

# **LPCA General Meeting Minutes - October 9th, 2024**

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

### **Preliminaries:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
  - Festival was very successful. Still balancing will give full report next month
  - \$79,542 - General Fund
  - \$3,744 - Dog Park
  - \$7,737 - Park Fund
  - There are outstanding checks for the tree projects and the Earth Day event.
  - 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 memberships. Please renew your membership for 2024.
- September Minutes Review/Vote:
  - No quorum was present at this time of the meeting.

### **Committee Reports/General Updates**

#### **Safety:**

- BPD Southern District representative Officer Rivera was in attendance.
  - Officer Rivera can be reached at [Raul.Rivera@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:Raul.Rivera@baltimorepolice.org).
- Safety Walk: join us October 21, 2024, from 5:30-6:30 pm at 1121 Hull Street! This walk is with Sgt. Raul Rivera.
- 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:**

- The Fall Maintenance Day is on Sunday, October 20th, to prepare for winter. Meet at the park entrance from 2–4 PM. The church will also be joining.
- LPCA is sponsoring a Halloween decorating contest. If you're interested in being a judge, it will take place early in the week of Halloween. Please reach out to the board or Cheryl.
- 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 Holiday Extravaganza and Wreath Sale will be in early December. If you know any interested vendors, please reach out to the PTO. There will be 50 vendors plus a food truck.
- Harris Teeter is no longer donating back to schools for VIC card users. You must register for the Harris Teeter delivery service to earn a \$10 credit back to your school.

#### **Social:**

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered or attended the festival, and special thank you to Caitlin for organizing.

- December 11th is the Holiday Party at KoC 5:30 to 9:30. Open to the community.

### **UA Community Garden Updates**

- Per Director Moore: Soil samples from June are being reviewed in collaboration with MDPE, BCHD, and MDHD. A report will be published within the next 30 days.
- Bill Ferguson's office is reaching out to Parks and Recreation.
- Questions can be directed to [locustpointcg@gmail.com](mailto:locustpointcg@gmail.com).

### **Communications/Newsletter/Website:**

- Please check out [mylocustpoint.org](http://mylocustpoint.org) for information and opportunities.
- 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**

### **Digital Bay**

- Digital Bay received a state grant in 2022 for a tech incubator. However, their plans were inconsistent with the grant application.
- The building was recently damaged in a fire, but the state has determined it is repairable.
- Digital Bay has informed the state they plan to repair the building, sell the property along with the liquor license, and return the bond money.

### **Tide Point Taskforce**

- There will be no October meeting; we will be meeting next on Tuesday, November 19th @ 7PM.
- Peter O'Malley has indicated that ASR would like to send a representative.
- Please email [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) if you would like to participate.

### **Joyce Bauerle**

- Joyce Bauerle, former President of LPCA in the 80s and 90s has passed away.

- Joyce was instrumental in preventing the harbor tunnel from going through our neighborhood and Fort McHenry. We thank Joyce for all her efforts to protect the community. She was recognized as an Honorary Colonel at Fort McHenry for her efforts.
- In lieu of flowers, Joyce's family asked for donations to The Church of the Redemption.
- A motion was made for the LPCA to make a donation in Joyce's memory of \$500. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

- We are inviting our state officials to our November 13th meeting so that they can tell us what they hope to accomplish in the upcoming legislative session and what Locust Point / Baltimore residents should pay attention to this Spring.
- Election day is Tuesday, November 5th.
- Dumpster Days: 11/2: The dumpster will be dropped at Fort & Andre around 8 am Saturday and is there til full. There will be a U-Haul collecting donate-able items for the November date.
- Join Team FSK for the Baltimore Running Festival: October 19, 2024 – as a runner or a volunteer. See our website for more details.

### **Community Announcements / Guests**

- Church of the Redemption
  - Pastor Lori Babcock is the new Rector of the church.
  - Bingo is on the 2nd of the month, \$25 for 20 rounds of bingo.
  - On October 26th, the Boy Scouts are hosting a Haunted House.
  - They are looking to set up a process for collecting old batteries (lithium or any kind) and taking them to the City's Sisson facility.
  - The church is also looking to hold a recurring senior drop-in day to supplement the offerings at the rec center, and they're gauging interest.
  - The hall is normally available during the day if the community is interested in using it.
  - You can get in touch with Eileen Menton; the website is <https://redemptionsouthbmore.org/>.
  - At the Church of the Advent in Federal Hill, on November 2nd, there will be a Pet Blessing (interfaith), with a giveaway and raffle for a half-day of dog care.

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

- Motion was made and seconded.
- Reminder: Our next meeting is August 14th, 2024.

**Adjourned 7:54 pm**