



## LPCA General Meeting Minutes - May 10, 2017

### Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Harry, Ginny, Sarah, Justin, Damian, Caitlin, Caroline, Brian, Matt, Kate
- New Neighbor Introductions: 3
- Treasurer Update: \$49,345.78 in main account; \$1,130.01 in Dog Park.
- Membership: 83

### Approval of previous minutes:

- **Motion to approve March & April 2017 minutes as presented; seconded – motion carries.**

### General Updates

#### Communications/Newsletter:

- Email blast system has been disabled; looking into alternative solutions, but for now the Facebook page is the best way to get updates.
- May issue of newsletter is out - please let us know if you're not getting them.

#### Education/Schools:

Erin Karpowitz, FSK PTO:

- Tremendous response from community for volunteer call for mentoring/tutoring program. Started pilot program for 6-8 graders. Meet 1x/week for ~1 hour, during the day. [FSK076@gmail.com](mailto:FSK076@gmail.com) for any questions or interest in signing up.
- Lego robotics team won their latest meet.
- Hearing of continued incidents with student behavior in neighborhood. Have flyers with phone numbers to report issues.

Summary of written update from Principal Dunne:

*Aware of concerns around student behavior in community. Working with students and parents to institute training and consequences. Please call authorities if activity is unlawful. Working on planning a forum with students, neighbors, and parents to start exchange of views. Students are more limited starting this week from access to Latrobe Park during the day. Please contact [mdunne@bcps.k12.md.us](mailto:mdunne@bcps.k12.md.us) with any further concerns.*

#### Safety:

Ellen Worthing: April - May crime reports

- Assault, Larceny from Auto, Larceny (2), Commercial Robbery (1 arrest)
- 911 calls list is available.

Police Southern District liaison - Lt. Ford

- Robbery - person attempted to steal 2 sweatshirts from UA Store, was caught.
- Larceny was 4 pair of eyeglasses
- Larceny from auto - stolen uniforms, tools



Very deadly weekend with violence in other parts of city. Please be aware of surroundings, don't walk around on your cell phones.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Design Review:**

- 2 projects underway - PDI Lot, Phase II McHenry Row.
- Anthem House is finishing up, and off the street. Anthem House II across Lawrence is now starting (Riverside) and will cause more lane restrictions.
- Q: How is traffic coming out of parking garage in Anthem House I?  
A: When we negotiated over liquor licenses, we got agreement for right turn only exit leaving garage.  
Q: Plan for a median to physically prevent turns?  
A: Spatial constraints wouldn't permit easily without encroaching onto street.  
Q: Will bus stop be restored?  
A: Yes, should be soon.  
Q: Have we seen final design for Lawrence Street after construction finishes?  
A: No, up to city DOT. We have agreement in MOU for developers to help advocate for better pedestrian/bike safety features with DOT.

### **Dog Park:**

- Furry Fiesta is was great event. Next event will be weeding on Sunday, May 21 from 10-12. Please email [locustpointdogpark@yahoo.com](mailto:locustpointdogpark@yahoo.com) if you can help.

### **Parks & Beautification:**

- Jennifer Benson & Kim Asner put together Earth Day cleanup in neighborhood. Park Beautification Day will be June 3, look for further info on Facebook.
- Orchard Project - LPCA mini grant helped fund planting on April 29, with help of Air Force, Marines, and insurance company volunteers. Trees are doing well, and all native species.
- We still need a chair for the committee! Please step up if you love the park!

### **Social:**

- Happy Hour will be Thursday next week at JRs. Will have dough making and cookie making events in July and August.

### **Fundraising:**

- Coupon books on sale for only \$25; \$500 worth of deals at area businesses.

