



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - Oct 8, 2014

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Terry, Ginny, Justin, Laura, Will, Cheryl, Matt, Harry, Caroline, Allison, Jamie, Shannon
- New Neighbor Introductions: Jordan Thomas
- Treasurer Update: \$41,070.61 Dog Park \$4,238.92
- Festival revenue breakdown:
 - \$21,707 income, \$6,143 net
 - Beer Truck: \$8,175; Drink Booth: \$3,600; LPCA merchandise: \$2,400; Cornhole Tournament: \$313; Sponsors/Rentals: \$700.
 - \$750 Donation to BARCS collected from tips.
 - FSK made \$1000 from kids activity area.
- Membership: 1 new members at last meeting; total 211

Approval of previous minutes:

- April minutes:

Point of Information on April minutes - clarification of amendment tabled from previous meeting regarding shortage of printed information on parking at meeting - submitted in written form.

Parking Committee stated that there should be no cause for concern about missing information due solely to shortage of copies at meeting - recommendations were repeatedly presented at the prior two monthly meetings, and included in the newsletter that went out to the entire neighborhood in advance.

Corrections needed to email addresses for communications/social.

Motion to approve with point of information and corrections, seconded, motion carried.

- June minutes: no edits. September minutes: no edits
Motion to approve June & September minutes as presented, seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports -

Communications/Newsletter:

- Send email to communications@mylocustpoint.org to get on our mailing list. Also, like our Facebook page for regular updates & breaking news. Looking for editorial ideas for next newsletter. We have a new volunteer that has stepped forward to coordinate advertising!
- Lot of running/walking events this time of year. We send word out in advance when we have the info. Marathon next weekend, Saturday the 18th. Route will impact Key Hwy E & Key Hwy.
- UA hosting sales event in November, need to keep Cheer Lot open during that time. More information forthcoming.



Design Review:

- Held 2nd design charrette with Rec & Parks on Field House design. 2 different concepts presented to the 8-10 residents present. Program includes bathroom, storage, roof. Several features to commemorate the previous bathhouse including reuse of timbers and similar roof articulation. Architect coming next month with Rec & Parks reps to present designs.
- Neighbors having problems with contractors working in extreme hours early in morning - send email to designreview@mylocustpoint.org for these kinds of problems, and report to 311.
- 900 E Fort Ave project - unofficially we have heard they want to break ground in december, but have had no communications from the developers directly for several months.
- City Limits outdoor seating request - Voted last meeting to support request conditional on MOU being worked out with neighbors. Hearing was scheduled before MOU was completed. LPCA did not send letter of support. City Limits ended up withdrawing outdoor seating application.

Dog Park:

- Yappy hour at Wine Market in november, date TBD. More info in email announcement. Question on status of water leak? - Still trying to get response from City on repair.

Parks & Beautification:

- Park has been mostly prepared for the winter; some watering ongoing thanks to Hap Duffy. Thanks to all the volunteers that help maintain the park, lots of compliments lately. Reminder - everything LPCA does is run by volunteers.
- Question on status of bench plaques? We still have about 21 of them, if there are any more out there please turn into Larry or Cheryl. We have postponed a few projects because bath house was torn down, and proper configuration of benches & trash cans needs to account for new building. City expect to break ground in January.

Education & Schools:

- Thanks for support & help with kids area at Festival - very successful. FSK year going well.

Safety:

- Officer Vaught: Not much crime except shoplifters at grocery. Reminder to lock bicycles - one stolen unlocked from unlocked yard on Reynolds last week. Thanks for supporting Explorers at the Festival; they enjoyed helping clean up. Park looked great afterwards.
- Resident concern about lack of response to 911 call about fight in alley - If you don't get desired response, call back and request to speak to a supervisor.
- Comment on larcenies seen on OpenBaltimore (BPD victim-based crime reports) on almost every street in Locust Point, about 3 on average per week. Officer Vaught will investigate.



