

# LPCA General Meeting Minutes - September 14th, 2022

## Held at FSK Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria

### Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of the Board
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
  - \$58,179 - General Fund
  - \$3,174 - Dog Park
  - \$5,742 - Park Fund
  - Please don't use the Venmo. We are switching back to Paypal.
  - Reminder: Venmo payments for \$5 annual memberships now accepted – The LPCA Treasurer's username is [treasurer@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:treasurer@mylocustpoint.org) on PayPal. Please add comments to any transactions for accounting purposes.
- As of September 14th, 2022 the LPCA had 186 paid memberships.
- August Minutes Review/Vote:
  - The minutes approval was temporarily postponed due to lack of quorum.
  - Once quorum was reached, a motion was made to approve the minutes and was seconded. The motion was carried without opposition or abstentions.
- The LPCA Vice President is vacant. Tim Hoy has volunteered to fill the spot.
  - A motion was made to nominate Tim Hoy for the position of LPCA Vice President and was seconded. The motion was carried without opposition or abstentions.

### Committee Reports/General Updates

#### Safety:

- COP/DoT Walks
  - The LPCA tries to have a walk once a month. The goal is to identify areas in Locust Point that need attention. For example, during one walk the stretch of Fort Avenue from Bracuddas to Amber had no working lights. Most times a representative from the councilperson's office joins and sometimes the BPD will send an officer.
  - A letter of support for placing truck cameras on Fort Avenue/Hull Street and Fort Avenue/Whetstone Way was sent on August 11th, 2022.
- BPD Southern District representative Officer Torress is present
  - In the last 28 days (August 14th to present) there were 3 aggravated assaults, 1 burglary, 17 larcenies, 4 larcenies from automobiles, and 2 street robberies. This seem to be a decrease from the previous 28 days.
  - There is now more aggressive patrolling in the area. There are extra overtime cars patrolling from 11AM - 7PM.
  - Comment from the floor: Racing is happening again by 7-11 & Royal Farms over the last 2 weeks. This is happening Saturday later at night, from around 11PM to midnight.

The officer will speak with the midnight shift.

- Regarding the Illegal truck activity on Fort Avenue: Liam from DoT has brought up the bill to increase the number of truck overheight cameras. The bill is number 220252. Citizens can reach out to your councilperson's office if they wish to voice their support.
- Safety concerns can be sent to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org).

### **Parks & Beautification:**

- The Olmsted 200 committee has an email address. Contact [Olmsted200LP@gmail.com](mailto:Olmsted200LP@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved with the Olmsted 200 celebrations this year!
- Sophia McGuire from Rec and Parks, who is working on landscape design for Longhouse Project, is in attendance. The idea is more of a naturalized playspace for older children and adults around the Long House.
- Regarding the landscaping ideas:
  - Place a French Drain around the pavilion and long house to filter towards rain gardens.
  - Add a play area with vertical timbers, long balance beams, and bog silts.
  - Place boulders for play & seating.
  - Two (2) cuts have been proposed in the long house to connect both sides of the park.
  - Four (4) trees (which are part of a separate project) are to be placed on the south side of the longhouse.
- Question from the floor: What material would be used for the roof?

The group is not sure. The architect for that project is working with CHAPs, and the material should reflect the historic nature.

- Question from the floor: Was there consideration to removing the long house?

Removal was not considered. The structure itself is not CHAPs but the whole park is so any major move would require a lot more steps.

- Question from the floor: Where are the new trees compared to the football field?

They are north of the football field and south of the longhouse. They are species that is higher branching to provide shade and not obstruct views.

- Question from the floor: Who will handle rain garden maintenance?

BCRP requires a MOU with the community for the community to maintain. If the community is not interested then rain gardens can be removed from the plan. The rain gardens would only be specced for native species. The first and second year require the most maintenance. Because they are in areas designated for water they are very low maintenance.

In the first and second year, the areas would require water once a week if conditions are very dry. After those years, no watering should be required. Dried out flower heads can be left over the winter. In the spring they would need to be chopped back to promote new growth. Weeding is up to the gardener. These areas would be overplanted to discourage invasives.

- Question from the floor: Would the plants be robust enough to resist damage from play?

Because it is a depressed area we don't want kids running through at all. There would need to be some edging to discourage continuous play.

