



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - Jan 14, 2015

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Ginny, Justin, Laura, Will, Cheryl, Matt, Harry, Caroline, Monica, John, Allison
- New Neighbor Introductions: Jay Feraki - Haubert St, Jay & Harriet Kopp - Silo Point, Ben Rooney - Lowman St, Michelle Pheney - Andre St, Amanda Green - Fort Ave
- Treasurer Update:
2015 Budget Approval - Proposed budget does project small deficit for this year due to use of reserve funds - mostly focused on charitable giving. Mark Sapperstein annual \$10K donation continues for another ~4 years.
- Motion to approve 2015 budget, seconded - none opposed, motion carries
- Membership: 31 new members at this meeting

Approval of previous minutes:

- November minutes: Will be reviewed/approved in Feb. and up on website in meantime

Committee Reports -

Communications/Newsletter:

- Send note to contacts@mylocustpoint.org to be added to our email list, and like us on Facebook. Karen Chapman is new volunteer for advertising coordination for newsletter.

Design Review:

- No real updates this month; recaps - Field House concept in Latrobe: City should be back in 2-3 months to present. 900 E Fort project - expected to break ground anytime.

Q: Renovation at Richardson/Clement - no postings of permits

A: There are probably 5 properties right now doing work apparently without permits, we've reported several times and heard nothing back - major problems with enforcement currently. Encourage everyone to report via 311 or online/mobile app.

Dog Park:

- Meg Kelley has rejoined as chair of committee. Celebrated 5 year anniversary in September; will host Yappy Hour on Miguel's patio April 25 to celebrate, will include drink/food specials. We just updated our content on the LPCA website, and please like the dog park Facebook page to receive updates. We now have commercial cleaning service, so need volunteer help with fundraisers. Would also like to replace water feature and get new signage up. New contact email - dogpark@mylocustpoint.org.

Parks & Beautification:

- Spring plans - Events related to Field House, Doda memorial, grounds maintenance workday, Earth day. Please get in touch if interested in volunteering - really need help on those days.



- Doda memorial (Hap Duffey) - over 100 contributors. Presented copies of bronze plaque design. Total raised \$6323.20. Board has added \$4K to match, will have over \$10 to work with. Plaque was \$3K, boulder will be \$1.5K, rest will be towards surroundings and fence. Stone will be embedded in cement and surrounded by river rock. Will have artist rendition next month. Timeline - need permits approved by 4-5 agencies, should be ~3 months.

Education & Schools:

- John Shea/Principal McComas - we have Reading Partners here tonight. Raised up to \$3K in Harris Teeter VIC program with 300 members; will be matched by store. School number is 76 if you haven't linked up your card yet. Have to re-enroll every year. Can also email full name and VIC card number to contacts@mylocustpoint.org. Suggestion to add to annual membership signup form.
- PTO meeting tomorrow night 6:30.

Safety:

- Officer Vaught - Package thefts - 3 on 18th, 19th, 20th. Suspect has been arrested with cooperation of UPS. Southern District schedule change to 10 hour shifts x4. Will have up to 30 more police on patrol now. Still watching out for offleash dog violations. Please do not take dogs onto new turf Banner field.
- 443-681-0920 (mobile) or kevin.vaught@baltimorepolice.org if you need to get in touch.

Social:

- Please save date for family friendly event co-sponsored by FSK on Feb 27 from 5:30-9:30.

Parking:

- Nothing to report as of now, things have been on hold for awhile. Expect to ramp back up now.
Q: Meeting with Councilman Costello delayed?
A: Councilman Costello meeting with DOT director this week to get several issues addressed.

New business -

2014 Holiday Contribution Presentation - FSK

- Principal McComas - Thanks for donation! It goes into our field trip fund. One yellow bus costs \$300-600. We have 476 students, so one field trip can cost about \$1K just for transportation.

Presentation from The Reading Partners

- Elizabeth & Cassidy - program at FSK and 8 other schools. National literacy non-profit, in 3rd year in Baltimore. Recruit community volunteers to come work 1 on 1 with students, twice per week, to help students catch up. 86% of students not reading at proficient levels in Baltimore City, and if this persists to 3rd grade they are 4x more likely to drop out. Average ratio is 1 teacher to 33 students here. Cassidy is coordinator for FSK, funded by Americore - have 66 volunteers currently to tutor 45 elementary students, looking to increase reach. Have about 800 hours dedicated, see student 2x/week for 45 minutes sessions. Partnership with MD Book Bank to give student a book every time they walk in. Looking for more volunteers - sign up



sheets circulated, or contact volunteerbal@readingpartners.org or 410-585-7600. Really need volunteers at 2pm and 11:30 slots (8:45 - 2:45 are open hours).

New Community Impact Grant Committee

- Caroline - LPCA Board has piloted minigrant program last few years, intended to find ways to encourage community-driven projects. We have decided to expand and formalize the program, and form a committee to review applications. Application is being re-written; looking for ideas that have lasting/broad impact in Locust Point. Please email contacts@mylocustpoint.org if interested. We will be publicizing over next couple of weeks; first deadline in March.

Councilman Costello

- 2 hearings tomorrow - 10am: investigative hearing on CCC Circulator. Grant funding runs out next year, exploring ideas about fees, etc. to fund it. Councilman is very concerned about future and opposed to fee. Banner route has lowest ridership of the routes. Top budgetary priority for 2015. Southern extension of Purple from Fort to Wells proposed as well. Majority of funding for other routes comes from parking tax & federal grants. 83% of parking tax revenue originates from parking structure no more than 1/4 mile from Circulator stop. Councilman looking at new development & parking in Locust Point, UA traffic, Harbor connector & low income senior housing as reasons to support maintaining Banner route. Very bleak funding picture right now.

Q: possibility of using city DOT setaside for rail quiet zone study (~\$500K?) to help fund?

A: Will look into it.

Q: What demand is being driven by Harbor Connector?

A: Councilman has proposed fee for service to help curb commuter parking in LP and encourage folks to use Circulator. Also looking at using RPP funds if LP implements.

Q: If route is ended, would other routes be modified to add stops closer to LP?

A: No, only modifications proposed have been to Green line.

Q: Audits are supposed to be done by 2016, zero have been done. What are the consequences if this doesn't happen?

A: Councilman took action to initiate hearing, but will research consequences for Mayor, Comptroller, agencies, etc. Balto City Schools and Balto Police are actually state agencies, and not subject to legislation, without further amendments.

- Second hearing immediately after - charter requirement that 13 largest agencies are audited every four years, Councilman has asked for status update. Goal is to produce cost savings to lower taxes and/or improve quality & scope of service.

Paul - Metro org - Non-profit affiliated with Civicworks.

- Having meeting for homeowners interested in going solar - can save 20-30% if purchase supplies as a group, and tax rewards exist too.
Jan 27th 7pm at Captain Larry's. Also, the following Thursday 7pm at Federal Hill Main Street.

Adjourned 8:44 pm