



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2015

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Terry, Laura, Justin, Harry, Caroline, Damien, Will, John, Shannon
- New Neighbor Introductions: 1
- Treasurer Update: \$25,810.84; \$3,404.57 in Dog Park account.
- Q: *Followup on request for 501c3 application. Question on why \$1000 contribution to MD Food Bank, and \$500 to Healthcare for the Homeless.*
A: Regular outreach occurs in neighborhood from Healthcare for Homeless. Food Bank benefits neighborhood residents.
Q: *On what LPCA Statement of Purpose lists.*
- Membership: 112 members last meeting, 0 new members tonight.

Approval of previous minutes:

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

Committee Reports

Communications/Newsletter:

- John Basiago resigning as newsletter editor, need replacement volunteer. Willing to assist new editor during October to prepare for November edition.

Design Review:

- Developer of PDI lot - Bozutto Homes - briefed Board on conceptual plans for site. Plans are for single family row homes, but proposing 4 story heights. Site is zoned industrial, developer would need to go through zoning change to allow housing use and exemption of normal 35' height limit. Developer may seek business (B-x-x) zoning due to flexibility of height requirements.

Q: *Would an ordinance be required for zoning change? How much community input required? Request for neighborhood to discuss with councilman before any bill is introduced.*

A: Likely that a bill would need to be introduced to change zoning.

Q: *What is site location?*

A: 3 blocks, both sides of PDI, surface lot, refrigeration warehouses, and lot directly behind warehouses.

Dog Park:

- Switched company that was doing dog park maintenance, hoping for better results.
dogpark@mylocustpoint.org or locustpointdogpark@yahoo.com with any questions.



Parks & Beautification:

- Lots of updates in last 3 months. Doda Memorial completed. Thanks to BCPD to help get offleash dog problems under better control. Other problem was with motorized scooters and dirtbikes, resulting in one serious incident. Officers also helping with that.
- Want to thank Domino Sugar who donated funds to help refurbish the brick entrance - looks amazing! Other projects include 4 new bike racks, 23 plaques re-attached to benches, trash cans added/relocated as well as recycling bins.
- Oct 3 from 9am -12pm is last park maintenance day - looking for volunteers. Email parksandbeautification@mylocustpoint.org .

Education & Schools:

- New principal is here tonight - Kelly Dunn. Updates: ribbon cutting ceremony 2 weeks ago for staff wellness center - thanks to Scott Plank/Warhorse & Plank Family Foundation. Bike racks installed in front of school. Pedestrian crossing added on Fort. Enrollment down from projected last year, so if you have family/students, they have until September 31 to enroll. Working on getting students on bus and home after dismissal, please call school with any problems.

Safety:

- Had great COP walk last month; joined by new Police Commissioner, who is also joining us tonight.
Commissioner: Have been in role for 2 months, lifelong Maryland resident, 4th generation public safety. Retired from Prince Georges County Police as assistant chief, also served as chief of Anne Arundel County Police. Puts emphasis on public safety, not just crime. BCPD is absolutely prepared for any events coming from ongoing hearings. Personally met with group of protesters over the weekend who were very appreciative of progress made and offered constructive advice. Focusing on engaging Federal prosecutors to help with firearms enforcement to help address violent crime surge. Pace of shootings has started to slow in recent weeks. Creating curriculum on community policing for young officers, to help teach how to communicate effectively with citizens.
- Officer M. Sargeski - local crime update, 2 major items listed so far. Larceny from autos, removing tags, between Aug 18 and 20. Please let us know with any other items that need addressed.
- Mike has volunteered to take over COP walks. COP walks 3rd week in June, August & September. Meet 7pm @ Himalayan House, dates will be confirmed and announced.

Social:

- This Saturday is Festival. Made 206 bags of chruscikis in August due to donations and work of volunteers. Still have some volunteer needs left - need help with beer/wine stands. Sign up sheets here tonight, and available online. Please send any committee information to Karen to distribute at Locust Point booth. To sign up for cornhole tournament, email contacts@mylocustpoint.org. Last time to sign up is 1:30, starts at 2pm.



Parking:

- Committee met last week, finished application for RPP (Residential Permit Parking). Over next few weeks will distribute via variety of means so community can review it, and will present and discuss at October meeting, and vote at November meeting. RAP (Reverse Angle Parking) is still in holding pattern, waiting on City clarification of rules.

Q: Did RPP application get submitted to City?

A: No, has to be voted on first by full LPCA.

New/Old Business

Latrobe Field House update - BCRP - Adam Dorman & Bill Vondrasek

- Original plan contained 4 bathrooms and high pressure laminate siding. Have to scale back to get under budget - 2 bathrooms, slightly decreased size, changes in materials. Gains more storage space for LPCA. If LPCA approves and everything goes smoothly, break ground in spring and be open by fall 2016.

Q: We haven't seen any updated design renderings, are there any to show?

A: No, did not want to spend additional money given scope of changes. Roofline, center opening, storage areas, window placement, doors towards outside all stay same. Lose 2 bathrooms, getting smaller in scale but not significantly. Finish will now be block or brick, likely groundface CMU (essentially shiny cinderblock). Building will have same overall shape. Discussion of confusion over budget shortfall. BCRP claims they heard LPCA say they would seek additional \$200K to fund full \$800K. Architect notes claims 5 different meetings, where talk of DOT Quiet Zone funds was mentioned by attendees.

Q: Is any storage for community association? Lots of gear from sports for new field now, need to have dedicated, lockable space for LPCA.

A: Yes.

LPCA requests more details on revised design before offering support, including examples of finishes and square footages, and plan for dedicating storage. BCRP will email floorplans.

Community Improvement Grant

- Event on Andre Street on September 19 - block party. Partially funded by community improvement grant and is open to the entire neighborhood. We still need new applications, there are a ton of potential projects people can do.

Community Announcements

- **Dee & Scott (New residents in Beazer development)** - Meeting tomorrow at Silo Wine bar to address noise & salt pollution issues from Port, including Delegate Clippinger and representatives from the Port.

Adjourned 8:37 pm