



## **LPCA General Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2017**

### **Preliminaries:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Ginny, Sarah, Justin, Brian, Damian, Will, Kate, Matt, Beth, Jamie
- New Neighbor Introductions: 6
- Treasurer Update: \$38,076.26 in main account; \$1,550 in Dog Park. Still waiting on final bills from City for Festival.
- Membership: New memberships year start tonight.

### **Approval of previous minutes:**

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

### **General Updates**

#### **Communications/Newsletter:**

- Email [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) to get on our email list and like us on Facebook for news.
- Newsletter out for January; one correction - business should be identified as BambooMoves.

#### **Education/Schools:**

- Weinberg Library improvements coming.
- Principal working with middle school students on behavior & volunteerism outside of school; new Ambassador program. Planning community breakfast Friday, Feb 3 8:30am - 10am at FSK to recognize efforts of 48 students. Looking for neighbors to attend, and/or contribute donations. Need help setting up too.
- Raised over \$3K at Holiday Extravaganza fundraiser.
- Pastapalooza is March 10 at Knights of Columbus. Looking for donations from community businesses.
- Fundraiser with Fort Avenue Fitness - women's yoga class on Super Bowl Sunday at 2pm.

#### **Safety:**

- Under Armour Head of Security - Matt Johnson:  
Going to start sending roving security vehicles going through neighborhood to help increase presence during the day (~8am - 7pm). Also working on adding segway patrol.
- Officer Tomeson - Crime report from 11 Dec to 7 Jan: Dec 16 - Larceny from Auto, Dec 21 - Larceny from Rite-Aid. Arrest was made. Destruction of property - 1200 Towson (attempted larceny from auto).
- Ellen Worthing: ~20 incidents reported since November. Larcenies, Burglaries, Assaults, Robberies.
- Arrest was made of package thief in South Baltimore.
- Request to share Ellen's report with police in advance of meeting to identify trends.



## **Committee Reports**

### **Design Review:**

- Field House: 3 bids; 2 were not competitive, 1 was disqualified. Budget is \$600K. Rec & Parks pulling back bid, looking at ways to reduce costs. Altering materials being used. Bid goes back out next month with broader advertising. Will let us know what ends up changing.
- PDI Lot development (Beason/Towson): Don't anticipate closing off streets or parking on street, but have closed off surface lot. Rat abatement was started 2 months ahead of demolition. Block C demo starts Jan 15th, Block D on 22nd, Block A around Feb 1st. Vertical construction starts around Jan 22nd. Temporary road closures soon for infrastructure work.
- Board has been meeting with Anthem House developers over last few months. Focus of discussion on traffic, parking, liquor licenses. Worked out many issues, developer currently drafting MOU to present to LPCA for legal review concerning agreement on liquor licenses and other factors. Will be using a similar model to McHenry Row on holding residents accountable on leasing parking for their vehicles, with a legally binding agreement.

### **Dog Park:**

- Amanda Greene: Company who cleans the dog park monthly will no longer be available; looking for leads to replace them, commercial or otherwise. Previously paid \$150 per month.

### **Parks & Beautification:**

- Still in desperate need of leadership & volunteers, especially to prepare for spring cleanups & plantings.
- Q: City pickup truck removed all white trash cans, what happened?  
A: Cans were removed and replaced with new ones. Will check with Parks & Rec on plan.
- William Cowan - neighborhood liaison for Bikemore. Will be giving updates every few months. Also serving on Baltimore Public Transportation Advisory Board.  
Q: How does bike path in Port Covington plans connect to neighborhood?  
A: Unknown at this time; will look into it.

### **Social:**

- Expect lots of updates for new events coming in Feb.

### **Fundraising:**

- Working with area businesses to start a coupon book, to be finalized around March.

## **New/Old Business**

### **New DPW Liaison - Larry Nunally:**

- Phone 443-534-0574: Will be doing outreach 1 Saturday per month in City Libraries to go over new billing system with residents, with appointments for 1 on 1 training.



