



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - November 8, 2017 - FSK School Cafeteria

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Greg, Ginny, Sarah, Justin, Will, Damian, Caitlyn, Jessica, Bryan
- New Neighbor Introductions: 3
- Treasurer Update: \$52,726 in main account; \$3,834 in Dog Park.
- Membership: 158
- Special meeting on community grant process will be on 12/5.

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

General Updates

Communications/Newsletter: No newsletter rest of year, first issue under new editor will be January.

Education/Schools: Principal Basmajian - New Weinberg Library is up and running. Lost \$215K due to budget cuts, which had more of an impact on middle school than primary.

Safety: Ellen Worthing - last month there was a little crime - aggravated assault (arrest made), burglary (3). 104 911 calls, down from last 2 months. ECB citations focused on bulk trash (5).

Major Ward - regarding concerns of recent violent crime in peninsula neighborhoods. Held COP walk Monday at Riverside with hundreds of attendees. Halloween had 5 assaults & robberies, around 9pm. Group of juveniles, stopped 6 that night, but victims could not identify them so they were ID'd but released. Have since made 3 related arrests, 1 pending. 10-15 suspects total. All the juveniles lived out of the area. Extra patrols are now out nightly around Riverside Park. Saturday night locked up 2 female teenagers that assaulted and robbed a resident. They were also from out of the area; youngest was 11 years old. Commissioner is bringing back plainclothes decoy unit. Working with school system to notify them of arrests when relevant. Biggest thing is to not walk alone and remain aware of surroundings. Locked up multiple juveniles over the weekend who were violating laws in the harbor. Working with State's Attorney Office to hold suspects and not release them, and to get community impact statements. Video registration process allows private owners of security cameras to register location to aid in post-hoc investigations of crimes.

Q: Homicide explosion in Southern District has been shut down, and case closure rate is almost 100%. What are you doing differently?

A: Deployment of patrols to hot spots, and handgun seizures via District Action Group.

Q: Uptick in juvenile crime - random, or sign of gang violence?

A: These are not gang-related. Not just Digital Harbor students either, coming from all over.

Q: How are kids getting around?

A: We believe they are using buses, coming from Central District.



Q: Brooke Lierman attributes decrease in crime in Cherry Hill to Safe Streets?

A: Public health approach to reducing crime, using reformed criminals to engage problem groups and help find employment.

Q: Baltimore Police App has easy way to upload suspicious photos and video.

A: Comes directly to police, but you must also call 911 if you see any crimes. Also very active on Southern District Facebook page.

Q: Visible presence of police in Federal Hill, but not as visible in Locust Point - why?

A: Based on where crime is occurring. Patrols generally rotate every 2 hours to other areas.

Q: Opinion on tasers & pepper spray?

A: Be smart. Know how to use it.

410-404-9199 is Major Ward's phone if you need to get in touch with him directly.

Councilman Costello: Attacks on Halloween were disgusting, and can't continue to happen. BPD has had a strong response in past week, and 250 showed up for COP walk. Coordinating with neighborhood and HOA presidents to set up public safety walk schedule for whole peninsula. Community Impact Statements make a big difference in sentencing.

Q: Traffic signage/patterns in Locust Point are antiquated, such as no right on red. Is there any plan to review traffic systems given expected increase in volume?

A: No, but have been trying to address other issues with signage and speeding, trying to get speed sentry sign. Trying to identify funding for traffic study for entire peninsula. Just completed parking study, but didn't include Locust Point due to use of Casino funds.

Committee Reports

Design Review:

- Field House groundbreaking is still being planned in November timeframe.
- Rezoning registration for properties at base of Woodall and Stevenson, to convert properties into offices. L-shaped parcel, proposed 2 underground levels of 80 parking spots, with 4-5 stories above with office and retail. Board expressed reservations about traffic, parking. Developer is same one that did Race Pace building, and they own and operate their properties after development. Will be meeting with neighbors and developer over next several months to address this.
- General Ship site was purchased by NRP Group developers. Will's firm bid for project and won, so he will be recusing himself from LPCA dealings with it. Looking at 2 primary schemes, overall massing, and focused high-rise towers. Plan on meeting with Design Review committee as studies progress. Potentially another 300 units, similar to Anthem House, but on a smaller site. Urban Renewal Plan proposed specific traffic measures for that site that should help. Study will continue 6-12 months before transaction is finalized.
- Second phase of Alta development is underway. Developer has been extremely responsive to any issues they have been contacted about, please let us know if you have any concerns.
- LPCA has MOUs with McHenry Row and Anthem House, concerning turn directions out of developments. Now that most recent residential development is completed, there are some new traffic controls that will be put in place to help restrict turns.



Dog Park:

- Fountain has been shut off for season. New bag holders in place.

Parks & Beautification:

- No update.

Social:

- Holiday party will be in December 13 at 5:30pm, in lieu of regular LPCA meeting, at Knights of Columbus. Santa will visit and will have silent auction. Planning another event for the winter in February, styled after a winter mixer.

New/Old Business

BOPA - Light City

- Ellen Worthing was successful in submitting application for Locust Point to host a neighborhood exhibit as part of the next Light City Festival. We will be working with the artist over the next few months to create an installation. Want community involvement in making decisions, so please let us know if you are interested. Need group of 3-10 to meet next week and ongoing to discuss potential sites and project characteristics with artists. No roads will be closed and no parking will be disrupted.

Barracuda's Request -

- City pointed out issues with their outdoor seating. Business was under impression catering license allowed use of that property, that he was renting from neighborhood business. Wants to correct situation and has upcoming hearings with city, seeking LPCA support.
Liquor license currently doesn't permit outdoor seating, but allows catering city-wide. Rented site is zoned Industrial-1, seeking zoning variance to allow this use. Neighbors have written letters of support of proposal. Looking for motion to write letter of support for zoning variance to permit use, and modification of liquor license to add outdoor seating. Live entertainment is not being pursued.
Motion made to write letter as proposed, discussion. Seconded. Unanimous support, motion carries.

Community Announcements

- N/A

Adjourned 8:55pm