

# LPCA General Meeting Minutes - October 12th, 2022

## Held at FSK Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria

### Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of the Board
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
  - \$86,271 - General Fund
  - \$3,173 - Dog Park
  - \$2,969 - Park Fund
  - Festival went 12k into the positive for the festival. General account is inflated as we still have outstanding expenses from the festival.
  - Festival tips went to the Knight of Columbus (\$1500).
  - Please don't use the Venmo. We are switching back to Paypal.
  - Reminder: Paypal 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 October 12th, 2022 the LPCA had 199 paid memberships.
- September Minutes Review/Vote:
  - The minutes were not printed in time for this meeting. This vote is deferred until November.

### 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.
  - On the Thursday night prior to the weekend of the festival shots were fired at the end of Hull Street. The incident progressed through the neighborhood. A meeting was convened the following Tuesday between citizens, BPD, and city & state government. A partial vehicle tag and videos were gathered during the meeting. A formal request was made by the LPCA to the councilman to put up mobile lighting in the area. Additional lighting has been deployed as of this meeting.
  - BPD is working with the information the citizens provided. Extra patrols should be in the area.
  - Doug Ellington - Under Armour Director of Corporate Security

UA worked with BPD directly after the incident. They did another security survey of the area. Additional lighting has been deployed to that area & they have upgraded the cameras in the area. UA has added an additional Wolf guard from 7PM - 7AM

right on the promenade. UA is exploring options for additional signage in the area.

- Brendan Robinson - UnderArmour Operations

UA did an evaluation of lighting. New lighting was installed 2 years ago. Additional lighting will be installed around the pumphouse area. Regarding the signage, it must clearly state the rules so they can be articulated and enforced when necessary.

- Question from the Floor - Does the promenade close at 9PM?

No, it is a city easement. UA is evaluating options for keeping people moving after certain hours.

- Question from the Floor - Was there a Wolf security guard there that night?

The guard was in a different area on the campus that evening.

- Question from the Floor - How was the community meeting arranged?

It was arranged via Facebook and the website. Residents also started text chains to get the word out.

- Follow up is occurring at the state and local level after the citizen meeting.
- BPD Southern District representative Officer Torress is present
  - There will be increased police patrol support on 29th from 7pm - 3am for Halloween.
- Water Taxi Promenade Incident – A letter was sent to Baltimore City asking for lighting along that block of Hull Street. UA has lit that block extensively and had security with lights there nightly since the incident.
- 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!
- The Friends of Olmsted at the state level gave a guided tour on the 2nd of October. In the city of Baltimore (which has 8 Olmsted Parks) Latrobe was one of the very first parks they designed (prior to Patterson and others).
- Last Saturday was a clean up day. The trees were trimmed and mulch was put down in addition to other fall maintenance. Fifteen (15) students attended for community service hours.
- More trees will be planted (10) as soon Tree Baltimore says they are available. The plantings will be done in accordance with the original Latrobe Park tree plan.
- The mural on the longhouse is complete and another mural is being installed near the Community Garden.
- The Best House & Best Block Halloween Decorations awards will be given out in October. This will be on Sunday 30th. Judges meet in the park around 1PM on Sunday the 30th to walk the neighborhood.

- Question from the Floor - What is happening with the one dead tree along the right side walkway of the park?

It was reported that a child was injured from falling branches. It should be removed.

- 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.
- There is a kickoff for the FSK Annual Giving Campaign in Little Havana's back room on November 9th. Fifteen (15) percent of food sales will be donated to the campaign. This year the campaign is raising money to focus on outdoor areas at FSK. Options include large climbing equipment, swings, trees, shade structures, and other items for the middle schoolers.
- The Baltimore Running Festival is this weekend. If you want to be part of Team FSK the info to register is on the FSK site.
- 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 was September 17, 2022.
- The festival was a great success. The committee is pretty close on the final numbers. One final (and large) bill is still outstanding. There should be an update in November.
- There is still lots of merchandise available for sale (a lot of children's clothing).
- The LPCA hosts a Holiday Party in lieu of a normal business meeting in December. This is a free event open to all of the community. The event is in search of a Santa.

### **UA Community Garden Updates**

- The garden mural is in progress and going well. Painting started last week.
- Thirty (30) people are on the waiting list. The garden plots are still producing.
- Harvesting honey will happen in a few weeks. There should be more honey for sale in about a month from now through [Marylandhoneyshop.com](http://Marylandhoneyshop.com). You can sign up for a mailing list to receive announcements.
- The garden website in progress ([locustpointcommunitygarden.org](http://locustpointcommunitygarden.org)).
- Garden tee shirts are still available.
- 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:**

- A grant was awarded for \$800 toward the cost of a lift for the garden mural installation. The rest of the funds came from a fundraiser run by the garden committee.
- 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.

### **LPCA Website:**

- No updates. If you have events or info, please send it in.
- The Mayor's Clean Up Day is Saturday, October 22nd, from 9AM - 1PM.

### **Dog Park:**

- No updates.

## **New/Old Business**

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

- Residents are no longer allowed to park within the marked areas of Stevenson Street, enforcement will start this evening. This is the portion of the street that is marked as no parking.
- Complaints can be sent to the LPCA board.

### **Ryan Homes Construction Concerns**

- The board is working with 28 Walker to get one way signs installed at the entrance on Fort Avenue (across from Lowman Street).
- Complaints can be sent to the LPCA board.

### **Commercial Truck Monitoring Update**

- The bill to increase the number of truck overheight cameras in the city is on its 3rd reading in the committee. The board will continue to monitor the bill as it moves through the city legislative process.

### **Community Announcements**

- Check out the SOBO Halloween Bash in Riverside Park on Saturday, 10/29 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. There will be music, food trucks, games and activities, and a costume contest.
- Come trick or treat at GraceCity's "Candy Caravan" at the Museum of Industry on 10/29 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- 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).

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

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: Our next meeting will be at FSK Cafeteria on November 9th at 7:30 – hope to see you there!

**Adjourned 8:18 pm**