

LPCA General Meeting Minutes - May 11th, 2022

Held at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
 - \$64,099 - General Fund
 - \$3,258 - Dog Park
 - \$6,053 - 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.
- As of tonight the LPCA had 167 paid members.
- April Minutes Review/Vote:
 - The minutes were not distributed in time for review. Approval will be held until the June meeting.
- As Peninsula Night is on June 8th at Camden Yards, the LPCA is looking to change the date of the June meeting to June 7th or June 9th to accommodate. Event information is available on Facebook and ticket proceeds are being split amongst the neighborhood associations.

Annual Elections

- Point of clarification: according to the bylaws if no one steps up to run for the position of president the previous president remains in office until a replacement is found. The current president is not seeking reelection.
- The floor was opened for nominations:
 - Vice President - Molly Miller was nominated and the nomination was seconded. The nomination was accepted by the candidate. The candidate was elected by acclamation.
 - Treasurer - Bijal Dharia was nominated and the nomination was seconded. The nomination was accepted by the candidate. The candidate was elected by acclamation.
 - Corresponding Secretary - Michelle Andres was nominated and the nomination was seconded. The nomination was accepted by the candidate. The candidate was elected by acclamation.
 - Recording Secretary - Kristofer Quinn was nominated and the nomination was seconded. The nomination was accepted by the candidate. The candidate was elected by acclamation.
 - At large board members - The following members were nominated and seconded. All members accepted their nomination. The candidates were elected by acclamation.
 - Justin Grossman
 - Will Jovel
 - Ginn Rajnes
 - John Shea
 - Tim Hoy

- Matt Farcosky
- Jaqueline Ruiz Blackwell

Committee Reports/General Updates

Safety:

- COP Walks
 - The LPCA tries to have a walk once a month with the goal to identify areas in Locust Point that need attention. Most times a representative from the councilperson's office joins and sometimes the BPD will send an officer. This month we are trying to get a representative from the Department of Transportation to attend. The walk will be on May 23rd @ 6 PM. Meet at the front of Latrobe Park.
- Updates from the BPD Southern District representative:
 - Officer Torres gave a 28 day summary of reports in the area. There were 2 stolen automobiles, 2 aggravated assaults, 1 robbery, and 1 burglary. There were 2 automobiles that had windows broken and a phone was taken from kids at the ATM by the baseball fields.
 - There was an arrest from the rock throwing incident on Decatur Street.
 - Questions/Comments from the community:
 - Is there any update on the shots fired near Digital Harbor Highschool last night?

There are no updates at this time. No casings were found and there were no related admissions to local hospitals.
 - Is the strategy for patrolling South Baltimore changing?

BPD is providing extra officers to work overtime in specific areas. These officers do not respond to calls, they stay in the area to maintain a visible presence. Light Street and Cross Street is the current area on the peninsula. These microzones are reevaluated every 28 days. There officers are posted from 11AM to 11 PM, except for Fridays and Saturdays when they are posted from 12PM to 3AM. BPD is trying to bring back the bike patrol to focus on parks and shopping areas from 12PM to 8PM.
 - Is there any clarification on reports that there is gas being siphoned from cars?

There isn't any indication of this on the activity report, but it's possible it may be tagged as a destruction of property or a larceny from an automobile.
- If you put in a 311 request, please email the tracking number from the request to the board.
- Safety concerns can be sent to contacts@mylocustpoint.org.

Parks & Beautification:

- The long house mural is underway. State funding was secured for the refurbishment of the building.
- May 14 is the spring park maintenance day. It will run from 9AM to noon.

- The date for the Latrobe Park Plaque Dedication Ceremony is May 21, 2022 at 10AM. There will be 4 speakers and a violin recital will be held before the event (9:30AM).
- 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.

Community Improvement Grants:

- There are few grants still 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. The grant form is available on the website <https://mylocustpoint.wordpress.com/about-the-lpca/community-improvement-grant/> and on Facebook.
- Next month at the meeting there will be a collection of old sneakers for recycling.

Education & Schools:

- On June 13th the 5th annual FSK/Federal Hill Prep Golf outing will be held at Woodlands. This is for the benefit of art programs. Tickets are available on Eventbrite. Please reach out for information on sponsoring a hole.
- There are 3 or 4 weeks of school left. The last day will be June 15th. If you are having problems with the kids in the neighborhood, please contact the school.
- The Harris Teeter Vic cards program has netted the school \$22,000. 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.

Social:

- The Poker Night at the Knights of Columbus is on hold until July or early August.
- The LPCA Festival may be pushed back a week from its normal date. Please watch Facebook for the latest updates. Please reach out to the social committee if you are interested in helping.

UA Community Garden Updates

- Over 40 gardeners have shown up for work days this season. The garden has added 26 new boxes and refurbished 12 existing ones.
- Brendan has been a great sponsor and Underarmour has provided new gravel and soil.
- A planter box was deconstructed on the house where the mural will be but the mural painting itself will be delayed until September or October as the work on the long house mural in the park has taken precedence.
- Questions can be directed to locustpointcg@gmail.com.

Communications/Newsletter/Website:

- If you have something that might be appropriate for the LPCA site please reach out to Michelle.

- 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.

Design Review:

- No updates.

Dog Park:

- No updates.