### **MDTA/BCDOT Presentation on Port Covington I-95 Access Improvements Study:**

- Glen Smith, Project Manager, provided overview. Jake Smith reviewed maps with potential changes. Project webpage has all this information online - MDTA site.
- Project will follow NEPA process due to involvement of FHA. 3 projects ongoing in area: City Hanover Street Bridge project, Sagamore/Under Armour Port Covington development project, and I-95 access project. Goal of improvements is to address increased traffic expected from Port Covington development. Had open house meetings in November. Currently developing alternative plans and traffic modeling to identify best solutions. Will solicit feedback from residents throughout year, and expect to finalize study plan by end of 2017. There is no construction schedule yet.
- Jake Smith, Highway Engineer: Project extends from Caton Ave to Fort McHenry tunnel. Options are identified for each access point, labeled as 7 different “Elements”, with 3-4 options for each.
- LPCA will send out URL to study website:  
[http://www.mdtamaryland.gov/Capital\\_Projects/I-95\\_Access\\_Study/Virtual\\_Meeting.html](http://www.mdtamaryland.gov/Capital_Projects/I-95_Access_Study/Virtual_Meeting.html)
- Q: Existing problem with stormwater runoff and flooding on Key Hwy at McComas, is that being looked at?  
A: Any improvements proposed will address stormwater management requirements.  
Q: Regarding options, are there significant cost differences?  
A: Yes, but the costs are still under development. This will enter into recommendation for proposal. Funding is currently in MD State budget program, but may need to be revised.  
Q: Who makes final decision on what options get chosen?  
A: Team will put forth recommendation, but process will involve many stakeholders.

### **JR's - Liquor License Transfer Request:**

- Transfer is only about change in ownership; owner held meeting with neighbors in November about concerns with operation of pub and other proposals in original request, and has revised what he is requesting tonight. Outdoor seating is on hold for now.
- Transfer is from previous owner to new owner's daughter Alicia, who has been resident of neighborhood for last 4 years. Owner is not resident of Baltimore, so is ineligible to hold liquor license. Disconnected outdoor speakers under awnings, and will not have bands or karaoke until addressing noise concerns. Hired engineer to do sound study and recommend improvements. Purchased foam for ceilings, looking at options to cover windows. Cigarette butts and trash outdoors has been a concern; purchased new trash cans and coordinated with garbage pickup service to improve timing and reduce noise. Will be improving communications with community on any events or new developments. JR's Bar & Grill Community Feedback - private page on Facebook, will invite everyone who was at earlier neighbor meeting, and anyone else who wants to be on there. Also added physical comment box at property. Making sure all windows & doors will be shut at 9pm.
- **MOTION: LPCA will write a letter of support for the transfer of the license ownership. Seconded, unanimous approval. Motion Carries.**



**Committee Leadership opportunities:**

- LPCA has extremely significant need for volunteers and leadership for the Parks & Beautification Committee. We have worked to restructure & divide up all the activities done over the course of a year into multiple roles so that volunteers can focus on just the smaller set of efforts they have the most interest in, but we also need a volunteer to help cross-coordinate. Please email [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) if you would be interested in learning more.

**Community Announcements**

• **Church of Redemption:**

Bull Roast - Feb 21st, 7pm, at Knights of Columbus. \$40 donation per person.

• **Update on CSX property management:**

Currently negotiating with CSX in ways they can support cleanup work.

• **Councilman Costello updates:**

1400 Clement issues still being addressed, will follow up.

Working on reducing costs of City electrician charges from LPCA Festival.

CSX donated \$3000 to LPCA towards creating plaques recognizing Karen Johns and dedicating new Fort Avenue rail bridge in her memory.

Working on solution related to inequitable infrastructure service charges on city bills for residents with sprinkler systems.

**Adjourned 8:55pm**