, starting May 18, location TBD.

Fundraising:

- Coupon books on sale for only \$25; \$500 worth of deals at area businesses.

New/Old Business

Orchard Project

- Ellen Worthing filled out grant application to Baltimore Orchard Project, and Eric Sargent from organization gave overview of project. Two proposed designs were presented in diagrams. Original location was behind Latrobe Park ridge near Banner Field, but determined to be unviable. One proposal is for 5 trees, the other is for 14, and includes Black Locust trees. Tentative planting date is April 29. Location is near baseball diamond by PQ factory. Fruit tree fair this Saturday in Druid Hill Park with free trees.



Board Elections

- Will be next month. 5 seats are up for election - Damien, Caitlin, Matt, Jamie, Caroline. Jamie & Caroline will not be returning, so 2 uncontested seats for anyone interested in joining Board.

Intersections - Traffic Requests

- Lots of concern around 4 intersections: Lowman/Clement, Lowman/Beason, Decatur/Beason, Andre/Clement, and Fort/Andre (which is already being evaluated by DOT). Will be engaging with city about getting 4-way stop signs added, and will need to take a vote at some point in the future about how LPCA wants to proceed. Traffic study was done at Fort/Andre, but no recommendations have been made so far other than adding a 4th crosswalk. City is also reviving traffic camera program, which may offer some additional safety options.

Community Announcements

- **David Plaker - SmarterBaltimoreGov.com:**

Gathering signatures for ballot referendum to reduce size of City Council. Costs have risen, population has dropped, and adjacent government districts have lower ratios of population to representatives. Eliminating 4 council members would save \$250K/year.

- **Church of the Redemption:**

Easter Sunday at 10am. May 20 - having quarter auction as fundraiser, more details TBD.

Adjourned 8:50pm