



## LPCA General Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2017

### **Preliminaries:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Harry, Ginny, Sarah, Justin, Damian, Will, Kate, Jessica, Matt
- New Neighbor Introductions: none
- Treasurer Update: \$48915.78 in main account; \$2494.02 in Dog Park.
- Membership: 83

### **Approval of previous minutes:**

- **Motion to approve May 2017 minutes as presented; seconded – motion carries.**

### **General Updates**

#### **Communications/Newsletter:**

- Email is still down, please see Facebook page for updates.
- Damien: Newsletter is exploring moving to an internet-only delivery model. Looking for a new editor to take over for Damien at the end of the year.

#### **Education/Schools:**

Principal Dunne is no longer with FSK, and new leadership is being sought out.

#### **Safety:**

Ellen Worthing: April - May 1 (Saturday last week) crime reports

- Assaults (2), Larceny (2), Burglary, Aggravated Assault. 1 Arrest on narcotics possession.  
Environmental Control Board citations - high grass/weeds citations on Cuba, Beason, Andre.

Police Southern District - Major Ward:

- Home invasion on 1500 Clement. String of 11 robberies starting around May 20 in south Baltimore, with 2 known individuals. Got a lead. Got in car chase after Clement event, and they bailed out in Washington Park. Able to trace electronics and identified juvenile from Digital Harbor and adult named Shawn Dobson. Both are currently being held, and pattern of robberies hasn't reoccurred. Second set of incidents involve a thin black male, who has been identified and has active warrant.
- Has weekly email for Southern District that you can subscribe to. Crime is down in last 28 days. Major investigation in Brooklyn with dozens of arrests. Police are now on 12 hour shifts, with 12 hot spots across districts.



## **Committee Reports**

### **Design Review:**

- Rec & Parks has issued RFP for new Field House. Bids due July 12.
- Proposed development at McHenry Row is parcel of land next to Harris Teeter, and is covered under MOU with Mark Sapperstein, which prohibits any further multi-family housing. Allows hotel & office use, which has opposite traffic patterns as residential.
- Please email us with any questions about zoning or renovations.

### **Dog Park:**

- No update. Issues with cleanliness being looked at.

### **Parks & Beautification:**

- Jennifer Benson & Kim Asner brought together volunteers for the park maintenance day recently. There will be another segment to spread mulch in the near future.
- Ellen Worthing - Did MD public information act request to find out what permits had been issued for Latrobe. From 2013 - 2017, the number of permits issued was 7, 45, 52, 69, and 50, respectively. \$240,650 has been billed by city in permit fees cumulatively in that time. Ellen is interested in pursuing local reinvestment of funds into Latrobe directly.
- Councilman: Field House construction would be funded by Capital Improvements Fund, while permit fees would go into General Fund, which funds operations & maintenance of Parks.

### **Social:**

- Festival is coming up September 9. Permits were just finalized today. We need volunteers. Cookie dough making will be August 5 at 9am on Harper Street. August 26 at German Church will be cookie making, 8:30am. Need 40 volunteers.

### **Fundraising:**

- Happy Hour fundraiser tomorrow has been cancelled.

## **New/Old Business**

### **State Senate update**

- Sen. Bill Ferguson:  
7th session in Senate. Former teacher who puts large emphasis on quality of public schools. 860 bills passed this session. Budget was balanced. School system had \$129M deficit due to structural problem in how funding allowances is calculated. School infrastructure has not downsized at the same pace that the district has lost students. \$75M was restored due to combined state & city efforts. Baltimore City is only jurisdiction who will have fully funded pre-K full day program for next 3 years.
- Medical marijuana was hot topic. Process was supposed to start this year, but is held up by lawsuit. May be a special session called to address this.
- Opioid crisis has severely impacted Maryland, and a number of measures have been put in place to help address that.
- Manufacturing bill was also put in place to help attract economic growth.



- Q: Strategy to increase population - we're feeling a lot of development pressure, which has led to a lot of congestion. Are there incentives to develop in other areas of city?  
A: Yes, lots that aren't being utilized. 10 year tax abatements can be shifted elsewhere.  
Q: School rightsizing - how to do it?  
A: Closing school is a very painful thing. Passed schools initiative 3 years ago to renovate buildings, which has led to increased populations at every new facility. Strategy is to use new investments to expedite closing larger empty buildings, and move into nicer smaller facilities. New closures will start being announced in October.  
Q: How do we get to a master plan for the schools that ties together all the stakeholders in a coordinated fashion?  
A: 21st Century School Facilities study produced great data, but is not well-communicated publicly. Kirwan Report comes out in December, and will have huge impact on funding formula for Baltimore City.  
Q: What was the driver in the funding formula that led to schools deficit?  
A: Biggest change was rate of inflation factor adjustment to 1% growth instead of 3%.

### **Community Announcements**

- LP Community Church (former German Church) will have movie showing next week.
- \$400 LPCA Community Improvement Grant was approved for Woodall St to hold a block party that was very successful and well-attended. In general, LPCA wants to encourage CIG projects of a more enduring manner; please email applications to [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org).
- Request to find out if Banner Route was funded.

**Adjourned 8:50pm**