

LPCA General Meeting Minutes - August 11th, 2021

Held on Google Meet

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update: \$
 - \$57,385 - General Fund
 - \$3,629 - Dog Park
 - \$3,807 - Park Fund
 - The LPCA is seeking help from anyone who has experience setting up a business Venmo account to accept cashless transactions.
- Membership: The LPCA has a total of 143 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.
- Emily Patterson has left the neighborhood and can no longer continue on the board. The LPCA is seeking members for the positions of Vice-President, Membership Committee Chair, and Community Grant Chair. Elections will be held in September.
- 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.
- June 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

Education & Schools:

- The Harris Teeter vic cards program will 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 jjrs10132007@gmail.com.

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 .

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. The grant form is available on the website <https://mylocustpoint.wordpress.com/about-the-lpca/community-improvement-grant/> and on Facebook.

Design Review:

- Fort Avenue/Banner Row Development Updates
 - The developer is going to try to clean up the intersection by the school this month before the school year starts. They are open to meeting with the community regarding concerns regarding construction impact. A representative will attend the LPCA meeting next month for an update.
 - There is concern about the height/volume on the top story on the new construction. Those dimensions were disclosed in marketing plans to the LPCA and they were transparent about the build plans. The LPCA's assumption was the designs were marketing and would change, but the plans were approved when the MOU was discussed. Per the new R8 zone, a developer can request a conditional variance to exceed base R8 heights on streets that are greater than 35 feet across so they are in compliance. Units will be built as they are sold in blocks of 6 houses. This could take up to 2 years. The developer will need to repave/repour the cement on the sidewalk on Decatur across from the school as the build out progresses.
 - There is a blocked storm drain that needs to be cleared and the developer is aware of it.
- Locust Point Sign Update
 - The signs on Andre and on Hull St entrances have been refurbished by the company that installed them. The cost was split with the Sapperstein group to the total amount of about 2.4k. The work is done.
- Woodall/Stevenson MOU Amendment for 2-story building – signed/recorded

Parks & Beautification:

- Thank you to the contracting company responsible for the mowing and trimming in the park and to all the community members volunteering to help clean up and maintain the park.
- Doggie bags have been refilled.
- The back plank of the Art with the Heart bench (close to the field house) has been refinished and will be reinstalled in the next few weeks.
- There is no date yet for the fall cleanup but it will be in late September or early October.
- Questions can be directed to parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org.

Safety:

- Neighbors in Riverside have asked the LPCA to sign onto a Community Impact Statement for a hearing regarding the Friday, June 11th incident in Riverside where a male juvenile punched a woman and attempted to take her car keys. The full statement was read to the membership.
 - A motion to sign onto the Community Impact Statement was made and seconded. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.
- There has been an increase in bicycle and auto theft in Locust Point.
 - Delegates Clippinger, Lierman and Lewis joined the meeting to field any questions or concerns.
 - Regarding the drag racing on Fort, Towson, and Beason, please call the police immediately as soon as the cars enter the area.
 - Question from the membership: Has there been an uptick in random crimes of destruction across the city or is this localized?

Major Johnson responded, paraphrase: There is generally less violent crime in the 46th district so it is difficult to determine if there has been an uptick in Locust Point particularly, but numbers can be gleaned from the monthly statistics.

- Safety concerns can be sent to contacts@mylocustpoint.org.

Social:

- Festival Updates, Sept 11th from 11AM - 6PM. Bands are booked and Facebook announcements will be forthcoming. Vendors and restaurants are mostly booked. There are still a few more spots available but the committee aims to close that off by the end of this week. Volo is sponsoring a cornhole tournament. FSK will do the kids zone. Deep Eddy's will sponsor the mixed drinks.
 - Defenders Day – 9/11, group will be present at the Festival
 - Moment of Silence at 10 a.m. to acknowledge 9/11 tragedy
 - Cookie-Making Volunteer Sign-Ups (8/28, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. @ the german church)
- Re-Lit City Party Debrief Thursday, July 15th was a success. A large crowd of between 200-300 people attended.
- Picnic in the Park, BYOB with the band Space Taco performing – Sunday, 10/10 at 4 p.m.

Dog Park:

- No updates.

New/Old Business

DEI Community Event

- LPCA held the virtual event on June 16, 2021, from 7-9 p.m. If there is interest in another one it can be arranged.