- Success story; social media in action - someone had 2 bikes stolen, was posted to LPCA Facebook page, and bikes were recovered. Copy serial number down from your bike and give that and model to police with any photographs. Hide a business card in the seat tube so that if it is stolen and someone paints it, they will miss that and can help in recovery. U Lock recommended too.

Social:

- Festival was very successful, lots of volunteers and attendees. Had former resident return and shared slides from Locust Point in the 1960's, will potentially try to show at holiday party. Next big event is Holiday Party at Knights of Columbus, 2nd Wednesday in December.

Parking:

- Parking committee meeting monthly, since June meeting with Steve Robinson from the city. Committee doing survey of neighborhood to count every property, required for application. Other option being pursued is reverse angle parking - temporarily held up waiting for replacement of councilman.
- Question about concerns that city suggested we do all-permit parking vs. just the 3 RPP areas voted on? City suggested we look at scoping RPP for entire neighborhood - not to implement, just to have in scope if other streets decide later to pursue RPP. Keep initial implementation limited to 3 areas originally voted on, so no effective change.

New business -

City Council - Introduction of Councilman Eric Costello, sworn in monday:

- Councilman Costello is very excited about representing District. Has met with LPCA President Greg Sileo this week, have great relationship in place already and looking forward to establishing further.

Justin is still with the office for any constituent services issues. Once new phone number is passed on, will distribute out to the neighborhood. Looking forward to meeting with LPCA Board next month to start getting an understanding of your priorities and issues.

Volleyball Courts at Rash Field:

- Presenter asking for letter of support to keep courts at Rash Field. Current master plan will eliminate them to build a parking garage & surface green space. Serves over 2500 participants every day of the week from March - October. Lots of involvement from local area residents, lots of support for local businesses. As one piece of the Inner Harbor that is truly for the residents, we should really preserve it. Doing a petition and letter writing campaign with all resident and business associations. 600 signatures so far & 7 community groups in support.

Question - what does Federal Hill say on matter, and what associations have signed up so far? Otterbein, Riverside, SBNA all supportive. Will be reaching out to Federal Hill association next.



Question - is there anyone here that can speak for the City plan? - This is 3rd iteration of attempt to redo the park. There is enough room there to accommodate 6-8 courts, but the current plans don't. Footprint of courts is about 10% of overall Rash Field space.

Comment - was issue in 2008 council election, has come back few times since then. Some of the concepts were to move all the courts to Swann park. Middle Branch also being looked at.

Motion: Write letter to support keeping volleyball courts at Rash Field. Seconded.
Majority in favor, motion carries.

Riverside Halloween Event contribution:

- Locust Point does not currently have an event, so we would like to support their event with \$500 contribution, based on their request for assistance. Oct 25 1pm-6pm in Riverside Park. Motion to support event with \$500 donation. Seconded. Majority in favor, motion carries.

Community announcements -

- **Mr. Alex** - Wounded Warrior golf tournament that LPCA voted to support previously was very successful, wanted to thank community for support.
- **German Church** - Having natives & newcomers coming together early november 2, and other recurring events. Zombie house on 17, 18, following weekend, and Halloween at Immigrant House - info will be sent out.
- **Key's Overlook** - 10th & 11th will have open house to present plans for new development.
- **Hap Duffy - update on Doda Memorial** - Have raised over \$2000 already. Minimal cost will be \$3K, but \$5K to do it well. Most of money raised by businesses and few large donors. Please use online donation site so that we can have representation from many neighbors.
- **FSK Kindergarten Teacher** - 4pm on halloween doing trunk or treat, \$5 entry, goes towards costs of field trips. Held in FSK parking lot.
- **Exit Closures from I-95 construction** - Apparently due to Orioles postseason success, plans have changed and they will no longer close Key Hwy exit before winter. MDTA website has good information, will be posted on facebook. Expect to re-open Hanover pretty soon, probably before Oct 27th.

Adjourned 8:36pm