

LPCA General Meeting Minutes - October 13th, 2021

Held on Google Meet

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update: As of October 1st:
 - \$ 71,387 - General Fund
 - \$ 2,656 - Dog Park
 - \$ 3,806 - Park Fund
 - Festival Updates
 - The preliminary numbers show roughly \$8,000 in profit for the LPCA. There are a few items yet to be settled.
 - Thanks to all involved in planning and running the festival.
 - There is an upcoming expense, the Dog Park Cleanup, for a little over \$1,000.
 - Venmo payments for \$5 annual memberships now accepted – LPCA Treasurer (business) username to be shared in chat - @LPCATreasurer (use the business tab, not the personal tab)
 - Donation (\$500) to RNA for Halloween Bash on Saturday, 10/30 – LPCA sponsoring Scavenger Hunt
- Membership: 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.
- September Minutes Review/Vote:
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.

Elections

- The LPCA is in need of one Officer.
 - The new board officers will serve until May 2023.
 - Board Candidate Nominations were opened.
 - Hearing none, the nominations were tabled.

Committee Reports/General Updates

Education & Schools:

- The Day of Service on the 25th of September with First Service Residential (Silo Point) went well (painting, landscaping). Thanks to all involved.
- The wreath fundraiser for FSK/LPCA is happening again – a pre-order form link will be shared via social media announcement/email; payment will be via Venmo or PayPal; wreath pickup will likely be the first weekend of December. Wreaths and swatches should be available.
- The Harris Teeter vic cards program was restarted 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:

- No items.

Parks & Beautification:

- Saturday, October 23rd will be the Fall Park Maintenance Day. Work will include general cleanup and spreading mulch (donated from Brightview). Tools will be provided. The cleanup runs 9-12AM. More information to follow.
- Based on demand at the festival, more Park Bench T-shirts will be available soon.
- The Halloween Decoration Contest will be Halloween morning, Sunday, October 23rd. Judges will walk the neighborhood and award two prizes. They are looking for volunteers to join during the walk. Time to be determined.
- Questions can be directed to parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org.

Safety:

- Officer Owens has joined the LPCA tonight.
- There has been a rash of handle pulls, auto break ins, larceny from autos, and 2 car thefts. One of the cars has been recovered. It was occupied at the time. Citizens have escalated the issues with the city.
 - Crime has decreased since the arrests.
 - Reminder: Lock your car doors each night.
- There was a large gathering of cars doing stunts by Royal Farms at Key Highway & Lawrence Street. This activity is not limited to South Baltimore.
- Officer Owens added there have been recent reports further west on Fort Avenue (in Riverside) of door handle pulls. BPD is putting more District Action Units (plain clothes/plain cars) during the hours of the break ins.
- The car stunters have been followed by helicopters and state troopers. Normally, the cars use a lot behind the stadium and the group has additional spots planned out. When a police report comes in the group will be trailed by law enforcement to prevent them from stopping in neighborhoods.
- Question from the floor: Were there any arrests made from the armed robbery on Stuart Street a month ago (September 11th)?

- Officer Owens responding: He is not aware of any as of now but will follow up with an update.
- Safety concerns can be sent to contacts@mylocustpoint.org.

Social:

- Look for updates via social media or email.
- The Holiday Party is under discussion. The LPCA will need to make a decision between indoor (Knight of Columbus) or outdoor (a park or nearby courtyard). The event will be the 2nd Wednesday in December.
- Questions were raised regarding capacity restrictions and kids being indoors.

Dog Park:

- 10/16 Cleanup Event - Rain is in the forecast. In the event of a postponement it would be rescheduled to Sunday, October 17th.

New/Old Business

UA Community Garden Updates

- The committee is still working with UA to expand the number of plots.
- Work days are scheduled to shut the garden down in November.
- Birds fed in front of the garden bring in pests, please be considerate.
- Questions can be directed to locustpointcg@gmail.com.

Councilman Costello's Office

- Under Armour may attend the November meeting. UA plans to move their campus in 2024.

Community Announcements

- Question: Is there music in the Park this weekend? No, but the Canton Kayak Club has rescheduled their concert at Tide Point to Sunday, October 17th from 5 -7 PM.

Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: Next meeting will be November 10th at 7:30 (location TBD)

Adjourned 8:03 pm