

# LPCA General Meeting Minutes - June 14th, 2023

## Held at FSK Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria

### Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
  - \$64,547 - General Fund
  - \$3,744 - Dog Park
  - \$4,574 - Park Fund
  - The major expenses from the last month were for park and community garden.
  - 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 are currently one hundred and sixty one (161) paid memberships. Please renew your membership for 2023.
- May Minutes Review/Vote:
  - A motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded. The motion was carried with no objections 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.
- There was no BPD Southern District representative in attendance.
- Concerns from the floor:
  - Last summer there were several incidents at the bottom of Hull Street and it seems like activity is picking up again.
  - There have been several occurrences of package theft.
  - There was a person sleeping outside in the McHenry Row fields.
- There was no DoT representative in attendance.
- As a reminder, if you open a 311 ticket please email the board with the ticket number.
- Safety concerns can be sent to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org).

#### Parks & Beautification:

- On June 3rd there was Spring Maintenance Day in Latrobe Park. Thank you to everyone who attended.
- There is no date yet for the October fall maintenance event.
- 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:

- June 19th is the 6th annual Scramble for the Arts golf outing to benefit Federal Hill Prep Elementary school. They are still looking for players. Information is on the LPCA website.
- School is out for the summer.
- 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:**

- Permits have been secured for the LPCA Festival. Please mark your calendars: 9/9/23!
- Thirty (30) vendors are already involved and the committee is looking to expand to fifty (50) vendors. Please reach out to the Social Committee if you know a Baltimore based vendor (craft, etc) that would be interested.
- The committee is seeking a co-chair for the kruschiki cookie making. Volunteers will be solicited later in the summer.
- Summer Concerts: The band is booked for Sunday, July 16th in Latrobe Park. Sac au Lait will perform from 2:30PM-5PM (two 45 minutes sets).

### **UA Community Garden Updates**

- There are currently one hundred and eight (108) members at the garden. All plots are being utilized.
- Under Armour is still planning to sell. There are no new updates.
- The bees have been moved (out of the city).
- The city has no intention of buying any property in Locust Point. Living Classrooms is looking to expand and the committee has reached out.
- Living Classrooms @ Fort McHenry - This Saturday is the kayaking around the Fort event and many residents will be in attendance.
- The first of the extended days at Fort McHenry is on June 21st. The Fort will be open for programming at 6:30PM (Battle of Baltimore information). Please consider attending to show the demand is real. The extended hours will run until 8PM.
- The LPCA compost program is still active via the Baltimore Compost Collective. Information is on the website.
- 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:**

- 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:**

- Please check out the website at <https://www.mylocustpoint.org>.

### **Dog Park:**

- No updates.

## **New/Old Business**

### **LP Community Survey (Dave)**

- The LPCA conducted a survey to solicit information about the needs and concerns of the community residents. The survey received four hundred and eight (408) responses. The board is still working through the submissions and hope to have a report put out with the results.

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

- There were issues with no parking signs being placed on the street. The board was in contact with the contractors and the issue was resolved.
- The school will have no parking during pickup and dropoff instead of a 10 minute window. It is slated to open in July.
- Complaints can be sent to the LPCA board.

### **Elections**

- There are seven (7) board positions open as is the Vice President position.
- Nominations were opened for Vice President.
  - Caitlin Regan was nominated and the nomination was seconded and accepted. The LPCA elected Caitlin Regan to the Vice President position by acclamation.
- Nominations were opened for the at-large board positions.
  - Matt Farcosky, Dave Arndt, Eric Souza, and Jason Criag were nominated. The nominations were seconded and accepted. The LPCA elected Matt Farcosky, Dave Arndt, Eric Souza, and Jason Criag to at-large board positions by acclamation.
- The nominations for at-large board positions were closed.
- There is one (1) open two-year and two (2) open one-year board terms unfilled. All terms will still end in May.

### **Community Announcements**

- Steinweg Port Presentation - Rupert Denny (retired from Steinweg) from the Port of Baltimore, Joe Wyatt from the Association of Maryland Pilots, and Peter O'Malley from American Sugar Refining presented.
- American Sugar Refining (ASR) will be driving piles to firm the foundation up for the new sugar shed over the next several weeks (weekdays only). Work will proceed on to the foundations, the steel building, and the conveyors.
- A new issue of the Peninsula Post is out.

### **City News / Upcoming Events**

- Dumpster Days have been scheduled for 2023 on 6/17, 9/23, and 12/16.
- September 9th: Locust Point Festival
- June 21st : Late night at Fort McHenry! Open until 8 pm.

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

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: The next LPCA meeting will be August 9th at the Marine Corp Building.

**Adjourned 8:46 pm**