## **New/Old Business**



## State Delegates

- Del. Brooke Lierman:  
Last session just wrapped up. Lots of activity with Federal changes, and Cross Street Market. Came in with \$600M deficit, required to pass balanced budget; done at \$42.5B. \$130M deficit in Baltimore City Schools budget, due to state giving \$40M less from funding formula. Kirwan Commission meeting to study how we finance school systems and recommend changes to funding formula, which will be key bill in next session. Schools with declining enrollments currently lose out the most. Schools are also not reimbursed for full day pre-K, which Baltimore City is unique in providing. Passed bill giving additional money for schools with declining enrollment and that provide full day pre-K, accounting for \$24M, with requirements on City to also kick in similar amount. Also passed transit-related bill that eliminates requirement on MTA to recover 35% of operating revenue at farebox, which is unrealistic and forces unfortunate cuts. Passed another bill allowing Baltimore City Schools to not have to pay for student bus passes, which helped fund school budget shortfall.  
Also refunded Baltimore Package another year, for various community development programs in city that were zeroed out by Governor Hogan.  
Worked on how to allow Marylanders to keep healthcare and protect Chesapeake Bay given drastic changes in Federal funding and priorities. Also passed bill allowing Attorney General to file lawsuits against federal government.
- Del. Robin Lewis:  
Newest delegate in district. Resident of Patterson Park for 17 years. Years of involvement in neighborhood improvements. Trained in public health, focus on international issues. Assigned to Environment & Transportation Committees. Bills include things like the Fracking Ban Bill. Also worked on oyster sanctuary bill. Looking forward to getting to know Locust Point better, and represent your concerns.
- Del. Luke Clippinger:  
Live on Webster Street in Riverside. Sit on Economic Matters Committee. 3 main issues - Renewable Energy, Workforce Training, Workplace Rules. Renewable Energy - passed bill to increase amount MD generates to 25% by 2020. Community solar program should start in next month. Working on task force on "adult highschools" to help people earn GEDs and experiential learning through regular credit-based approached with reduced barriers. Workplace issues bill increased ability for more residents to earn sick leave, including part time employees at 1 hour for every 30 hours worked. Governor has until May 27 to sign bill.
- Q: How do we get closer to better budget estimates from Board of Revenue?  
A: History of being really bad. Passed bill this year that resets how Board comes up with numbers, and how budgeting occurs at state level. Can only budget certain amount based on what Board finds; trying to smooth out process. Also built \$100M cushion into budget this year, and have billions in the rainy day fund.  
Q: Parental rights for rapists issue status?  
A: House voted out bill unanimously early in session, but Senate didn't act on it.



Q: Why is medical marijuana program taking so long?

A: Passed 4 years ago. Commission was a train wreck. Put together potential bill to fix it that got there too late. May have special session to vote on it. Regulatory commission under Governor has responsibility to move along, first facilities supposed to open in summer.

Q: Baltimore City Police - why being run at state level?

A: Passed bill in House to change it. City still sets their budget, so they don't act like a state agency. Mayor & Attorney General raised issues that stopped momentum.

Q: Do you have any control over redistricting?

A: Passed a bill, but it got vetoed. Would have created compact across 6 different states to have independent commissions to set districts. May attempt to override veto, and see what happens with other states where same bill has been introduced.

## **Board Elections**

- Have 5 at-large seats up for election. 3 of current incumbents are running again, and 1 additional name has been nominated. Nominees include:
- Matt Farcosky - Interested in working on traffic calming, LPCA IT strategy, and social events. Local sports fan.
- Damian O'Connor - Serves as newsletter editor. Interested in Bathhouse resolution and development issues.
- Caitlin Regan - Involved in Social Committee and Festival, and would like to continue.
- Corey Benedict - in neighborhood for 9 years, does computer-related work for a living and would like to help with LPCA digital strategy.
- Open nominations to the floor:
- Jessica Roenick nominated - From Westminster, MD. Living in general area since 2012. Wants to be more involved in community. Works as realtor.
- **Motion to close nominations, seconded. Unanimous approval.**
- Introductions
- **Motion to approve all 5 nominees, seconded. Unanimous approval.**
- Thanks to Caroline and Jamie for many years of service.

## **Community Announcements**

- MTA Bus is changing from #1 to #94 next month, which runs to Hampden.
- Fundraiser at JR's to support Bike to Beach Ride for autism is June 3 from 12pm-8pm.
- Locust Point Community Church - Movies by Moonlight starts June 9. August movie will be voted by attendees. Starting community garden - open to all, speak to Emily White. Adding legacy walk in rear of church, can buy a brick with up to 3 lines of text to memorialize if interested in helping preserve historic part of community.
- Church of Redemption - Quarter Auction this Saturday night, see website for details.

**Adjourned 8:55pm**