

LPCA General Meeting Minutes - November 9th, 2022

Held at FSK Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of the Board
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
 - \$81,276 - General Fund
 - \$3,174 - Dog Park
 - \$2,994 - Park Fund
 - The tentative numbers from the festival indicate about \$15k in profit. A few bills need to be finalized so that may change.
 - The board is preparing the 2023 budget, if you have opinions on next year's outlay please reach out to the board.
 - Paypal payments for \$5 annual memberships now accepted (and checks to PO Box); cash will be accepted at meeting, and checks can be mailed to Locust Point Civic Association, PO Box 27097, Baltimore, MD 21230-0097
- There was no update on the paid membership count.
- September/October Minutes Review/Vote:
 - A motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded. The motion carried with no objections or abstentions.

Committee Reports/General Updates

Safety:

- Councilman Costello has submitted an official request to BGE to increase the lighting in the 1000 block of Hull Street around the water taxi promenade area.
- 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.
- Nancy Mead from Councilman Costello's Office was in attendance.
 - The Councilman is meeting with DoT to go over traffic calming requests later this month. If there are any locations in Locust Point to consider, please submit that as a 311 ticket and send the ticket number to Councilman Costello(description & ticket number).
- BPD Southern District representative Officer Torres was present.
 - Per the rolling 28-day summary there were 8 robberies, 1 carjacking, 11 stolen automobiles, 5 aggravated assaults, and 5 larcenies from automobiles.
 - Regarding the robberies, suspects are juveniles aged 12-17 years old. BPD advises to practice caution.

- In the past couple of weeks there has been an increase in carjackings. At Charles Street & Fort Avenue 3 juveniles were apprehended with a weapon. The BPD is unsure about other suspects in these incidents.
- Regarding the aggravated assaults, there were 3 domestic incidents and 1 bar fight.
- The stolen automobiles were a delivery vehicle and cars with keys left in them.
- Question from the floor - Are the 28-day statistics from Locust Point specifically or from all South Baltimore?

The statistics are from sector 4(Locust Point & Federal Hill to 95).

- Question from the floor - Is there any update on the carjacking at 4PM on Hull Street?

The incident is still under investigation. It may be a different group of people involved.

- There is a petition being circulated to the State Attorney to change the protocols for engaging/intervening with people on the dirt bikes.
- Safety concerns can be sent to contacts@mylocustpoint.org.

Parks & Beautification:

- There were a lot of volunteers on October 8th for the Latrobe Park maintenance day. Thank you to all. About 45 volunteers prepared the park for winter.
- Houses on Andre and Hull Street were the Halloween Decorating winners. Thank you to the volunteer judges.
- The Long House project is still going on. Progress is slow on the financial side. Funding is secure but the process is slow. The landscape architect is still engaged. More to come in the spring.
- The flag has been at half staff since the festival. The committee has asked someone to look into it.
- There was a Dog Park fundraiser around Halloween. It raised 600 dollars. The committee wants to add more lighting for the winter. There are specific areas that get very dark. They will need to work with Rec and Parks and will put a quick email together to the Councilman.
- 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.

Education & Schools:

- 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. Some options include large climbing equipment, swings, trees, shade structures, and other items for the middle schoolers. A closing event will be held at City Limits on Friday the 9th from 5 to 9PM.
- FSK is hosting their Holiday Extravaganza + Christmas Wreath pick-up from 9AM to 1PM on December 3rd. Details are on the LCPA website.
- 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 LCPA, 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 LPCA will host a Holiday Party in lieu of a normal business meeting on December, 14th. This is a free event open to all of the community. The event is in search of a Santa. Food will be provided by the Baltimore Beef Man. The event is at the Knight of Columbus from 5-9PM. There will be a collection for families in need and a silent auction to cover the cost of the event (we are seeking donations from local businesses).
- Domino Sugar is restarting tours! Stay tuned for that announcement.

UA Community Garden Updates

- The garden mural is done! Please have a look.
- There was a work day last weekend. Gardeners installed a new flower box. The little flower pots are managed by the girl scouts. There have been bee tours for students and the girl scouts.
- Thirty (30) people are on the waiting list.
- The garden is working with Gene's Greens on fundraisers.
- Harvesting honey will happen in a few weeks. There should be more honey for sale in about a month from now through Marylandhoneyshop.com. You can sign up for a mailing list to receive announcements.
- The garden website is under construction (locustpointcommunitygarden.org).
- Garden tee shirts are still available.
- Dave is working with Steinweg on the trucks coming through the neighborhood. The idea is to give a flier to the independent truckers with routes to get in and out of the neighborhood on the proper roads. He is also working with DoT for signage to indicate the flow of traffic for trucks.
- Questions can be directed to locustpointcg@gmail.com.

Communications/Newsletter/Website:

- 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:

- No pending grant request. There is \$4k left in the grant fund. Unused funds are donated within the community. If you have grant ideas or input on where to direct the funding please reach out.
- 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.

LPCA Website:

- Check out the site (<https://mylocustpoint.org/>) for information on:
 - donations from area businesses for the holiday party silent auction.
 - the wreath fundraiser.
 - safety tips.
 - the DoT Public comment period for curbside dining.
 - upcoming events.

Dog Park:

- No updates.

New/Old Business

Stevenson/Woodall Construction Status Update

- Things are proceeding.
- Complaints can be sent to the LPCA board.

Ryan Homes Construction Concerns

- The one way signage has been installed at the community entrance on Hull Street. It is not the most visible placement and that is being addressed with the company.
- Complaints can be sent to the LPCA board.

Community Announcements

- 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).
- EAT is a new restaurant opening in the In Like Flynn space. The LPCA has written a letter of support for their liquor license transfer.
 - Spike Owens and Mike Leeds have taken over the old Flynn's space.
 - Spike & Mike both live in South Baltimore and operate other establishments. They have a third partner, Doug Cambell, who was not present.
 - The idea is to be neighborhood centric with a closing time of around 10PM.
 - The location does have a live music license, but it will not be a primary feature. Perhaps for holidays.
 - They will have a carry out window to meet the demand for to-go order. The menu is still in flux(egg rolls and tacos is the concept).
 - A few inspections are yet to happen and then an opening date will be set. The hope is to open around the first week in December.
 - To expand on the concept. Egg rolls and tacos with a slight fusion bent. The bar will mostly be Mexican cantina style. Looking to feature a sushi bar as well. There will be a mix of traditional dishes and fusion; small plates and reasonable prices.
- The new fitness center in Cherry Hill opens this weekend. It features indoor/outdoor pools and other features. The grand opening is Saturday.

Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: December 14th is our holiday party! We hope to see you there.

Adjourned 8:18 pm