



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - Apr 8, 2015

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Ginny, Justin, Laura, Cheryl, Harry, Monica, John, Matt, Terry
- New Neighbor Introductions: Patrick, Cody, William
- Treasurer Update: \$39802.72; \$4,037.92 in Dog Park account.
- Membership: 67 members last meeting, 3 new members tonight.

Approval of previous minutes:

- March minutes: no changes.
- Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter:

- If you would like to receive our emails, send note to contacts@mylocustpoint.org and like our page on Facebook for updates. Thanks to all new block captains who signed up to help distribute newsletters. Next newsletter issue will be May/June, please submit any updates by April 15. - communication@mylocustpoint.org .

Design Review:

- No update.

Dog Park:

- 5 year anniversary yappy hour party on April 25 from 2-5pm at Miguel's - dogs are welcome! Live music by The Unofficial & drink specials. dogpark@mylocustpoint.org or locustpointdogpark@yahoo.com with any questions. Working with city to get water feature fixed, as well as drainage for the tree pits.

Parks & Beautification:

- Trash cans are being relocated, adding 9 additional larger ones. 8 new tree pits were dug in past 2 weeks, will see new trees on 18th - and need help planting them. We put in 45 new trees in last year.
- Community cleanup date changed to April 18, from 9-12. Tools provided, meet at park. RSVP at parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org . May 16 is park maintenance day. Looking for co-chair for both events.

Education & Schools:

- 320 participants in Harris Teeter. 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 education@mylocustpoint.org . April 12 at Little Havanas - dinner event from 5-8, with portion of proceeds going back to school.



- Dog that was unleashed got into school from back field, please remember leash laws. Also, parking lot out front has been graciously shared by FSK for community use at night, but you need to exit lot by 7am to make room for teachers & staff. Problems lately with cars being left past 7am, please be good neighbors or we risk losing this benefit.
- Principal McComas: Introduced Chris French, new assistant principal. Will be having new landscaping in tandem with Bozzuto to plant new trees and create ecology study areas.

Safety:

- Officer Vaught - Theft from RiteAid. Locust Point Tavern had larceny with money stolen from safe. Burglary on Reynolds, loss of \$100 and bluetooth device. Please keep your dogs on leashes, lots of issues lately that we will be tracking down. April 11 is Bull Roast fundraiser for Explorers, 6pm -10pm at Knights of Columbus.
443-681-0920 (mobile) or kevin.vaught@baltimorepolice.org if you need to get in touch.
- Question: Is there relationship between crime on west side and murders in Brooklyn?
A: Too recent to know, investigation still underway. Get on list at sdpcrc.org to get updates from Jack Baker about recent issues.
- COP walks will start in 3rd week in April 15, May, June, August & September. Meet 7pm @ Himalayan House.

Social:

- Date updates - annual picnic is June 14 from 5-7.
- August 22 from 8:30am - 2pm is cookie baking event.
- Saturday, Sept 12 is LPCA Festival.
- New events - community meetups 3rd thursday of every odd month, at JR's. Next one in May.
- Starting to ramp up for picnic and festival planning, need lots of volunteers - email social@mylocustpoint.org to sign up.

Parking:

- Parking Committee met last night, will be meeting again week of April 20. RAP parking was supposed to have DOT meeting, committee has asked for delay pending answers to open questions. For RPP, still working through application to present to general membership for vote to proceed or end effort.

New/Old Business

Baltimore Energy Challenge

- Non-profit that works to help Baltimore City residents to reduce energy bills/usage for past 5 years. Provide services and products to help. Installation is free, call them to schedule appointment at 443-869-2614 or sign up after meeting. They will insulate hot water heaters, change bulbs to compact fluorescents, provide water saving devices, power strips, smart strips, emergency preparedness devices, etc. Also have business-focused energy saving program.



LPCA Business Engagement Strategy

- In response to interest from local businesses who want to support LPCA and be involved, but are restricted from being members by our bylaws, we have come up with this program to help provide engagement and recognition for businesses that want to partner with us. We have LPCA Supporter window decals, vendor tables at festival, and recognition in LPCA communications at different partnership levels. Business partners can't vote or make motions, but are able to more closely coordinate with LPCA. Nick at Southside Diner has already signed up as our first partner, and at the \$1000 level!

DPW Liaison - Lindsay Jackson

- Street sweeping: Southwest schedule here, but official street signs are not provided with schedule details. DPW can provide paper signs for neighbors to install. Must move cars for streets to get swept, so please engage your neighbors to move their cars. Sweepers will not go around cars left on street, and entire block will be skipped. Please report issues with non-residents parking on blocks during scheduled days to 311. Suggestion to coordinate dates with large employers in area to make employees aware of schedule. Also option for community to purchase own permanent signs to install.
- Mayor's cleanup April 25. Big Truck Day on May 23 from 10-2 at Museum of Industry. American Public Works Association regional conference truck rodeo in Ravens Stadium parking lot May 6, 10am. See midatlantic.apwa.net for details.

LPCA Community Impact Grant

- We have approved 2 grants already, next cycle is June 1. Application is online. We need submissions - send your ideas! contacts@mylocustpoint.org to get in touch. Applicant must be member of community association, and proposal must benefit community.

May LPCA Board Elections

- 5 seats on Board are up for election in May, 2 existing board members will not be running again. Please talk to us if you have any questions about the positions or are interested in running - contacts@mylocustpoint.org. Must be a member to run or vote.

Community Announcements

- **Mayors Office Of Neighborhoods** - Anna introduction: please contact with any issues.
- **National Federation of the Blind** - William Jacobs: Dot Dash event on June 7 - a 6K race and fundraiser, to help neighbors learn about NFB. Have a program to teach Braille to children as well.



- **McHenry Row Marketing** - Sarah: McHenry Row offers a rewards cards program for residents & offices, want to extend benefit to neighborhood - please see afterwards for info. April 18 is Charm City Run Sole of City 10K, with some road closures on Key. Afterparty at CCR. April 25 is the Believe in Tomorrow 6K, with afterparty at Little League fields. April 22 Paper shredding program from 10-2, 1 box per person. New restaurant coming mid-June, new eye doctor in mid-May.
- **Locust Point Community Church** - April 26 - 5K Fun Run around Locust Point, 8:30am and 9am heats. See www.redemptionbaltimore.org for more info.
- **Councilman Costello** - Working on improved signage for crosswalks near FSK. Concerns over crater on 400 Clement. 1332 Towson lot issue - will have DPW address weeds. Request for signage at Andre & Fort too.
- **Neighbor Question** - Have these race events been coordinated with LPCA? Councilman working on standardized routes to vary closures, and will inform neighborhood of permits requested and help address any concerns as he learns about them.

Adjourned 8:40pm