

LPCA General Meeting Minutes - January 12th, 2021

Held on Google Meet

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
 - \$66,631.74 - General Fund
 - \$5019.27 - Dog Park
 - \$2496.22 - Park Fund
 - Reminder: Venmo payments for \$5 annual memberships now accepted – The LPCA Treasurer's username is @LPCATreasurer on Venmo (business) or treasurer@mylocustpoint.org on PayPal. Please add comments to any transactions for accounting purposes.
 - Festival Breakdown
 - Festival had a net profit of \$5,530. This year expenses were up but the LPCA still made a profit.
 - Wreath Sale Summary - There were \$1671.38 in sales and \$1,490.78 in expenses. The \$180.60 in net proceeds were donated to FSK.
 - Budget Presentation
 - The LPCA board has proposed \$58k in expenses in 2022. The line items were reviewed by the community and questions and comments from the floor were taken.
 - The board is planning for a deficit of \$10k to reflect a conservative outlook for the festival.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.
 - The website needs to be updated. It is very static and out of date.
 - A website estimate needs to be procured (\$3.5k - \$5k).
 - The board is in the very early stages of scoping. The board would like to add:
 - Registration forms
 - Volunteering/Signup forms
 - Fundraising/Events pages
 - Anyone with thoughts can reach out to Michelle.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve an addition to the budget of up to \$5k for website redesign. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.
- 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.
- November 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.
 - The board has nominated Michelle Andres. Michelle accepted the nomination.
 - Nominations were closed.
- Michelle was elected by the LPCA (voting done by acclamation). Michelle will serve until May 2023.

Committee Reports/General Updates

Education & Schools:

- FSK offered a virtual option the last two weeks to support students and parents.
- The school wrapped up fundraising for the Annual Giving Campaign to improve outside learning areas and the playground. It raised more than \$85k.
- 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:

- Community Grants Committee – needs more members, email contacts@mylocustpoint.org if interested! Increased potential amounts each season – up to \$7,500 to be given per year!
- 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:

- A community cleanup is planned for April during Earth Week.
- Olmsted 200 Updates & Task Force (<https://olmsted200.org/>)
 - Cleaning and base coat painting of the longhouse will begin soon. Painting the murals will begin afterwards, hopefully April 17th-23rd.
 - Parks & Recreation will be leading the charge to have the roof redone.

- The concept for the longhouse is improved access. A new gate will be added from the longhouse to the playground and improvements will be made to offer seating and activities. The timeline for all the work is spread out over a few years.
- A brass plaque will be installed marking Latrobe as an Olmstead park with a target date in May.
- If you are interested in joining the parks and recs committee in one of the targeted tasks forces questions can be directed to parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org.

Safety:

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

Social:

- The holiday party in December was great.
- The social committee should be returning in February for mixer updates and event planning for 2022.
- The Knight of Columbus is doing a winter mixer on Feb 5th. 3-7 PM. More information is available on their Facebook page.

Dog Park:

- There will be new rules and regulations signage. The delivery timeline is to be announced.

UA Community Garden Updates

- Beds are now put to sleep for the winter.
- UnderArmour has done a nice job maintaining the area.
- Six new fruit trees were planted (3 apple and 3 pear trees). The trees were relocated from the Cherry Hill Garden which is closing due to the city reallocating the land.
- New signage has been installed. A new wooden UA sign should be installed in the next month or two.
- The Garden Committee now has a Facebook page. It is private at the moment as it is focused on member communication.
- There are 19 people on the waiting list. The committee is looking to add more plots to accommodate demand.
- Questions can be directed to locustpointcg@gmail.com.

New/Old Business

Woodall/Stevenson Construction Update

- No additional updates since the update in December. The project start appears to be delayed until permits have been acquired.

Community Announcements

- Blue recycling bins will be distributed the week of January 24th. Citizens can request a smaller sized bin by calling 311.
- Recycling will be moving to every other week starting January 18th. The next recycling pickup will be the week of January 24th.

- The LPCA has received requests to host candidates running for the open 46th district office. The filing deadline is in February. The board will reach out to all filed candidates. The LPCA is looking to host candidates during the April or May meetings. There are three open seats (2 incumbents). Please send questions to LPCA beforehand so we can prepare.
- There is a GoFundMe for the Garden Eatery. The business was the victim of a vehicular smash-and-grab ATM theft.
- For community service, the Locust Point Community Church is collecting non-perishable food items during January and February to support the Maryland Food Bank. Bring donations on Sundays between 11:00-11:30 or drop off at Hull Street Blues whenever they are open. Thanks in advance for your help.

Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: The next meeting will be February 9th at 7:30.

Adjourned 8:23 pm