- Question from the floor: When would the landscaping be installed?

The timeline is dependent on architecture. Landscape happens after that work. That contract is still waiting to be approved.

- Question from the floor: Can regular park maintenance happen around the rocks?

MOU would be specific to the rain gardens, not the grass.

- Question from the floor: Who is the organization that the MOU binds?

The LPCA would need to decide that as an organization. The maintenance would be done cooperatively between Rec and Parks and community volunteers.

- Comments from the parks committee: There would be 2 entrances cut through the building. The long house is 63 feet long (10 feet high to the top of the concrete). One entrance will be across from the new gate of the playground to facilitate flow through both areas. The second cut would be larger. There will be a children's gate added to the playground. Traditionally it was a shade structure for nannies and mothers to observe their children in the playground (1907). The committee felt it should continue to be promoted as a shade structure and the function preserved instead of use changed. Regarding the maintenance concerns, 12 years ago we redid the main entrances with all maryland plants. Maintenance tapered greatly after the first year, and now requires attention only in the spring and fall.
- The committee is looking for LPCA Festival volunteers for the Park Committee Tent on September 17th.
- Doors Open Baltimore is offering a tour of Latrobe Park. It is scheduled for October 2nd and will be hosted by the Friends of Olmstead. There is a fee for participation and a link will be provided on the LPCA website. It will be a small tour.
- The Fall Maintenance day is scheduled for October 8th from 9AM-12PM.
- 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](mailto:parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org).

### **Education & Schools:**

- The Harris Teeter vic cards program 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).

**Social:**

- The LPCA Festival is scheduled for September 17, 2022! Please reach out to the social committee if you are interested in helping.
- There is a need for volunteers. Please follow the LP Festival Facebook page.

**UA Community Garden Updates**

- Garden Shirts are available online as a fundraiser (9 styles available, 5 colors each).
- The committee met with UnderArmour last week and UA will sponsor the garden for another year.
- UA sent out a message to their employees and 3 more have been added to the waiting list (29 waitlisted people total)
- UA approved another expansion of 17 more plots. The committee is looking at options to fund the buildout.
- Questions can be directed to [locustpointcg@gmail.com](mailto:locustpointcg@gmail.com).

**Communications/Newsletter/Website:**

- 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:**

- Pickleball open play is held on Tuesday evenings this fall from 7-9PM. Check the LPCA website for more information. Thirty (30) people attended the last clinic. The pickleball group might hold off on purchasing more equipment until the spring.
- There was a 500 dollars grant to FSK for a student run garden.
- 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:**

- Traffic Study updates
  - The raw traffic study data is available on Facebook. There is no executive summary.

**LPCA Website:**

- There are no specific updates this month. The website contains up to date event information.

**Dog Park:**

- No updates.

## **New/Old Business**

### **Stevenson/Woodall Construction Status Update**

- Complaints can be sent to the LPCA board.

### **Ryan Homes Construction Concerns**

- There have been Issues with contractors parking on Fort Avenue.
- We have not heard from Scott Sloson (28 Walker). We are waiting to hear back on the status of the signage to indicate the flow of traffic through the community.
- Complaints can be sent to the LPCA board.

### **Donation for family impacted by fire at 1500 Latrobe Park Terrace**

- Notification of \$500 donation.

### **Liquor License Updates for 1229 Hull Street**

- The area is not zoned for outdoor seating.
- The property is already approved for live music.
- There would need to be a zoning board hearing regarding outdoor seating.
- The liquor license is dependent on reaching an MOU with the community.
- The LPCA will create a task force to coordinate. Please reach out if you are interested.
- The liquor board hearing is available online.

## **Community Announcements**

- Reminder: Peninsula Night at Camden Yards was rescheduled to September 21st
  - There will be events at Cross Street market before the game.
  - Local Community Associations will receive a portion of the proceeds (if bought with the coupon code).
- Dumpster dates have been scheduled for 2022:
  - 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).
- Hugh Clark from the BPD Consent Decree Monitoring Team is in attendance.
  - The team tries to come and engage with the community to inform people about the consent decree.
  - Over the course of the next year and half he will occasionally attend to engage and educate regarding the consent decree.

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

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: Our next meeting will be at FSK Cafeteria on October 12th at 7:30 – hope to see you there!

**Adjourned 8:32 pm**