

# LPCA General Meeting Minutes - February 9th, 2022

## Held on Google Meet

### Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
  - \$76,137.55 - General Fund
  - \$2,258 - Dog Park
  - \$5,019 - Park Fund
  - Received annual MOU payment from 28 Walker - \$10k
  - Payments made for Grants and Dog Park Signage
  - Reminder: Venmo payments for \$5 annual memberships now accepted – The LPCA Treasurer's username is @LPCATreasurer on Venmo (business) or [treasurer@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:treasurer@mylocustpoint.org) on PayPal. Please add comments to any transactions for accounting purposes.
- As of February 1, 2022 the LPCA had 127 paid memberships. There are now 140 as of this 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](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) to voice your interest. The LPCA may look for a grant to continue supporting remote attendance.
- January 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 PTO will hold their Pasta Palooza fundraiser for FSK on April 23 from 4-8PM at the Knights of Columbus. Items are being collected for the auction portion of the event. If you have or know a business that has something to donate, please please reach out to [fsk076@gmail.com](mailto:fsk076@gmail.com).
- Pre-registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year for Pre-K through 5th grade (<https://wearefsk.org/>).
- The school is looking for volunteer help during their busy times (8:20-9:30, 11:30-12:30 & 2:30-3:15) to assist with visitor check in, office help, and other tasks.
- 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](mailto:jjrs10132007@gmail.com).

#### 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) .

### **Community Improvement Grants:**

- FSK Grant for playground updates (2021) - 2000\$ to the playground replacement
- Community Garden Grant (2021) - 500\$ Fruit Trees and Tree near FSK
- Longhouse Grant (2022) - 1300\$ to the Longhouse restoration
- A mural installation grant is under consideration.
- 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 <https://mylocustpoint.wordpress.com/about-the-lpca/community-improvement-grant/> and on Facebook.

### **Design Review:**

- No updates.

### **Parks & Beautification:**

- The committee submitted grants for the refurbishment of the Long House, including receiving a \$1,500 grant from The Friends of Olmstead Park organization.
- Banners will be hung on the Long House to encourage folks to help out with the activities in Mid-March with projects to begin in mid April.
- If you are interested in joining one/both of the task forces for the Olmsted 200 Celebrations or the Plaque Dedication Ceremony - email [crduffey@gmail.com](mailto:crduffey@gmail.com) and/or [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org).
- Green Initiative funds have been requested for use on landscaping around the Long House.
- The committee is looking for help planning the dedication ceremony for the Olmstead plaque.
- April 23rd is the Earth Day park cleanup. Clean up will run from 9AM to noon.
- The next meeting of the parks committee is on February 17th.
- 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](mailto:parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org).

### **Safety:**

- There is a new Major for BPD Southern District – Major Robert Velte.
- The community was provided a summary of February 1st call with Councilman Costello, Major Velte, and South Baltimore/Peninsula neighborhood leaders. On the call they discussed problems with communication over the years.
- The LPCA is starting an inventory of vacant homes in Locust Point. If you or your neighbors know of a vacant house in the area, please submit that information to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org).
- Safety concerns can be sent to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org).

### **Social:**

- The social committee is looking to organize a Poker Run in April or May. Details and pricing to follow.
- Festival Planning is under way for 2022. Stay tuned for meeting announcements and other opportunities to assist with planning.

## **Dog Park:**

- No updates.

## **UA Community Garden Updates**

- New signage has been donated by Under Armour and will be installed soon.
- There are 23 people on the waiting list for a garden. The garden is hoping to expand with more plots.
- Member workdays are scheduled for March 22-24 to prepare the garden and maintain the space.
- Questions can be directed to [locustpointcg@gmail.com](mailto:locustpointcg@gmail.com).

## **New/Old Business**

### **Presentation by Energy Justice Network – ReBuild Act**

- Steph Compton ([steph@energyjustice.net](mailto:steph@energyjustice.net)) from Clean Air Baltimore spoke on the Deconstruction legislation making its way through the city council.
- The legislation would set requirements for piece by piece disassembly of houses within Baltimore (sponsored by Councilmember Odetta Raamos).
- 319,000 tons a year of demolition materials head to the landfill, representing the largest chunk of the waste stream.
- Clean Air Baltimore wants to connect with anyone that would like to participate - stakeholders include builders, architects, small business, haulers, etc.
- Text of the proposal:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z\\_aaEV2NquPS\\_6hOwMYitfND1icDrj5LI3D6nv47T58/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z_aaEV2NquPS_6hOwMYitfND1icDrj5LI3D6nv47T58/edit?usp=sharing)
- The bill will be read out to the council next month.
- A sign-on letter is available for interested parties:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgbUMfozKF9icI6FvfPADPIImKhDPaIRNyiHt8J0YG5MotdWA/viewform>

### **Reimagining Middle Branch Project (Odessa Philip)**

- The Middle Branch Project encompasses 19 Neighborhoods & 20 Parks around Middle Branch, representing 11 Miles of shoreline.
- There is a survey that is currently active and there is an upcoming public meeting on how to tie together people and greenspace across the area.
- The Park Use Survey and Public Meeting from September 2021 saw over 270 responses.
- People want park essentials - shade, trails, meeting spaces, boating access, maintenance, and lighting.
- Park Survey URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rmbsurvey2022>
- Feb 24th Public Meeting: register at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reimagine-middle-branch-2nd-virtual-public-meeting-tickets-238748973607?utm\\_campaign=RMB\\_PublicMtg2](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reimagine-middle-branch-2nd-virtual-public-meeting-tickets-238748973607?utm_campaign=RMB_PublicMtg2)
- @ReimagineMiddleBranch on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Youtube/
- Question from the floor: What is being planned around water quality/safety?
  - They are looking into biohabitat issues with a number of partners.
  - Bridge Designers Moffat and Nichol are also assisting.

- Studying Environmental Resilience and how to get to a fishable, swimmable space.
- SoBoGateway Partnership is helping to manage and submit grants.
- Project will span many years.
- Question from the floor: Will transportation include bike options?
  - They are looking at ideas for connectivity, one is a hanging pedestrian bridge under I-95. Please attend meetings for more information and to comment.

### **Community Announcements**

- Recycling FAQ is available on the LPCA website.
- SouthBaltimoreUnited (501c3) is looking for a grant to increase distribution of the SouthBaltimorePost to 6k and increase frequency to bimonthly. They are seeking a letter of support. The grant is due Feb 21st. <https://southbaltimoreunited.org/>
  - A motion was made and seconded to write a letter of support for SouthBaltimoreUnited's grant. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.
- LPCA website updates
  - The website has been updated with current information and streamlined sections.
  - We are working on an events calendar.
- Dumpster dates have been scheduled for Q1 through Q4 of 2022:
  - February 26th
  - May 21st
  - August 27th
  - December 3rd
  - The dumpster is dropped off at the corner of Andre and Fort in the AM (normally by 9 or 10AM). It is collected 4 hours later. Word is put out on social media when a time is confirmed (this happens the day of or possibly the night before).

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

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: The next meeting is March 9, 2022 at 7:30! We are working on hybrid options, and hope to be back in person by then!

**Adjourned 8:23 pm**