

# LPCA General Meeting Minutes - February 10th, 2021

## Held on Google Meet

### Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update: \$67,262.07
  - \$60,560.55 - General Fund
  - \$3,628.69 - Dog Park
  - \$3,072.83 - Park Fund
  - There was a change of \$1,500 for a three (3) year renewal of the PO box at USPS which will lead to a few hundred dollars of savings.
- Membership: We are sitting at 74 members so far in 2021. In 2020 it was 106. If you are listening on the Facebook live stream and want to become a member, send an email to the LPCA the Sunday before the General Meeting. Members should follow up on potential missed invitations the Sunday or the Monday prior to the General Meeting.

### Committee Reports

#### Communications/Newsletter:

- If you would like to receive our emails, send a note to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) and like our page on Facebook for updates. Send any editorial ideas or interest in volunteering on the newsletter - [communication@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:communication@mylocustpoint.org) .

#### Education & Schools:

- The return to in-person learning for small groups at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School continues to be discussed. The return date has been pushed back to March 1st. Please continue to clear the lot daily as staff and students begin to make use of the building.
- The annual Pasta Palooza fundraiser will be held as a virtual fundraiser. Our House/Serenity will be handling the food orders. More information to follow.
- Harris Teeter vic cards and Amazon Smile (please link to FSK).
- School 1514 is what to link to if you go into Harris Teeter to sign up - must renew annually (Aug - May). If you register through LPCA, we will create a database of VIC numbers and automatically renew you in future years - either check the box on your membership form, or email VIC number to [education@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:education@mylocustpoint.org).

#### Parks & Beautification:

- There were a few incidents in the park recently. A fire was started by the Long House and someone drove a large vehicle through the park. Councilman Costello's office has been engaged and the committee is working to coordinate some police presence, perhaps an evening drive through. Parks & Recreation will be installing a second sign regarding the prohibition of motorized vehicles in the park (except for those licensed by the city).
- The plaque to signify that Latrobe Park is an Olmsted park has arrived. It will be installed near the park entrance and the cost is covered from funds in the Park budget. It will be about \$1000 to set down brick and concrete. The work will occur this spring.

- No group cleanups have been scheduled as yet but the committee is hoping to organize something around Earth Day, between the 17th and 24th of April. It will likely consist of independent activities.
- Questions can be directed to [parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org).

#### **Safety:**

- Safety concerns can be sent to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org).

#### **Design Review:**

- No updates.

#### **Dog Park:**

- No updates.

#### **Social:**

- Most events are cancelled or postponed.

#### **Community Improvement Grants:**

- These grants are available to the entire neighborhood. Projects may beautify, benefit, or otherwise enhance the community with a preference given to those ideas with lasting impact or creating broad new connections. Please consider submitting a grant to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org). The grant form is available on the website and on Facebook.

## **New/Old Business**

#### **Domino Sugar Updates:**

- Peter O'Malley, Vice President Corporate Relations for American Sugar Refining, Inc. in attendance.
- Painting is underway on the ends of the Raw Sugar Sheds.
- The neon sign atop of Domino factory has deteriorated significantly as has the steel lettering, which is original. New aluminum letters are being fabricated. They will be painted Bull Finch Yellow. The last that the original sign will be lit is February 29th. Afterwards the letters and border will come down. The price tag for this project is around a million dollars. The plan is to light the new sign on July 4th.
- The permits have been issued for the new silo project. Four (4) new silos will hold 14 millions pounds of finished sugar and will be placed next to the existing bin tower (the blue and white building from the 1950s). Feedback from the community and other stakeholders included perhaps painting the structures to break up the monolithic visuals. Domino is proposing to remove the enclosures on the silos, which will lower the height of the structures, reduce their overall size, and allow for more interesting visuals. They are also looking into LED lighting options. Construction will commence in a few weeks.
- Question from the floor: Will you return with a plan for the lighting of the silos?
  - Peter O'Malley Responding (paraphrased):

Yes.

- Question from the floor: What are the construction hours?
  - Peter O'Malley Responding (paraphrased):
 

Construction hours are 7AM to 5PM, Monday through Saturday, but the project manager may extend to 7PM.
- Comment from the floor: Please consider the possibility of using downlighting to minimize the impact on birds.

