



## LPCA General Meeting Minutes - January 10, 2018 - FSK School Cafeteria

### **Preliminaries:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Ginny, Sara, Justin, Will, Damian, Bryan, Beth, Kate, John, Jessica, Matt
- New Neighbor Introductions: 0
- Treasurer Update: \$60,244.16 in main account; \$3,834.02 in Dog Park. \$59,408.69 for December, \$3,659.02 for Dog Park. Budget will be presented for approval in February.
- Membership: n/a

**Approval of previous minutes:** November 2017 minutes reviewed, motion to approve, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **General Updates**

**Communications/Newsletter:** No updates.

**Education/Schools:** March 9 will be Pastapalooza fundraiser at Knights of Columbus at 5pm,.

**Safety:** Ellen Worthing - 2 month data set: Assault (2), Larceny (3), Larceny from Auto, Aggravated Assault, Burglary. 1 arrest on 7 November - Larceny. 106 calls to 911, way down from summer. Parking tickets were interesting; commercial vehicles left on street tickets were up. ECB citations were low. For year, ECB citations were \$10,800+ in fines for 3 trash accumulations, 1 work beyond scope of permit, 1 fail to abate. 888 water meters failed in last week citywide. 311 calls for water-related issues in LP were 43 in last week, mostly in Towson, Clement, Cooksie, Hull area.

Major Ward - regarding crime increase trend, in last month part I crimes in Southern District reduced 21%, violent crime down 60%, homicides down. 1 homicide on 1400 Lawrence near Royal Farms though. Lots of false reports on social media. 112 handgun arrests in last 5 months. Need to increase strength of gun violation penalties.

Q: What's latest with 3 arrested for homicide?

A: Pending trial, no bail. Lots of good evidence, video. First trial date usually 9-12 months.

Q: Hear helicopters lots more, any reasons?

A: Just support, to help light the ground, extra patrols in hot spots. All robberies in peninsula from Halloween onward have been identified and arrested. Caught another on the scene last weekend. Over half of offenders had prior robberies in backgrounds, ages between 15-17.

Q: What would help police keep juvenile offenders locked up?

A: Laws need to be updated. Hard to get on statewide agenda. Judges also need to be held accountable, lots of offenders out on streets on multiple probations.



## Committee Reports

### **Design Review:**

- Field House groundbreaking is next Tuesday at 11am. Rendering looks similar to what was proposed. LPCA will still have final ability to review materials used.
- Proposed development for 1401 Woodall/1446 Stevenson - Board and Design Review had just met with developers about proposed 5-story 68k ft<sup>2</sup> office building with 88 parking spaces. 25 residents and design review committee showed up for 2nd meeting; 50 affected residents attended 3rd meeting. Feedback from community was that proposal was completely out of scale in its residential context. Building of that size could support 300+ tenants, so big concerns with parking and traffic. Developer offered to share access to structured parking spaces with residents at night. Since receiving feedback from community, developer has decided to pursue options “by right” without any concessions to community. Zoning on 1401 Woodall would permit up to 100’ high of residential use with special permission, or 60’ high of office/commercial. Current zoning on 1446 Stevenson would permit up to 60’ high industrial building, which includes parking garage as an allowed use. Will met with developer this week to see if any positions have changed. Developer continued to maintain that reducing to 3 stories or less was not feasible, but said he was working on a few additional ideas.

LPCA will be sending letter of opposition to zoning board and planning commission, and have requested advance notice from Councilman Costello if any related legislative actions are advanced or introduced. Have been circulating petition and organizing residents to be able to attend hearings. Have also been seeking support of Community Law Center to provide legal support as needed. Board voted this month to support application fee. Domino has expressed opposition to residential use for site and offered to work with LPCA as well.

Q: What has LPCA heard from Councilman Costello?

A: Not much other than encouragement to seek compromise. Has agreed to pledge to provide us advance notice of any related legislative developments.

Q: Current zoning permits parking structure?

A: Yes

Q: What are new regulations regarding parking for office?

A: By unit for residential, and by square footage for commercial. Plan meets absolute minimum for commercial as required by city. LPCA has also asked for special consideration for residential permit parking for the area if project moves forward.

Q: Is building included in city master plan?

