

LPCA General Meeting Minutes - May 12th, 2021

Held on Google Meet

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update: \$
 - \$67,886.76 - General Fund
 - \$4,222.23 - Dog Park
 - \$3,628.69 - Park Fund
- Membership: The LPCA has a total of 126 members as of this month. 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.
- If there is desire to continue to support remote attendance after the return to in person meetings, please reach out to contacts@mylocustpoint.org to voice your interest. The LPCA may look for a grant to continue supporting remote attendance.
- April Minutes Review/Vote:
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.

Committee Reports/General Updates

Communications/Newsletter:

- If you would like to receive our emails, send a note to 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 .

Education & Schools:

- There is a golf outing on June 14th. FSK has partnered with Fed Hill Prep for the last 4 years. They are not seeking sponsorships. Information will be distributed on social media. Signup at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scramble-for-the-arts-2021-tickets-144047707571>.
- School is in session and there is a problem with pet waste. People walking their dogs on school grounds should clean up after their pets.
- The last day of school is Tuesday, June 16th.
- The Harris Teeter vic cards program will stop May 31st and then restart in August. Please link your Amazon Smile 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.

Community Improvement Grants:

- DEI Training - A speaker will host a virtual meeting to speak on diversity and inclusivity within the community. This training will be open to Locust Point residents and extended to other communities in South Baltimore.
 - The speaker is an Adjunct Professor at Hopkins. It will be a 2 hour session on June 16th or 17th.

- Dates and meeting information will be finalized and disseminated at the next meeting.
- 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. The grant form is available on the website <https://mylocustpoint.wordpress.com/about-the-lpca/community-improvement-grant/> and on Facebook.

Design Review:

- No updates.

Parks & Beautification:

- There was a Spring Park Cleanup this Saturday, May 8th, with follow up work completed on Monday evening. Flowers were planted, mulch was laid down, and debris cleared from the forest behind Banner Field. The remaining work will be scheduled for upcoming evenings.
- Update from Councilman Eric Costello: The City has reinstated the contract (on a three-year renewal) to cut the grass at Latrobe Park. His office will put in a request for grass cutting at Latrobe with the director of Rec and Parks.
- Questions can be directed to parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org.

Safety:

- Please be mindful to lock your doors, windows, cars, and bikes.
- Safety concerns can be sent to contacts@mylocustpoint.org.

Dog Park:

- No updates.

Social:

- The committee is looking to run a summer mixer, the Re-Lit Party, to celebrate the Domino Sugar Sign Re-Lighting, possibly at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. The tentative date may be in early July.
- The LPCA is planning the Fall Festival as it would typically run the event. Please save the date Saturday, September 11th. Committee meetings will start in the next several weeks. We will evaluate the event again around 6 weeks out to understand the situation at that time for large events. There will be more information to follow. Questions or volunteers can reach out to the Social Committee.
 - Comment from Councilman Costello: If possible the committee should wait to apply for permits until the Mayor amends the City Executive Order for COVID-19 Restrictions.

New/Old Business

UA Community Garden Updates

- Members at the community garden completed several workdays and are planting in their beds.

- A thank you was made to Councilman Costello for his help engaging Under Armour to get the garden restarted.
- Blueberry and rose bushes have been added and signage is being created by the UA design team.
- Questions can be directed to locustpointcg@gmail.com.

Woodall Street/Key Hwy Extension Development Updates

- A meeting was held today between Domino, the LPCA, Baltimore DoT, and Dan Goodier regarding the pickup and dropoff logistics for the proposed 2-story daycare.
- Questions can be directed to the board and the task force will return to the general meeting when there is more to report.

Survey on Rowhome Conversion Bill

- “We are a group of Johns Hopkins graduate students and postdocs in the School of Public Health and School of Medicine working on a Health Impact Assessment of Bill 21-0009. If passed, this bill will simplify the process for owners and developers to convert single-family rowhomes into apartments throughout the city of Baltimore. We want to evaluate the health and equity impacts of this bill on all stakeholders involved, particularly the impacted population, before it gets passed. We believe that this bill would affect your community, so we would like to include your comments in our analysis.” ~ School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University
- Bill text is online at <https://baltimore.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?From=RSS&ID=4749290&GUID=728AF8F5-AF65-43CD-9C4D-4D3B9AAAC0DB&FullText=1>
- Survey is online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfaJZ7tNoJ-xqZRrJKtrHeDRN6RruExwSak5Zv4jcEURr0MLg/viewform>

Community Dumpster Dates

- Dates will be announced when they are finalized via email and facebook. We are hoping to schedule them quarterly starting in July.

Community Announcements:

- A zoning hearing for a 3rd story addition to 1450 Towson Street is scheduled for June 15th.
- Updates from the Baltimore Museum of Industry.
 - The Saturday Farmers Market opens this weekend from 9AM-1PM.
 - BMI’s reopening will be July 3rd.
 - The BMI hosts Mother Goose on the Loose most Tuesdays @ 4:15 PM in the pavilion.
 - Feel free to reach out to BMI with questions
- Pastor Johnny Ramsey of the Locust Point Community Church - “Hope to see everyone soon. Join us in our Mission of the Month supporting Southwest Emergency Services. We are collecting toiletries, nonperishable can goods, etc. The collection is ongoing for the months of May and June. See the flyer at our FB page. Items can be dropped off at Hull

Street Blues during the week or at Locust Point Community Church on Sunday mornings. Blessings!”

- Updates from Councilman Costello on his experience with hybrid meetings:
 - The South Baltimore Community Association meeting was held last night in the upstairs area of Delia Foleys. They used a microphone that was connected to a laptop and any members on the floor who had a question had to use the microphone at the front of the room. This worked well to support in-person and virtual attendees.
- Thanks was extended from a community member to the LPCA, the Design Review, and Councilman Costello for their assistance on an unpermitted work on a property in the neighborhood.

Board Elections

- There are 15 Member Boards consisting of 10 at-large members and 5 officers.
- The 2021 elections are not officer elections. They are for several of the at-large positions.
- A motion was made to postpone the annual meeting elections to September 2021 to allow time for potential candidates to step.
 - A point of clarification was made: The current Treasurer is departing and that will need to be addressed earlier than September.
 - An amendment to the motion was made to vote on the vacated Treasurer position in June and delay the rest of the elections until September. The amendment was seconded.
 - The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.

Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: The next meeting will feature legislative updates from Team 46 and will be held June 9th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Google Meet.

Adjourned 8:23 pm