



## LPCA General Meeting Minutes - March 8, 2017

### Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Harry, Ginny, Sarah, Damian, Beth, Kate, Bryan, John, Will, Matt
- New Neighbor Introductions: 2
- Treasurer Update: \$36,556.60 in main account; \$1,550 in Dog Park.
- Membership: 83

### Approval of previous minutes:

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

### General Updates

#### Communications/Newsletter:

- Email [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) to get on our email list and like us on Facebook for news.

#### Education/Schools:

##### Principal Dunn

- What are some of the things our kids are doing? Bus stop behavior - daily issue.
- Concerns come back to the school - we continue to work with the kids;
- Please help by calling the school, snapping a picture is best so there is no ambiguity
- We are getting a Weinberg library –a brand new state of the art library; community will be able to access the resources that are there (library); food pantry, winter coats;
- Community questions: What time does middle school start?
  - Response: starts at 8:15am; 8am - students let in; begin arriving 7:30/7:45am
- Community comments
  - Kids are walking up Fort around 8:45 walking away from the school;
    - Response: they are going the wrong way; please snap photo and send it in
  - Bus stop at Fort/Towson – profanity, destructiveness – kids are being more and more destructive; kids smashed property
    - Response: snap a picture; call police; email info on the school website

##### John Shea:

- Pastapalooza – biggest fundraiser; tickets still available; check the LPCA Facebook page.

#### Safety:

- We've had a reduction in victim-based crime; arrests have finally popped up.

#### Police

- New major (Steven Ward) intro; Southern District community really loves officers and want to do their part to make the community safe; we can't do this without a partnership; 44 community associations; all different issues – minor for one, major for another
- Major's cell: 410-404-9199; best way is to text



- Resident's concern: 12 names – all victims – what are you doing?
  - Response: Brooklyn - moved command post; arrests have been made; robbery crew in Pigtown and citywide; 5 have been incarcerated (crime down last 7 days);
- Resident: this is unacceptable – we have never seen these kinds of numbers
- Resident: 2/4 shooting on fort ave – not in the safety report; why?
  - Response: It wasn't a crime – it was a discharge b/c no victim and nobody shot at
- Resident: is there a standard or rule of thumb for percentage of calls to 911 vs crimes that are occurring? Are more crimes being committed than calls being made? 8600 calls for service (911 or 311) in the last 28 days – high volume; what is the average in the area?
  - Response: this area has the least amount of calls
- Download the new Baltimore City police app; if you see a crime happening, call 911; upload video or picture through app; do not put yourself in harm's way

## **Committee Reports**

### **Design Review:**

- Fieldhouse update: putting out to second bid;
- Ellen: conversation w/ Recs & Parks. There were several bidders but the bidder who came in within range unsuited so re-bid (there was a disagreement); approved to re-bid; design-wise it is not changing much (mostly materials); hopefully sometime this summer.
- PDI Lot: 3-4 questions per month; we've asked the builder to communicate; they have been very responsive and been pretty good about listening to feedback;
- Resident question: What are they doing to make the houses shake?
  - Response: Pouring the foundation and excavation work; document any areas around your house that are vulnerable, to how that problem became worse;
- Resident question: notice that Andre street will be closed - do you know why?
  - Response: Justin Lane: CSX project – they were under the impression they had to give 7 days' notice; should just be next to the park; signage is misleading;
  - Councilman Costello: we will try to get an update from CSX

### **Dog Park:**

- Furry Fiesta 5/6; more information TBD.

### **Parks & Beautification:**

- Cheryl (not the chair)
  - We have several really kind people to step up and take over coordination for April Eco Week cleanup 4/22 (Kim Asner and Jennifer Benson);
  - May 20 - tentative for park maintenance; we still need a chair for the committee;

### **Social:**

- Festival is on this year; need more donations. Anyone have contacts for liquor and light beer? Hosting fundraiser happy hours April and may; social comm meeting at the end of March
- Locust Point coupon book is on sale: \$25 for over \$500 worth of deals.



## **New/Old Business**

### **2017 Budget Approval**

- Question: McHenry Row (Sapperstein) donation 10 or 20 years? Checking MOU/PUD.
- We may spend some additional reserves toward the park expenses.
- It's important to have reserves for potential losses; ex: \$15k lost on festival a couple of years ago, or in case we need to take a legal position on something; etc.
- Resident: did you ever get stuff straightened out with the city when they charged more?
  - Final invoice was reduced significantly (down \$3, 500);
- City raised prices for electrical services; we've started talking with Special Events to see if community groups can contract their own; we are working on getting it writing;
- Question: how did we get up to \$20k?
  - Fair amount on bands; supplies; cleanup fees; permits; rentals; total last year \$19k
- **Motion to approve the budget; seconded; discussion: no; budget approved!**

### **Foundation Fighting Blindness Vision Walk:**

- Mindy Kaplan and Robin Silver - Baltimore chapter of the Foundation Fighting Blindness; national non-profit established in MD, 1971; 501c3;
- Vision Walk – 5k; walk; Latrobe park 2<sup>nd</sup> year; reaching out to the community to engage in fundraiser; will not invade neighborhood – will just be in the park; monies raised for clinical trials; Saturday June 10; registration at 9am; no registration fee; raise \$100 for t-shirt; Not closing any streets
- Community request: please ask the sound guy to not be so loud at 8am

## **Community Announcements**

### **• Additional questions for Councilman Costello:**

Resident: Audits status?

Councilman: everything has been submitted.

Resident: What are we going to do about getting better audits?

Councilman: Inconsistent now; will all be done by the city auditor in future.

Resident: Lines fading on Woodall street?

Councilman: Request to 311.

**Adjourned 9:00pm**