



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - May 9, 2018 - FSK School Cafeteria

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Sarah, Ginny, Justin, Damian, Kate, Caitlyn, Corey, Matt, Jessica
- New Neighbor Introductions: 5
- Treasurer Update: \$63,227.63 in main account; \$3,064.02 in Dog Park. Difference mainly due to Light City party expenses.
- Membership: 135 members as of tonight

Approval of previous minutes: April 2018 minutes reviewed. Motion to approve, seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

General Updates

Communications/Newsletter: No newsletter chair - contacts@mylocustpoint.org if interested.

Education/Schools: John: Week from Friday is UA Heart of America volunteer day, with over 200 participants working on exterior of school, with prep day Thursday. Harris Teeter VIC card program - as of 2 weeks ago, FSK was #1 school in the nation for this fundraising.

Safety: Ellen Worthing - Victim based crime reports - Burglary, Larceny (2). Minimal calls for 911 service. 1 Environmental Control Board report - 1400 Fort for work without permit.

Police representatives - Major Monique Brown & Captain Joe Jones: 16 officers in Southern District, covering 13 square miles. Average 1000 calls for service per week. Dispatchers usually determine priority, person-based calls take priority over property-based issues.

Q: Increase in homicides in Southern recently, what doing to address?

A: Actually down 25% overall, but in last week some issues in Pigtown; this week in Brooklyn. Concentrate officers on areas with historical records of violence. Hard to stop crimes that occur indoors though, like most of these recent ones.

Q: Crimes that I've been reporting haven't made the list or have been categorized wrong - why is this happening? Witnessed burglary first-hand in March on Andre, saw police response, but not reflected in records.

A: Once dispatcher sends someone to investigate, it may turn out to be a different issue than what the reporter thought it was.

Committee Reports

Design Review:

- Zoning hearing request has been proposed for new houses in empty lots between Richardson and Andre on Cuba St. Seeking BMZA to exceed minimal impervious surface requirements.

Dog Park:

- **Scheduling several happy hour fundraisers and 3 cleanups this summer, see flyers.**



Parks & Beautification:

- On April 28, held community cleanup with twice as many participants as normal (70). Picked up ~2000 lbs of trash across neighborhood.
- May 19 will be spring park maintenance day from 9am-12pm. Weeding, mulching, planting, trimming will be main activities. Tools and gloves provided, and food/drink afterwards for volunteers.
- This Saturday, phase 2 of the Latrobe Park Orchard will be planted with the Baltimore Orchard Project. Need volunteers from 10am onward, in rear corner of park. Pecans, Elderberry, and Hazelnut trees will be planted on the park side, along with 13 oaks, poplars, and maples on the far side of the rail berm.

Social:

- Festival will be September 8, from 11-6pm. Open call for food & craft vendors, bands, and volunteers. Email social@mylocustpoint.org if you would like to participate. Social meeting tomorrow at 7pm at In Like Flynn if you would like to help Social Committee plan.

New/Old Business

St. Jude event

- Event will be between Latrobe Park and Fort McHenry on September 22 - Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer fundraiser. Last year raised \$130,000 with 1200 attendees. This year looking to have 1500 participants and raise \$150,00. Andre Street towards railroad will be closed. Charm City Run is coordinator.
Q: How is parking handled?
A: Working with UA currently, to use their lots and bus participants over.

Election

- Nomination committee made up of board members being represented by Caitlin and Damian, who will run the election process and count votes. Heard from a few residents interested in positions, which are represented on the ballots, along with room for any write-ins. On the slate tonight are all 5 officer roles, and multiple board seats. Greg Sileo will be stepping down as President.
- Ballots distributed:
 - President - Matt Farcosky
 - Vice President - Kate McComiskey
 - Treasurer - Sarah Swiger
 - Corresponding Secretary - Ginny Rajnes
 - Recording Secretary - Justin Grossman
- Nominations now open on the floor, additional nominations for the officer roles are sought. No nominations, move to candidate statements.
- **Motion to close nominations for officer positions, seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Officer nomination is closed.**



- Nominations for at large board seats are as follows:
 - Will Jovel
 - Mike Zakrjewski
 - Maria Tarboun
 - Brian McHale
 - John Shea
 - Tim Hoy
 - Emily Cooper
- **Motion to close nominations, seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Board nominations are closed.**
- Please only vote for 6 Board seats, and 5 Officer seats. Ballots are distributed; collected for counting.
- **Results: 35 votes cast. 33 votes cast for officers. Matt 33, Kate 33, Sarah 33, Ginny 33, Justin 33. Board at large, top 6 votes make it, 33 cast: John 35, Brian 33, Mike Zakrjewski 33, Will 30, Tim Hoy 29, Emily Cooper 28.**
- Board members elected accepted position. Everyone new please send email to contacts@mylocustpoint.org .
- Thank you to Greg Sileo, Beth Terry, and Harry Stinefelt for their service!

Councilman Costello

- Introduced resolution recognizing 4 years of service to neighborhood for Greg Sileo, outgoing president.

Senator Ferguson

- Summary of most recent legislative session: Record number of bills introduced, with over 1000 passing. Earned sick leave, up to 4 days per year for full-time workers, led by Delegate Clippinger. Major crime bill, both targeted enforcement and creation of opportunities to reduce incentives for crime. Enhanced sentences for repeat violent offenders charged with weapons violations. Education - the Kirwin Commission policy initiatives will be funded by casino funds.
- Also have citation recognizing Greg Sileo's service to the neighborhood.

Water Taxi - operators

- Looking for feedback from neighborhood on how they can better serve local residents. Baltimore Water Taxi and Harbor Connector commuter system are 2 separate systems. Water Taxi is completely funded by ticket feeds, 5 routes with 12 hours. Harbor Connector is federally funded, allows operations of 3 boats on 3 routes for 10.5 hours/day M-F. Break hours up into morning and afternoon. If get more subsidy, goal is to not have midday gap.
- New thing this year is allowing private charters for special events. Also offering 10x one-way pass fare for \$40 (\$35 seniors, \$30 children), which is a great option for those who want to use taxi on more on-demand model. Good for a year.



Q: Is pass electronic or paper card?

A: It's electronic, ticket issued through website. Rolled out new website with similar capabilities to what other transit modes offer.

Q: For private charters, is there a restroom?

A: Not on board, but landings are nearby restrooms.

Q: When prices were raised, also took away some of the benefits, like extra passes. Are there any plans to return those benefits?

A: We want to make the passes work, so we are looking into how to make it more attractive.

Q: Parking issues in Locust Point during day are greatly impacted by Water Taxi, especially the daily commuters. How can you work with other partners to reduce the impact?

A: We are sensitive to that issue, and two years ago were looking to have registered rider program. Due to nature of funding, can't have any restrictions on ridership, but willing to reach out to partners to explore other options such as use of company lots.

Community Announcements

- Next Thursday at Knights of Columbus parking lot - food truck rally starting at 5:30pm.
- Dance being organized by Brian & Brenda McHale at Knights of Columbus on June 15 from 7-11pm as a benefit for Alex Wroblieski, who was murdered a few months ago. Serves as a fundraiser for LLS organization, which Alex was a big fundraiser for. Will also include refreshments and light fare. Tickets are available for \$40.
- This Saturday 12:30 at Crossfit Federal Hill - free first aid clinic run by physicians from UMD.

Adjourned 9:00pm