

# **LPCA General Meeting Minutes - October 11th, 2023**

## **Held at Francis Scott Key Elementary-Middle School**

### **Preliminaries:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
  - \$81,996 - General Fund
  - \$4,815 - Dog Park
  - \$3,744 - Park Fund
  - The revenue from the festival was positive. A more detailed update will be available after reconciliation and should be ready in November.
  - 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 paid memberships. Please renew your membership for 2023.
- August/September Minutes Review/Vote:
  - Quorum was not available for a vote.

### **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.
- Officer Torress, the BPD Southern District representative was in attendance.
  - In the last 28 days, there were 17 stolen autos, primarily Kia and Hyundai. Clubs for theft prevention are no longer available at the stations, but dealerships offer an ignition update. Additionally, there were 2 robberies, 2 burglaries, and 1 carjacking at a supermarket involving an employee at Giant.
  - Question from the floor: Was there a carjacking on Haubert Street?

A reminder to be aware of your surroundings. The District Commander is deploying special units throughout the district to address robberies and abandoned vehicles. There will be increased foot patrols and vehicle stops.

- Question from the floor: Is Locust Point (LP) included in the list of communities?

Yes, there will be specific focus areas.

- Question from the floor: Is there a description or pattern that has been identified?

Descriptions are challenging to obtain after incidents, although it appears that juveniles may be involved.

- Question from the floor: Does the city have a place to register your cameras?

Yes, refer to the LPCA website. The city is piloting an intelligence room to coordinate camera systems.

- Question from the floor: Is there an update on Federal Hill shootings?

The situation was unique. The downtown initiative is ongoing, with Inner Harbor officers able to assist in Federal Hill and collaboration with Wolf Security.

- Question from the floor: What can Wolf Security do?

Their role is notification only.

- Question from the floor: Are there plans for deploying officers for block parties/Ravens games?

Some districts have involved the sheriff or state police. There's a new schedule planned for 2024 with the new commissioner, aiming to fill gaps in coverage.

- This weekend officers will be flexed in the east side and north side for the Baltimore Running Festival in the morning.
- 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:**

- It was a busy day in the park yesterday. Domino's Sugar was working on the rec center. On Monday, power washing took place, Tuesday involved painting and landscaping. Twenty Domino's Sugar employees contributed to the event.
- Reminders: Saturday, October 14th, is the fall maintenance day from 9 AM to noon. We'll be preparing planting beds for winter, and supplies will be provided. This will be the last park event for the year.
- Halloween is approaching!
- 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:**

- FSK has a team participating in the running festival, and there will be a fundraiser after the race at Hull Street Blues.
- The Annual Giving Campaign is starting up, and more information will follow.
- Save the date for December 2nd, which marks the Holiday Extravaganza. We are looking for craft vendors for the event. Please reach out to Julie. There will be a pickup for the Holiday Wreaths at the Extravaganza.
- 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:**

- There will be an update on the Festival at next month's meeting.
- The Holiday Party will be December 13th in lieu of the meeting. It will be at the Knight of Columbus.

### **UA Community Garden Updates**

- Met with Park and Rec to discuss the potential relocation of the garden to Latrobe. These discussions are still in the preliminary stage. We have identified potential spots and tasks to take care of, and we are currently awaiting an official letter.
- There are numerous items that would need attention, including tree clearing, water access, fencing, finding a sponsor, and drafting a lease agreement.
- While we are still hopeful that the garden will remain in its current location, this is considered a backup plan. Implementation would not be possible until 2025.
- Regarding the sugar factory tour, all 12 spots were filled within an hour. We are now requesting more dates.
- Defenders Day took place last month, and the event went well.
- 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**

### **Locust Point Community Church**

- The church is seeking a letter of support for the Immigrant House renovations, intending to create studio apartments available to men who have completed the Earl's Place program.
- The mission is to provide assistance to men experiencing homelessness.
- There was no quorum so the item will be included on the agenda for the November meeting.

- Partnerships include Cornerstone Community Housing and Episcopal Housing Corporation.
- The entire process is expected to take about two years.

### **Community Announcements / Guests**

- Zero Waste Team & South Baltimore Community Land Trust
  - The Zero Waste team is asking for the LPCA to sign on to a letter for eliminating incineration from Maryland's Renewable Energy Portfolio.
  - Trash incineration is currently marked as a Tier 1 source in the portfolio.
  - The text of the bill is available at <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/SB0616?ys=2022rs>.
  - No quorum

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

- A Dumpster Day has been scheduled for 2023 on 12/16.
- Updates from Councilman Costello office:
  - They are working on fixing lights at the tennis courts. Rec and Parks, specifically MUSCO, mentioned that the needed parts are currently held up in the procurement process. The escalation path is through the Park and Rec director.
  - LPCA would like to request the Councilman's presence at an upcoming meeting.
  - They are continuing efforts to collaborate with the Department of Transportation (DoT) for a comprehensive plan regarding crosswalks and traffic calming.
- There are tours of the South Korean ship at the Under Armour dock on the 10th, 11th, and 12th from 10AM - 4 PM.
- American Friends of Lafayette is planning for the bicentennial of his last visit to the USA, scheduled for October 2024-25. They are collaborating with the Fort and Port Administration to organize a reenactment of his landing at the Fort on October 7th, 2024.
- A new issue of Peninsula Post came out Friday.

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

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: The next LPCA meeting will be November 8th at FSK.

**Adjourned 8:17 pm**