



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2016

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Laura, Ginny, Justin, Will, Harry, Caroline, Caitlin, Monica, Damian, Matt, Shannon
- New Neighbor Introductions: none
- Treasurer Update: \$20,609.52; \$3,335.01 in Dog Park account.
- Membership: 33 new members tonight. Membership is on calendar year. Vacancy on LPCA Board - Vice President Terry Hickey is moving out of neighborhood. Bylaws indicate that President appoints replacement in officers from Board - Harry Stinefelt from Board will be appointed to take over as Vice President for next few months, opening up Harry's previous at-large Board position.

Approval of previous minutes:

- Minutes from November will be reviewed at February meeting.

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. Send any editorial ideas or interest in volunteering on the newsletter - communication@mylocustpoint.org.
- Damian O'Connor is new newsletter editor. Looking for submission and pictures for next issue. Newsletter is online on LPCA web page. We also have need for a volunteer to distribute newsletter on Woodall Street.

Design Review:

- No updates on Anthem House development. No new updates on PDI lots either.
- Mark Sapperstein has requested to meet with Design Review to discuss his vision and proposal for new addition at McHenry Row, please contact us if you would like to be on the task force for that development. Garage under construction behind Phillips building is 600 car garage. Mr. Sapperstein would like to build additional buildings, initially proposed 450 apartments in 2 buildings at ~120K square feet of new space. Design Review committee feedback was that it was too much density in an area already challenged with severe traffic problems, especially with Anthem House soon coming online. Since then, developer has incorporated feedback and explored other uses for one of the proposed buildings, possibly senior housing, which would reduce demand for cars/traffic, or a hotel. Will be meeting with Design Review again before presenting at general meeting next month. Committee suggestions were summarized by Will.



- Q: The deed on the Little League Fields - what is it?
A: We don't have a copy of the deed to know true ownership, but our understanding is that it transferred with the Phillips lot purchase and is now owned by the developer. There is some sort of agreement that previous owners have with Little League, which we do not know the specifics of it.
- Q: What is proposed height?
A: 7 stories between Phillips and garage, with other building between 5-7 stories.
- Q: Is there really that amount of need for apartments in the area with all the other new buildings coming in?
A: Developer typically has to do due diligence to justify numbers to financial partners.
- Southway Builders in 1300 E Fort block is purchasing another neighboring row house, and will renovate it and would like to use it as flex office space. Seeking minor permit with potential to eventually convert zoning use to office.

Dog Park:

- No updates. dogpark@mylocustpoint.org or locustpointdogpark@yahoo.com for questions.

Parks & Beautification:

- We have already scheduled events for April 23 (9am - 12pm) and May 14 (9am-12pm) in Latrobe Park, and are seeking volunteers to help - parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org. Last year we had 32 volunteers and cleaned up 1300 lbs of trash across 3 sites.

Education & Schools:

- **Principal Dunn:** Still trying to build momentum for Blue Sky Experience proposed recently. Have meeting on Jan 28 6-7pm for parents who are interested in the 2016/7 budget planning.
- **Hassan Charles - BCPS:** Followup from town hall with Dr. Thornton. Regarding requests around HVAC issues in FSK, work will begin this summer. There are two separate issues - air conditioning install, and air circulator repair that wasn't done correctly. Also discussed importance of library and lack of resourcing. Have contacted a partner to focus on finding additional resources for library to help fund a librarian. Was very impressed by the effort/organization/advocacy of community, and recognize that BCPS has been a poor partner and haven't had a reliable channel for parents to advocate on behalf of students. Hoping to pilot new neighborhood education coalition here to help develop a vision for education in Baltimore. Hope to come back in the next month or so to discuss building this coalition.
- School 1514 is what to link to if you go into Harris Teeter to sign up for free fundraising back to FSK - 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. Last year we raised over \$6K.

Safety:



- **Officer Nuñez: 443-938-1465 cell or adriel.nunez@baltimorepolice.org** 10 year veteran, new community collaboration unit liaison. Will also be taking over Police Explorers. Have 4 officers and 1 sergeant, focused on youth, reentry, faith, community. Received email with concerns about crime in last 3 months. Searched database, 5 larcenies, 5 larceny from autos, 2 stolen autos, 1 burglary, 2 assaults. Of those 18, 9 were not reported. Don't leave anything in cars. Cameras are a great help in solving crimes like larceny. You can register them with the city while remaining anonymous, to help be a resource to solve others' crimes. David Cuzzart wanted for burglaries in Federal Hill area, with open warrant. Past 28 days had over 100 burglaries in larger peninsula area, especially Ridgely's Delight.
- COP walks taking a break until the spring. COP coordinator had to step down, if anyone is interested in replacing them, please contact us - contacts@mylocustpoint.org

Social:

- Meeting in January to explore alternatives to the Festival that are less resource-intensive.
- If interested - email social@mylocustpoint.org .

New/Old Business

McHenry Row Liquor Licenses

- Caroline Hecker - liquor licenses in McHenry Row is governed by PUD that allows for creation of up to 3 class B licenses (Restaurant - Beer/Wine/Liquor). Now there are two, so there is availability to create 3rd, for Piazza Restaurant. Problem is that new license requires 75 seats, which it doesn't have. But World of Beer is big enough, and has been operating under Class D (Beer & Wine only) license. WOB has agreed to transfer its license to Piazza if new class B license can be issued to them. Asking for two letters of support from LPCA to Liquor Board to make this swap happen.
- **Motion: Write a letter in support of proposals, seconded. Unanimous support, motion passes.**
- Q: So there are 3 for McHenry Row, does that apply to the new development proposed on the other side?
A: That development is governed separately, and would actually take legislation to get a new license there.
- State legislation restricting licenses for this area also has extra stringent restrictions requiring 65% of total receipts to be food. WOB has concerns about meeting this ratio given its minimized food offerings. Approached Senator Ferguson to lower requirement to 51% as it is everywhere else in the city. Asking for letter of support on that as well.
- **Motion to write letter supporting legislation being changes to match other restrictions in rest of city at 51%. Seconded.**

Community Announcements



- **Community Improvement Grants** - Will be opening up grant applications for next year very soon, for proposals up to \$500. Send to contacts@mylocustpoint.org Can't use to buy alcohol.
- Yogi Table/Kitchen cooking classes - new offering monday & sunday evenings by owners of Bamboo Moves at Our House, focusing on learning how to cook vegetarian dishes. Also doing Valentines Day event. Information on yoga-baltimore.com .
- Had large group of volunteers distribute huge load of mulch into FSK playground.

Adjourned 8:48 pm