New/Old Business

UnderArmour Parking Situation (Directory of UA Facilities)

- UA is starting the reopening of their campus. Teammates are coming back 1 day a week and building to a full reopening by July 4th.
- UA is shifting to hybrid and remote models, reducing the impact to the neighborhood.
- Parking is being sold at the triangle lot on Hull Street. This is to encourage people taking the Harbor Connector to use the lot instead of street parking. The cost is \$60 a month or \$12 a day.
- Anyone can park in the lots in evenings (after 5 PM) or weekends (out by 6AM is policy, but please make sure get out by 8AM)
- The Dragon Boats are coming back as is the Canton Kayak Club and UA continues to support the community garden.
- Question from the floor
 - What is the policy for gym parking?

There is lots of confusion right now. There will be no ticketing and reminder cards will be distributed on vehicles in the short term. The Station House lot will start to be reserved to visitors during the day. Please park in the numbered spaces in triangle lots.

- How do we purchase parking?

Use premiumparking.com. There are QR codes for the app posted in the lots.

- How are you informing the commuters?

Premium Parking is advertising and they are informing the business on the other side of the harbor

- Is there any plan to address the trash receptacles on the promenade that have been overflowing?

There was a change in vendors and they are getting better nowadays.

Meet and Greet: District 46 Delegate Candidates (Mekkah X. Mohammed, Sean Burns)

- Two candidates are here tonight. Each candidate will be given 5 minutes to introduce themselves and their platform.
- Mekkah X. Mohammed - <https://mekkahx4freedomgop2022.com/>
- Sean Burns - <https://seandburns.com/>
- Questions were fielded by the candidates.
- The Primary Election was moved from June 28th to July 19th. There is still time to register.

Legislative Session Updates (Delegate Luke Clippinger, Delegate Robbyn Lewis)

- Delegate Robbyn Lewis - <https://www.robbynlewis.com/>
 - The session secured \$1.8 million for capital projects in the 46th District, including for composting programs, the Filbert Street garden, and the playground at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School.
 - On health policy legislation issues Delegate Lewis worked on:
 - Expanding dental public insurance to all adults in Maryland.
 - Keeping premiums low on the Affordable Care Act marketplace.
 - On reproductive health and rights: securing access to abortion care.
 - Supporting child care by expanding funding and improving access.
 - On transportation policy legislation issues Delegate Lewis worked on:
 - Laid the policy foundation to for a path to revive the Red Line by working with Maryland's Federal Representatives.
 - Passed a study for a Baltimore East to West connection.
 - During 2008-2009, Maryland cut road repair and maintenance funds. This session restored funding for the portion that comes to Baltimore City.
- Delegate Luke Clippinger - <https://www.luke46.org/>
 - The delegate's end of session letter can be requested via his website.
 - On items the House Judiciary Committee worked on:
 - Aligned Maryland regulations on ghost (3d printed) guns with federal policy.
 - Allocated \$2 million to the gun center for gun tracing.
 - Aligned policy on Juvenile Justice so lesser offenses can be met with services and rehabilitation while providing more tools to go after harder offenses.
 - Allocated funds to run a jobs court in Baltimore City for 5 years so those convicted of a crime can get job training and stability.
 - There will be a referendum for legalizing marijuana on the Maryland ballot this November.
 - On other issues:
 - \$300,000 was allocated for the long house project in Latrobe Park & \$30,000 for the FSK playground.
 - Eliminated state income taxes for those over 65 within certain income limits.
 - Eliminated sales taxes on certain items for healthcare related supplies (toothbrushes, diapers).
- **A motion was made and seconded to extend the meeting past 9PM. The motion was carried with no abstentions or objections.**
- Questions from the floor:
 - Regarding the reference to money coming back to the City for transportation funding, who is the responsible party when BGE does street work?

The mayor is responsible. There used to be a policy that after a street cut occurred that 1/3 of the street had to be resurfaced. DoT is working on a policy for greater resurfacing requirements.

- What happens with road resurfacing projects like Banner Homes?

The developers agreement covers their responsibility for restoring the road surfaces at the end of the project. This is negotiated between the developer and DoT.

- What is the path forward on violent crime?

Turning the needle on violent crime in the city will require a multifaceted approach. In 2020 there was an audit of 2015-2020 gun crimes. One of the things it showed was that the crimes had a high penalty but there was a lack of arrests. The legislature is providing funding for connecting the dots with those on parole/probation to people who have been killed. The need to break the cycle of violent crime and it must be targeted at specific people. There were 15,000 calls for service in Baltimore (2015-2018) for a gunshot leading to 1,800 actual arrests (elsewhere in the state that ratio is 50%), leading to 300 convictions.

Councilman Costello

- \$166 Million is coming to the Inner Harbor and the Central District for improvements.
- There was a safety meeting between the mayor and community leaders from South Baltimore on Monday evening that included the police commissioner, the city administrator, and the captain of the southern district. The conversation also focused on items in the parks and apartment buildings. When you raise concerns about safety, please raise them to the executive as well.
- The LPCA would like to invite the mayor or a representative in June.

Stevenson Woodall Construction

- There is a meeting with the contractor and developer next Wednesday at 6:30PM. Please email concerns to contacts@mylocustpoint.org before the meeting.

Charm City Circulator

- A proposal for changes to service has been posted to the circulator website.
- It includes creating a new Cherry Hill route and eliminating the current Banner Route.
- Please email concerns and comments to the board while we have an opportunity to meet with stakeholders. The deadline for comments is May 13th.

SoBo Baltimore Peninsula Night at Camden Yards

- This event conflicts with the scheduled June LPCA meeting.
- A motion was made to move the June meeting to Thursday the 9th. The motion was seconded. The motion was carried with no absentions or objections.

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).

Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: The next meeting is June 9th, 2022 at 7:30 in the cafeteria of FSK.

Adjourned 9:38 pm