

LPCA General Meeting Minutes - June 9th, 2022

Held at Francis Scott Key Elementary/Middle School

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Neighbor Introductions
- Treasurer Update:
 - \$63,835 - General Fund
 - \$7,853 - Dog Park
 - \$3,258 - Park Fund
 - Expenses include items for the LPCA Festival and Long House Restoration.
 - \$2,500 was received from ASR/Domino for the Park Fund.
 - Reminder: Venmo payments for \$5 annual memberships now accepted – The LPCA Treasurer's username is @LPCATreasurer on Venmo (business) or treasurer@mylocustpoint.org on PayPal. Please add comments to any transactions for accounting purposes.
- As of June 9th, 2022 the LPCA had 169 paid memberships.
- April/May Minutes Review/Vote:
 - Deferred due to lack of quorum.

Committee Reports/General Updates

Safety:

- COP Walks
 - The LPCA tries to have a walk once a month with the goal to identify areas in Locust Point that need attention. For example, on one walk the stretch of Fort 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.
 - The Department of Transportation approved a ceremonial street sign honoring the Duffeys. The 1500 block of East Fort Avenue will be marked as Duffey Way.
 - The ADA transitions at Decatur Street were marked for repairs.
 - A light fell over at Whetstone Way and Fort Ave.
 - Drainage issues at Anthem House and the Ryan Homes development have been reported.
 - The LPCA has been petitioning for a crosswalk on Fort Avenue at Porter Street. It is not allowed because Porter Street is not a true city street. A potential street cut and crosswalk location by the Pfeifferkorn frontage was identified and cost estimates need to be procured. The LPCA will seek community partners to invest. Part of this construction would be gathering traffic count and the LPCA is still coordinating with the traffic study allotment from a previous MOU.
 - Questions/Comments from the community:
 - What is going on at McComas Street?

Specifics are not clear but it is part of the Port Covington infrastructure buildout.

- Trucks are using the Key Highway/Whetstone Way pass through.

This might not be a city street. It may be possible to contact Sapperstein to see about signage.

- Can anything be done about traffic backing up by the left turn into Southside Shopping center?

This was not brought up during DoT walk but we can ask on the email thread.

- There is a jersey barrier by the Pfefferkorn that needs repair

- The speed camera on Fort Avenue is functional (hours are 8AM to 9PM Monday through Friday).

- Updates from the BPD Southern District representative:
 - No representative was present.
- Safety concerns can be sent to contacts@mylocustpoint.org.

Parks & Beautification:

- The Olmsted 200 committee has an email address. Contact Olmsted200LP@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved with the Olmsted 200 celebrations this year!
- Debrief from Spring Maintenance Days and Plaque Dedication Ceremony
 - Many thanks go out to the parks team and volunteers. A major cleanup and maintenance day was held on April 23rd.
 - The Long House painting has begun. This marked the start of a one year long series of projects. Bid requests are going out for a new roof, french drains, a sitting/climbing structure (like Rash Field), and native plantings. Funds have been allocated that should cover the entire project.
 - The Olmstead plaque dedication was held in May.
 - Thanks to ASR/Domino sugar and Peter O'Malley for funding a fence around the big planting bed along the front of the park.
- Four new picnic tables have been placed under the gazebo. Some parties have not been cleaned up. We will be making an effort to get additional trash cans. Please encourage folks to clean up.
 - Questions/Comments from the community:
 - Do we have signage posted about cleaning up after parties in the gazebo?

Not at present.

- As a reminder, the Long House and gazebo require reservations through the city.
- Off leash dogs are becoming a problem. The committee is attempting to get signs.
- The next park event will be in the early fall.
- 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:

- On June 13th the 5th annual FSK/Federal Hill Prep Golf outing will be held at Woodlands. This is for the benefit of art programs. Tickets are available on Eventbrite. Please reach out for information on sponsoring a hole.
- Work to replace the playground has started.
- The last day of school is Wednesday, June 15th.
- The Harris Teeter vic cards program will restart in August. Please link your Amazon Smile to FSK.
- 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.

Social:

- The LPCA Festival is tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2022! Please reach out to the social committee if you are interested in helping.
- Chruscki making will be the previous Saturday weekend (September 10th) in the Old German Church on Decatur Street starting at 9AM. Michelle is looking for help. Email contacts@mylocustpoint.org or just show up. Bring a pasta machine if you have one.

UA Community Garden Updates

- The garden has 29 new gardeners this year, with 12 still on the waiting list. We are trying for more expansion next year.
- The garden hosted a meet and greet with over 50 people a few weeks ago and sponsored a trip with FSK to the Filbert Street garden.
- We are working on a t-shirt fundraiser.
- 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:

- 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.

Dog Park:

- No updates.

New/Old Business

Debrief from Peninsula Night at Camden Yards

- The game was postponed until August 18th. More information to follow.

Domino Sugar Updates from Peter O'Malley

- The record will show in the Baltimore Sun that the LPCA gave positive feedback regarding the partnership with the community and ASR.
- The finished sugar storage silo project continues. Two (2) silos are up, and two (2) more will be constructed. This will take the finished sugar storage capacity from 4.5 million pounds to 18 million pounds. ASR is hoping to have them operational in the fall.
- ASR engaged a local firm, Image Engineering, for LED lighting on the silos. There should be a test this summer and the plan is to light the east side of the silos.
- The raw sugar shed burned down (built in 1968). The plan is to replace it with a building the same color as before. It will have a similar look. There will be cement walls to 10 feet, steel construction, and curved roof. It will be within the old footprint. ASR looks to start construction in the next few months. Rendering were presented.
- Questions/Comments from the community:
 - Could the placement of the remaining silos be clarified?

They will be located towards the shoreline and set up in a square.

- Are there any plans for the unpainted smokestack?

It is not in use and ASR is deciding between painting it or taking it down. One other note, the trees outside the fence are in the city right of way. Some trees have been planted inside and more will be added in between the plant and Under Armour.

- Will tours resume?

We would like to start them. Either in the spring and fall to avoid the heat. ASR will contact the LPCA when something is confirmed.

- What would ASR like to do next?

We would like to do something with the 1020 property (the Welcome to Locust Point/Contractor parking lot). Ideas have included turning it into a STEM classroom.

Stevenson/Woodall Construction Status Update

- Construction was started ahead of the original schedule and we are getting biweekly updates for Goodier and the contractor
- Complaints can be sent to the LPCA board.

Ryan Homes Construction Concerns

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Community Announcements

- Dumpster dates have been scheduled for 2022:
 - August 27th
 - 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).
- Steinweg Group Facility Tours
 - There is a Google Forms link to sign up for these tours on the website: <https://mylocustpoint.wpcomstaging.com/announcements/>
 - Steinweg will provide a few dates and they can accommodate up to 20 people per tour. There will be dates in April and May. The tours will likely be at 4PM on a weekday.
 - On the signup form you'll need to provide a name, address, and Driver's License Number for each person in your group (this is per federal regulations, not an LPCA request – the numbers will be checked onsite when you arrive for the tour).
 - Children under 10 are not allowed.
 - The May 17th tour did not occur. The attendee list was moved to the next tour date. That date is set for June 23rd. The tours will begin at 4PM.
- The Community Liaison for the Liquor Board, Matt Achhammer, stopped by. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to him. Questions about the JRs/The Port property can be emailed to him. Also, the license from In Like Flynns was recently transferred.

Motion and Second to Adjourn the Meeting

- Motion carries with no dissent.
- Reminder: There is no meeting in July – we will see you in August: August 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at Good Counsel Hall.

Adjourned 8:31 pm