



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - April 13, 2016

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Harry, Laura, Ginny, Justin, Matt, John, Caitlin, Monica, Damian
- New Neighbor Introductions: 3
- Treasurer Update: \$33,474.57; \$3,310.01 in Dog Park account.
- Membership: Several new members tonight, 77 previously.

Approval of previous minutes:

- **Motion to approve March 2016 minutes as presented; seconded** – no abstention or opposition, **motion carries.**

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter:

- Email contacts@mylocustpoint.org to get on our email list. Looking for editorial ideas for newsletter. We have filled the volunteer needs for newsletter distribution.
- Recruiting editorial content for May/June newsletter.

Design Review:

- MOU with Mark Sapperstein for McHenry Row Phase 2 was signed. Hired lawyer to represent LPCA to review document, but developer agreed to reimburse us any legal costs. Final agreement will be posted on website for all to review; Councilman Costello will be introducing legislation soon.

Dog Park:

- We need someone to take over role of chairing dog park. We've been hiring a company to do cleanups, but still need someone to oversee that and coordinate other logistics and communications. Please email contact@mylocustpoint.org if you are interested.

Parks & Beautification:

- Legislation was just provided to add \$6M funding to Rec & Parks.
- Received \$500 grant from Parks & People Foundation to help pay for new plantings.
- When you walk your dogs in Latrobe Park, the bags & dispensers provided by LPCA. These cost \$1200/year, so please bring your own bags when possible to help defray costs.
- Planted over 1000 bulbs in park thanks to CivicWorks.
- Volunteer opportunities:
 - Saturday, April 23, 9am-12pm – neighborhood-wide cleanup; will be cleaning every street. Meet at Latrobe Park entrance. Snacks provided; children welcome.
 - Saturday, May 14, 9am-12pm – park maintenance; more information to follow. Coincides with installation of new fence around planting beds, thanks to Domino Sugar. Snacks provided; children welcome.



Education & Schools:

- Please remember to link FSK to your VIC card, raised over \$6500 so far this year.
- Fundraisers:
 - Pastapalooza raised over \$7000, in support of Project Bluesky.
 - Be on the lookout for Chipotle night and other announcements.

Safety:

- COP walk will be 3rd Wednesday in April, police will have large presence come out in coordination with patrol. Meet at 7pm in front of Himalayan House. If there are areas of neighborhood with concerns, drop a note to safety@mylocustpoint.org and that will help set the route for the COP walk.

Social:

- Festival is September 10 - see page on Facebook: "Locust Point Festival September 10". Link will be up in next week to sign up for volunteer positions. Planning committee meeting is next Wednesday, 6:30pm at JRs.

Volunteers are needed to help sustain our events or they will not be able to continue. The Festival takes a large amount of volunteers and new blood to keep going. Email social@mylocustpoint.org with any questions.

New/Old Business

• Domino Sugar Presentation (Peter O'Malley)

Perimeter improvements starting end of month. Replacing fence by Key Hwy E, with extruded steel tubing, with perforated steel signage with Domino logo at front gate. Also widening sidewalk by railway, and adding landscaping & trees. Truck lot embankment at bottom of Stevenson has erosion problems, and will be replaced with precast concrete block retaining wall. Also working on treating stormwater that drains off lot with modular biofiltration units. For last 3 years, have been working on pressure washing all 12 buildings over 23 acres, painting cement bandwork, restoring flagpole, removal of old dock, replacement of storage tanks, restored facade of building across from BP, replaced 250 windows, put in new ion exchange system. On Friday April 22, 10am-2pm, offering e-cycling to public to drop off old electronics, 1020 E Key Hwy.

• Baltimore Immigration Memorial

Museum opens May 1, on Beason, next to German Church. Focus on significance of immigration history in Locust Point. First part of museum will be exhibit on 1st floor. Ribbon cutting on May 1, everyone invited. May 15 is open house for whole community. 1.5 million immigrants came through Baltimore. Ultimately want to have more interactive museum on 2nd floor, with research room for genealogy research and contemporary exhibits.



- **Board/Office Nominations**

At May meeting, all officer positions and 5 board positions up for election. Nominations committee will be chaired by Matt Farcosky. If you're interested in running, see Matt or email contacts@mylocustpoint.org . We will have paper ballots listing candidates who contact us in advance.

- **Former Delegate McHale**

Concerns about retail electric supplier solicitations being misleading; residents do not have to make a choice about their supplier. Be aware of rates changing, penalties for ending service, and auto-renewal policies. Fact sheet handouts available from Maryland Office of People's Counsel.

- **LPCA Newsletter**

Newsletter can also be found online on our website in full color. Interested in submissions about history of previous businesses in neighborhood buildings - please email any old photos or information to communication@mylocustpoint.org .

Community Announcements

- Allen Center for Seniors moving into Church of Redemption shared space later this month.

Adjourned 8:20 pm