#### **Goodier Properties Project on Woodall:**

- There was a meeting with Dan Goodier. They are considering not building the 7-story mixed use concept on the property between Woodall and Stevenson and instead pursuing a 2-story daycare concept.
- This would mean the provisions in the existing MOU for onsite parking for the residents of the area would not be possible. They are pursuing the use of the parking lot at 1000 Key Highway East to accommodate staff parking. Other neighborhood concerns include pickup and dropoff logistics, noise, site plan, etc.
- The Woodall-Stevenson working group will be reconvened. If you are interested in being part of the discussions with the developer contact the LPCA board.

#### **Updates from Councilman Costello:**

- A Vaccination Locator Tool is now live: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>
- If you are over 65 and you live in Baltimore City, you can fill in the interest form found here ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNfn\\_mjDMXdngJlIXggHUCTXAJj0CVR9LDVhkqM0D4YG7-fw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNfn_mjDMXdngJlIXggHUCTXAJj0CVR9LDVhkqM0D4YG7-fw/viewform)) and you will be contacted by one of our Maryland Access Point (MAP) Ambassadors when appointments become available. You can also call 410-396-CARE (2273) to reach our MAP Call Center if you are over 65.
- New Baltimore City Vaccination Dashboard: <https://baltimore.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/4b64b6e8c0014b6998d767fcf077bfaf>
- Baltimore City – Information on how to get vaccinated: <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/covid-19-vaccine-information>
- Mayor Scott and the Health Commissioner Announce New Collaboration with Local Healthcare Partners to Provide Mobile Vaccination Clinics in Baltimore City: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MDBALT/bulletins/2c0245b>
- Baltimore Restaurant & Tavern Assistance Grant: <https://www.baltimoretogether.com/covidresources>
- PPP Loans Round 2: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/lender-match>
- BDC Technical Assistance: <https://www.baltimoretogether.com/technical-assistance-form>
- Mayor Scott's Jan 22 Executive Order including guidance: <https://www.costelloforbaltimore.com/uncategorized/mayor-scotts-jan-22-executive-order/>
- Question from the floor: Is there any information on landlord assistance?
  - Councilman Costello Responding (paraphrased):
 

He is unsure of resources available to landlords but renters resources are available and we can put something together to send out.
- Question from the floor: There have been issues with trash cans not being serviced.

- Councilman Costello Responding (paraphrased):

He reached out to DPW last week and will be following up again.

### **Motion to Approve Minutes from November and December 2020:**

- The motion was approved with one abstention. All minutes will be resent on the March General Meeting invitation.

### **LPCA Budget:**

- LPCA budgets are normally baselined to the budget from the previous year. The 2020 budget was originally set to be a zero sum budget but the board did not cut expenses when fundraising events did not take place due to covid in order to support the community.
- Notes from the 2021 Proposed Budget:
  - Grant Money allocation was increased.
  - Festival expenses were included in the budget on the assumption that something may be able to happen this fall.
  - A line item for Not-Picnics or other distanced events was included.
  - The goal was to maintain support for the community during 2021.
- Question from the floor: What is the park allocation?
  - Is the same as 2020. \$2,700.
- Question from the floor: Are there any reserved funds?
  - The LPCA has three (3) bank accounts, two (2) of which are reserved. One (1) for dog park and one (1) for Latrobe. The other account is the general fund.
- Question from the floor: Is there a line item for the FSK Giving Campaign?
  - There was discussion about allocating a specific amount to the school but we have not formalized it as a line item.
  - Follow up question: Is there a letter for FSK to make a formal request for the 2021 year?
    - In past years the LPCA has done funding drives with FSK. In 2020 there were no funding drives. Conversations can be had about handling it as a grant application or other. Point of clarification: FSK Holiday Giving Campaign is different from the FSK Annual Giving Campaign. In the past it has been treated as an end-of-year situation.
- Question from the floor: Has the LPCA considered doing a special grant program for restaurants/churches?
  - As a non-profit organization we have to comply with our charter and are limited to donating to nonprofits or for the community benefit. We can work in partnership with restaurants on non-profit initiatives but need to be mindful of the regulations and responsibilities entailed with our non-profit status.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021 budget as presented. The motion carried with no oppositions or abstentions..

### **Community Garden:**

- Members of the community want to bring the community garden at Under Armour back to life. The garden is currently run by Under Armour employees and those folks are still remote so the garden planning has changed hands.

- UA will hold a meeting on March 4th to gauge employee interest. They believe their number is under 20. More information to follow.
- The garden property is a brownfield site and was remediated in 2010. The committee is asking what remediation was done and planning for additional landscaping cleanup. Any existing information should be passed to the committee.

**Community Announcements:**

- No announcements.

**Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting:**

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: Next meeting is March 10th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Google Meet

**Adjourned 8:32 pm**