



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2017

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Ginny, Sarah, Justin, Brian, Damian, Kate, Caitlin
- New Neighbor Introductions: 3
- Treasurer Update: \$37,336.28 in main account; \$1,550 in Dog Park. Still waiting on final bill negotiation from City for Festival.
- Membership: 82

Approval of previous minutes:

- **Motion to approve January 2016 minutes as presented; seconded – motion carries.**

General Updates

Communications/Newsletter:

- Email contacts@mylocustpoint.org to get on our email list and like us on Facebook for news.
- Newsletter could use another block captain to help deliver.

Education/Schools:

- Pastapalooza March 10 @ Knights of Columbus, 5:30-9:30. Pasta, drinks & dancing. \$8/30/35.

Safety:

- Ellen Worthing: In month of January - 1 Aggravated Assault, 1 Larceny from Auto, 6 Larceny, 5 Auto Thefts.
- Sgt. Fell & Officer Cilik: Stolen auto problem, all older Chrysler products. Recommend using a club. Police report has 12 events - aggravate assault was isolated domestic issue, package thefts x3 were same person and suspect was arrested. Facebook neighborhood pages are huge benefit to community policing efforts.
 - Q: Pattern to car thefts?
 - A: Taken at night, all Chrysler products. Seems to rotate through city neighborhoods.
 - Q: General increase in Dec/Jan in Locust Point?
 - A: Yes, definitely higher than normal. In peninsula in general was large increase. Armed robberies & carjackings.

Committee Reports

Design Review:

- No updates.

Dog Park:

- Amanda Greene: Found a new cleaner service, lower cost than previous, coming weekly.



Parks & Beautification:

- April - cleanup event around Earth Week. Saturday (end of week) 9am, covering all streets in Locust Point. Picked up 1400 lbs trash/debris in last few years. We need volunteers.

Social:

- Still negotiating city bill on Festival.
- Another fundraiser in spring, more details in March. Happy hours in May/June/July for Festival.

Fundraising:

- Coupon book is coming together, lots of businesses with great discounts. On sale next month.

New/Old Business

Anthem House Liquor Licenses

- Last few months, we reported status of negotiations with development team around request for creating new liquor licenses. Board has emphasized need to address outstanding issues around parking and traffic, leading to a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), similar to what was agreed upon with McHenry Row II development. Board reviewed final draft of MOU at last meeting and voted to move forward with recommendation to proceed.
- Jeff Jacobson (Anthem House development team): Big concerns known around traffic flow, types of uses in building, employees/hours/parking/noise, and parking in general. Same goals at end of day - developers want best traffic flow, pedestrian friendly streets, avoid parking problems, etc. 433 parking spaces in building, added addendum in every residential lease that requires anyone bringing a car to lease a parking space. Worked with DOT on improving intersections. Concern on exit from parking garage, across from entrance to Merritt. We agree to install "No Left Turn" signs out of garage onto Fort Avenue to discourage dangerous left turns across traffic. Also will be bike lanes, raised crosswalks, and other traffic safety measures. Committed to future meetings with community and DOT for additional improvements. Retail tenants in building will need to serve certain percentage food sales relative to alcohol sales, not creating a bar scene, mostly cafes and restaurants. Request is for 5 Class B Restaurant licenses.

Q: What are hours of liquor licenses?

A: Class B, types of users are not taverns so not likely 2am kinds of places.

Q: How many retailers total?

A: Don't know exactly, there are 5-7 likely. May not use all licenses.

Q: How many units?

A: 292 units. Per zoning, requirements alone would only require 133 spots.

Q: Live music/outdoor seating till 10:30, 11:30 on weekends. Would music be outdoors?

A: No, music is only indoors.

Q: What is Anthem House's commitment to community & school, given what other developers in the area have done?

A: One partner, Scott Plank, made big donation to school. Plan on being long term owners & part of community. Working on improving communications.



Q: Is visitor parking free or paid?

A: Not paid, but hour limited. Will be monitored and adjusted if needed.

Q: For 5 licenses, they don't have a time limit correct?

A: Licenses are non-transferrable offsite in perpetuity. Ability to use them doesn't expire. Maryland law is 2am to end alcohol sales, but residential units directly above retail.

Q: What is relationship with Anthem House II project?

A: Smaller building, less amenities. Existing license in old Rallo's spot, may need to transfer. 6 total licenses. MOU jointly negotiated with LPCA and Riverside Neighborhood Association.

Q: Circulator stop being restored?

A: Yes, and also exploring bikeshare station in front of building. Also amazing landscaping with green drainage planters to reduce storm runoff, outdoor seating.

Q: Other developer have committed financially to community, has Anthem team considered?

A: We are committed to community, will see lots of future involvement.

Q: Any restaurants above ground floor?

A: No.

Q: Adding water taxi stop?

A: Yes, at Museum of Industry. Also routes are being increased.

Q: Legislation has requirements for minimum amount of seating, and 51% food revenue.

A: Correct.

Q: Any businesses in building like offices?

A: Yes, rooftop location - 1 user with few employees, lower parking needs than retail.

- **MOTION: LPCA will support request for 5 licenses with approval of MOU. Seconded, 1 abstention, otherwise unanimous approval. Motion Carries.**

Baltimore DSS - Michael Dannenburg

- Recruiter for foster & adoptive parents. Basic requirements for kids is shelter, safety and care, and anyone can do it. 1920 N Broadway - 2 hour information meetings on tuesday nights.

Traffic Control Requests

- Looking at converting a few intersections in neighborhood to 4 way stops. Looking into process in general from City, and will bring info to next LPCA meeting to decide if community wants to pursue an application.

Community Announcements

- **Feb 24 - Irish Railroad Workers Museum Gala:**

At Knights of Columbus, with musicians that are alumni of the former J. Patricks scene. See Brian McHale for tickets.

- **Budget process for 2017?**

Will be voted on at March meeting.

Adjourned 8:40pm