

LPCA General Meeting Minutes - March 9th, 2022

Held on Google Meet

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
 - \$70,006 - General Fund
 - \$3,258 - Dog Park
 - \$7,719 - Park Fund
 - Funds were allocated from the General Fund to the Dog Park and Parks Funds per the 2022 budget, and checks were issued for community grant checks and the FSK Annual Giving Campaign.
 - 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.
- As of February 9, 2022 the LPCA had 140 paid memberships. There are 148 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 to voice your interest. The LPCA may look for a grant to continue supporting remote attendance.
- February 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. The PTO is also taking collections for the liquor wheel and the toy wheel.
- New playground installation is scheduled for June.
- 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 updates.

Parks & Beautification:

- The tentative date for the Latrobe Park Plaque Dedication Ceremony is May 21, 2022 at 10AM.
- The Olmsted 200 committee has a new email address. Contact Olmsted200LP@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved with the Olmsted 200 celebrations this year!
- Neighborhood Clean Up Day/Earth Day: April 23, 2022
- Banner will be hung on the Long House to announce plans for the park in 2022. More information is available on the LPCA events calendar: <https://mylocustpoint.wpcomstaging.com/upcoming-events/>
- Question from the floor: Is there a contract in place for the city to handle landscaping maintenance?
 - Rec and Parks has a multi-year deal with Lorenz for the maintenance. The contract was signed last year so it should be in force this year. The parks should be mowed every 14 to 18 days.
- If you are interested in joining the parks and recs committee in one of the targeted task forces, questions can be directed to parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org.

Safety:

- The LPCA is now included on a Southern District BPD email distribution list and they have been sending proactive updates on crime items. The LPCA will continue to share updates that they receive to the Facebook page and website.
- As weather gets warmer the LPCA will try to resume COP walks – stay tuned for more information in coming months.
- Updates from the BPD Southern District representative:
 - In regards to the armed robbery on Hull & Marriott Key Highway near the 7-11: Detective units are still investigating leads from video and evidence from the crime. There are no suspects at present.
 - There are now extra patrols (Metro Mobile) that are active from 10AM to 6PM. The department is trying to reactivate the bike unit (waiting for more staff).
- Safety concerns can be sent to contacts@mylocustpoint.org.

Social:

- Poker Night at the Knights of Columbus – Tentatively on May 21st. Details to come in the next two weeks on social media and the website. An after-party will be held at the KoC.

- The LPCA Festival is tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2022 (pending permitting) – more information to be announced in April, and planning will start soon!
 - The social committee is waiting on permits to finalize the date. ArtScape has moved to the same weekend and the city has a blackout on equipment. This blackout does not impact the LPCA festival logistics.

Dog Park:

- No updates.

UA Community Garden Updates

- New signage from Under Armour has been posted at the garden.
- 18 new boxes were installed this week courtesy of UA. Invitations to join the garden have been extended to those on the waitlist.
- A tree was planted in front of FSK this weekend and 6 fruit trees have been added to the garden. These plantings were funded by a community grant from the LPCA.
- Questions can be directed to locustpointcg@gmail.com.

New/Old Business

LPCA website updates

- Website updates are in process. New information is being posted and older information moved off.
- A new events calendar has been added:
<https://mylocustpoint.wpcostaging.com/upcoming-events/>
- The LPCA is seeking a volunteer professional photographer to provide photos of Locust Point for LPCA Facebook and website – please reach out to contacts@mylocustpoint.org by March 31st if you are interested and able to help out.

Community Announcements

- Dumpster dates have been scheduled for 2022:
 - May 21st
 - August 27th
 - December 3rd
 - The dumpster is dropped off at the corner of Andre & Fort in the morning (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).
- Steinweg Group Facility Tours
 - There is a Google Forms link to sign up for these tours on the website:
<https://mylocustpoint.wpcostaging.com/announcements/>
 - Steinweg will provide a few dates and they can accommodate up to 20 people per tour. There will be dates in April and May. The tours will likely be at 4PM on a weekday.
 - On the signup form you'll need to provide a name, address, and Driver's License Number for each person in your group (this is per federal regulations, not an LPCA request – the numbers will be checked onsite when you arrive for the tour).
 - Children under 10 are not allowed.

- The April LPCA Meeting is planned to be in person. There will be no Google Meet for members but there will be a Facebook Live stream for the public. The location is to be decided.
- The LPCA is inviting the District 46 candidates for a Meet & Greet.
- The LPCA May Meeting is the “Annual Meeting” for elections to be held – please reach out if interested in joining the Board team!
 - All 5 officers are up for election
 - 5 Board seats are also up for election
- Fort McHenry is planning to have extended hours from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The grounds will be open from 8AM-7PM. The Visitor Center and Fort itself will close at 6PM.
 - A motion to send a letter to Senator Sanbares to express the community’s support of the extended hours was made and seconded. The motion carried with no opposition or abstentions.
- Fort McHenry’s Field Day is scheduled for April 16th.
- Sam Cogen (South Baltimore Neighborhood Association president) is running for sheriff. He is having a meet and greet for the Locust Point community on Tuesday, March 16 from 6-8PM at Amber.
- Comment from the floor: Fort Avenue has a posted speed limit of 25 MPH and there are concerns about speeding and safety.
 - Historically, speeding on Fort Avenue has been a concern. There is a speed camera installed further west on Fort but it is unclear if it is still functioning. The LPCA can ask DoT for history/plans on Fort and the community is requested to put the concerns in writing.
- Knight of Columbus (Dennis Cole) - Be on the lookout for more events being held at the KoC. Traditionally the Bull Roast is in February, the Shrimp Feast is in June, and the Crab Feast is in September. This year’s Bull Roast was a great success. The building needs a new roof. The facility is available as an affordable event/gathering space for the community.

Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: The next meeting is April 13th, 2022 at 7:30!

Adjourned 8:35 pm