UA Community Garden Updates

- The garden is in full swing and Under Armour has installed rocks in between all the plots.
- The committee has sent plans to UA to expand the garden footprint in response to additional demand for plots from the community.
- UA installed signage on the lot and more signage will follow in the next few weeks (designed and paid for by UA).
- The LP garden was featured in the Peninsula Post article on local community gardens.
- If you want local honey from the garden, go to <https://www.marylandhoneyshop.com/>.
- Questions can be directed to locustpointcg@gmail.com.

Peninsula Post

- This new quarterly newsletter for South Baltimore is now in circulation. Look for a copy around the neighborhood.

Discussions with Councilman's Office

- Speed hump request on Decatur Street – Update from Councilman Costello's team
 - Historically there have only been about ten (10) speed humps installed in the city per year. Typically, the Fire Dept has concerns with their ability to move their equipment. Two (2) sets were installed in the last few months; at Warren Ave to

deal with dirt bike activity and in Heritage Crossing to slow speeds in an oval area that has become unmanageable. The Decatur Street Request does not appear on the Department of Transportation report for requests for traffic calming in the last year, which does not match with the requests that the neighborhood has put in. The Councilman will follow up and there is some indication that installation of speed humps has increased under the new director.

- Latrobe Park Issues
 - The following are community issues that need addressing: trash emptying, grass cutting, bathroom access at Field House/Recreation Center during Banner Field events, large tree limbs need to be removed from treetops for safety, and the Field House light outage.
- Key Highway traffic light timing status update
 - There are 12 traffic signals on the section of Key Highway between Light Street and the Key Highway Extension. DoT made modifications in May, and stated they were 95% done. In the past 3 or 4 weeks there has been an increase in complaints. The Councilman will revisit the issue with DoT and escalate.
- DoT Updates
 - Restriping will be done on Lawrence Street in between Key Highway and Fort Avenue. Construction has resumed on the old Rollo's site. It was delayed for about twenty-three (23) weeks due to a materials shortage. The roadblocks on Lawrence will be removed after completion.



Key Hwy at Lawrence St
Restriping & Traffic Calming Quick-Build

Southern and Southeast District Liaison for Baltimore State's Attorney's Office – Telik Johnson

- Mr. Johnson is the former CRC President and chaplain for South Baltimore and is now the new Community Liaison for the States Attorney Office for both South Baltimore and South East Baltimore.

- If there are cases the LPCA would like to follow, please send that information to Mr. Johnson.

South Baltimore Community Land Trust/Zero Waste Coalition

- The LPCA sent a letter to Councilman's office advocating support for starving the incinerator on June 10th per June 9th meeting vote.
- Stop the Burn, Save Lives: The case for a community-led zero waste model in Baltimore <https://blog.ucsusu.org/science-blogger/community-led-zero-waste-baltimore/>
- Baltimore does not have a food waste processing facility within 30 miles of the incinerator to divert food waste to (per the MD Organics Diversion Bill). The Zero Waste Coalition has the support from the Mayor on this.
- The Baltimore City Compost Pilot Program has 5 drop off sites/dates for residential compost to be dropped off.



Baltimore City Compost Pilot

5 Drop off sites:

- 2840 Sisson St- Aug 20th
- 701 Reedbird Ave- Sep 3rd
- 6100 Quarantine Rd-Sept 17th
- 6101 Bowleys Ln- Oct 1st
- 5030 Reisterstown Rd- Oct 15th



LPCA Donation to Barracudas

- Barracudas was impacted by a fire last month. 2020 and 2021 have greatly impacted local businesses. The board is requesting the LPCA consider a donation to Barracudas to assist in their recovery. Motion made to contribute \$1,000 to Barracudas.
 - Objection on the basis that it is unclear if the LPCAs 503c status may impact giving to for profit organizations.
- The board will follow up with clarifying guidance.

September Elections

- There are five (5) Board seats up for election next month; two (2) of them are being vacated by current Board members, one (1) officer position is needed.

Community Announcements

- No announcements.

Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: Next meeting will be September 8th at 7:30 (location TBD), and we will hold Board Member Elections! Scott Slosson from Banner Row development group will be there to talk about the construction and give updates/answer questions.

Adjourned 8:38 pm