A: No. 100’s of amendments were introduced to Transform Baltimore zoning bill within days of its final passage, and there was no way the relevant city departments could keep up with it. Community effectively got no chance to review or comment on zoning change. We asked Councilman Costello if he knew about it, who didn’t know but was going back to check.

Q: Can we challenge original rezoning with legal approach?

A: Yes.

Comment: Developer has been advertising building and seeking tenants actively, and has letter of intent for 10 ft<sup>2</sup> tenant. General commercial usage ratios would say 300-400 tenants.



Q: Is parking allowed on street on Key Hwy East?

A: Only west of Domino, not many spots.

Q: No 5 story office building currently exist along Key Hwy - would this set precedent? Also how does this impact key neighborhood egress point?

A: Yes.

Q: Did developer offer anything in latest meeting?

A: Offered to pull back setbacks to help with view corridors, but not reducing scale.

- **Motion: LPCA write letter of opposition to Councilman and City regarding any support for a development of this scale. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.**

#### **Dog Park:**

- No updates.

#### **Parks & Beautification:**

- New retaining wall near large tree on main walkway, funded by Domino. Will help with erosion runoff on path and damage to tree roots. Kim has designed some plaques to go up in park recognizing Domino Sugar and Under Armour for contributions to park.
- New tree was also planted, donated by Walter Jubb.

#### **Social:**

- Locust Point Stir Crazy Winter Mixer event being planned for Friday, Feb 9, from 8-11pm. Drink contest between 10 local bars. \$30 advance tickets allow 10 drink tickets, and secret ingredient will be Domino Sugar. Winner will take home trophy. Reserved tables can be purchased at discount, \$275 for table of 10 - email [fundraising@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:fundraising@mylocustpoint.org) . Tickets can be purchased online.
- Thursday, Jan 18 - Social Committee meeting at Hull Street Blues - please come out and help make community more fun.
- Held Community Improvement Grant workshop in December, have some great new ideas - Orchard phase 2, light up locust point, neighborhood welcome kit, and community garden. Looking for interest to join teams and help with projects. March is next scheduled review time for Community Improvement Grant program - please send ideas to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) before then.

#### **New/Old Business**

#### **Samos Request**

- Reached out with interest in existing liquor license that Piazza held previously. Class D beer & wine license. Restaurant closes at 9pm, not looking to do anything except add options to dinner offerings.
- Motion to support transfer of license, seconded. Unanimous support, motions carries.



### **BMI Presentation - Anita Cassoff**

- Crane appearance is being improved. Originally used in Bethlehem Shipyards during WWII. Hasn't been touched since 1991. Have launched capital campaign, halfway to \$700K goal. Phase 1 of repairs complete. Applying for state funding, may be starting work this summer. Do not expect disruption to neighborhood. Want to work with Image Engineering lighting company to allow color lighting at night.

### **BGE Presentation - Fabiola Donatolindo, External Affairs**

- Works closely with Councilman's office to resolve any service problems in area.  
Q: Can you help me address specific issue?  
A: Yes.  
Q: Why were most recent bills so much higher?  
A: Will look into it.  
Q: Do you send people around door to door to sign up for energy plan?  
A: No, and it could be a scammer. Never show your bill to anyone. All they need is your account number to switch to another provider. All legitimate BGE vendors are listed on our website.

### **Light City BOPA update - Ellen Worthing**

- Artist has been picked (Moya Sun) meeting in next week. Still haven't worked out location, but artist wants to be at major company location in area. Trying to plan in advance to avoid traffic flow and parking issues. Artist wants to do interactive installation using glow sticks. Installation lasts 3 days, then will be moved downtown. After that, unresolved where it may end up. Planning to have launch party. April 6 is start of exhibit. Working with FSK on some workshops as well.

### **Community Announcements**

- Joanne Bass - Locust Point Community Church: Need neighborhood input in creating new model for church. Communicating with other churches about partnerships. Informal meeting Wednesday at 7pm, intersection of Beason & Decatur. Want to put building back into the hands of the community to further its needs.
- 6-8pm Tuesday next week - fundraising event at Rowhouse Grill (1400 Light St), to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in the name of Alex Wroblieski, the recent homicide victim who was longtime neighborhood resident. LPCA is also donating proceeds from Holiday Party at this party. \$30 tickets include food and drinks, auctions later during night.

**Adjourned 8:50pm**