



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2015

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Ginny, Laura, Caitlyn, Damian, Matt, Shannon, John
- New Neighbor Introductions: 2
- Treasurer Update: \$39,216.28; \$4,155.18 in Dog Park account. Ellen is looking for a copy of 501(C)(3)– need to make publicly available.
- Membership: 90 members last meeting, approx. 50 attendees tonight.

Approval of previous minutes:

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

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter:

- Send any ideas or interest in volunteering on the newsletter: communication@mylocustpoint.org.
- Send editorials by June 16; Thanks to Damian for the recent articles.

Design Review:

- **900 E. Fort Avenue / Anthem House:** Groundbreaking was held last week. Greg has arranged for representatives of the development and construction team to come in and present the final design and anticipated construction schedule at the August Community Meeting.
- **Latrobe Park Field House:** The Design is being "value-engineered" to bring the cost into alignment with the \$600K budget to allow for bidding. The City will bid both sets of documents for pricing. Our hope is that we can encourage friendly local/neighborhood contractors to offer more competitive bids for the original design. In the event that we cannot afford the original design we should be able to fall back on the value-engineered design if necessary. The current value-engineering proposal has reduced the overall size of the field house and the number of bathrooms from 4 to 2. In any case it appears that bidding will occur later this summer and that groundbreaking would occur at the start of Spring 2016.
- **Bus/Circulator Stop** at Anthem House (corner of Fort and Lawrence): No further updates from the MTA, Development Team or Councilman with regard to a potential timeline for the reopening of this stop.
- **MTA "Quiet Zone" Funds:** No news or updates
- **Doda Memorial:** Thanks to Hap Duffy and Matt Farcosky's perseverance, we have all of the necessary approvals and paperwork completed to proceed as early as next week. It is my understanding that working with Kevin Gaughan, Hap was able to secure the boulder that will serve as the base for the Doda Memorial Plaque.
- **Park Improvements:** The City is expecting to lay the last concrete beds for our 9 new trash and recycling bins in the park this week and their hope is to install the trash cans next week, weather-permitting.

**Dog Park:**

- No update.

Parks & Beautification:

- June 20 (Summer Solstice) Free Outdoor Yoga on Banner Field from Bamboo Moves 9:00 AM.
- Reported to the City: 120 volunteers April/May 260 volunteer hours mulching, digging, planting, picking up trash, etc. THANK YOU!
- Park Maintenance will be the end of the Sept. Date: TBD
- Question To Councilman Costello: *Concerns of the city-owned strips of property (not at the park) down to Ft. McHenry are not being maintained - how do we address?*
 - Per Councilman's staff: *If it is city-owned, we can get it fixed. I will follow-up.*

Education & Schools:

- New partnership with Domino Sugar – donating state of the art printers (for 3D models).
- Replacing concrete this summer; still waiting on drainage issue to be resolved.
- City Dept. of Transportation is hosting a public meeting regarding local issues July 13 @ 5:30. LPCA will uncover more information and share ASAP.

Safety:

- COP WALK: Wednesday June 17 @ 7P - meet at Himalayan House.
- Butterbean's last meeting – retiring June 29 after 34 years; Martin is also retiring.
 - Unsure about who is taking over the community liaison role and who will take over Explorers.
- Crime: Ellen has a crime report and a “long list of burglaries happened on the 1200 & 1300 block of E Fort Ave”; LPCA will disseminate the information ASAP; extra officers in the area;
- Greg: *On behalf of the board and the general membership, we can't put into words how much we appreciate you (Butterbean) – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND TO WHAT YOU'VE DONE FOR THIS COMMUNITY!*

Social:

- Community Picnic Sunday June 14 from 5-7; bring a dish to share and chair/blanket; LPCA will provide main food/drinks.
- Festival: Sept 12: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!
 - Cookie dough making: July 25 need 8-10 volunteers
 - Cookie making: August 22 at the Community Church (old German church); need 40 people!
 - Need lots of volunteers - email social@mylocustpoint.org to sign up.

Parking:

- Concerns raised about the parking committee meetings not happening – where is the hold up?
- Reverse Angle parking: City Council is re-doing the restrictions which will impact our strategy.

New/Old Business**Presentation from Senator Bill Ferguson**

- Thoughts on where we are as a city – *We are at one of Baltimore's momentous times – what happened in Baltimore rattled the city to its core; but these issues are not unique to Baltimore, but they are heightened.*



- Immediate way to help: Youth Works program – www.youthworks.oedworks.com. We need to find ~1,900 positions for these positions. Can be outside the city, but need to be public transportation accessible.
- Circulator:
 - Working to try to stop this cut – escalating to the Governor to try to get funding.
 - MTA is looking to restructure, but that is not a solution.

Banner Route Advocacy Update

- Letter was submitted – as strong as it could be to get the signatures, printed in the Baltimore Sun.
- Online petition available - link posted to our FB page.
- Ellen's concern – *We have yet to see the Mayor come to an LPCA meeting! Let's get her in here!*
- Working on a letter to Senator Mikulski; Cc: the Governor.
- Suggestion: write your own letters mayor@baltimorecity.gov.

Presentation from Rupert Denney - C. Steinweg Group

- Service provider in the field of storage, handling, forwarding, chartering and other related logistics services.
- Provided a historical perspective of the company and the Port activities.

Presentation from Local Developers

- **1405 Cooksie Street** – historic tax renovation; requesting a letter of support from LPCA for zoning variance change; 15 signatures from neighbors in support - immediate neighborhood. **Motion approved to provide a letter of support – no opposition.**
- **1359 Hull Street** – requesting a letter of support from LPCA for zoning variance; reached out to all immediate neighbors and collected signatures; building had been vacant due to fire. **Motion approved to provide a letter of support – no opposition.**

New issue - Raised by Judge Murphy

- May 24 run blocked in all major entry ways for the community. We were previously promised that this would never happen again. We've met with the Mayor's office who told us to work with the run sponsors.
- Councilman: *Chief of Staff has been working on a process for street closures; starting July 1, permits will be transferred to DOT from DGS (Dept. of GENERAL SERVICES).*

Motion approved to extend the meeting past 9P.

Community Announcements

- New community liaison from the Mayor's office.

Adjourned 9:15 pm - Reminder: No July meeting, see you in August.