



## LPCA General Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2018 - FSK School Cafeteria

### **Preliminaries:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Ginny, Matt, Kate, Justin, Sarah, Mike, Caitlin, John, Tim, Brian, Corey, Damien
- New Neighbor Introductions: 4
- Treasurer Update: \$62,536.20 in main account; \$2,889.02 in Dog Park. Festival expenses still outstanding. Membership: 135 members.

**Approval of previous minutes:** June & August 2018 minutes reviewed.

***Motion to approve as presented, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.***

### **General Updates**

**Communications/Newsletter:** No newsletter chair - [contacts@mylocustpoint.org](mailto:contacts@mylocustpoint.org) if interested, or to sign up for our informational email list. Also like us on FB - Locust Point Civic Association.

**Education/Schools:** Principal Basmajian - 2nd year at FSK; off to an awesome start. Enrollment is up by about 50. 110 in Pre-K and K. PARC testing scores are up, but that test is going away. Suspensions are down, and culture/climate in building are much better. 6th graders are more from the community than in the past. Buses and transportation are a difficult system, and out of the school's hands, but working on clearing out students efficiently after school. Volunteerism, including Reading Partners, has been very good engagement with community volunteers. Family Movie Night, Friday Sept 28. Landscaping out front looks much better, due to help from Bozzutto. PTO is really engaged too.

Q: Latrobe Terrace resident - my understanding is they are going to be fixing the alley, which is one way route for parents picking up children at school, are they aware?

A: Councilman - working on a better plan, trying to schedule work around professional development days.

**Safety:** Captain Jones (Southern District) - No serious crime issues in last 30 days, 8 incidents including locker break-ins at gym, package theft, and larceny from vehicles. Residents report 2 stolen cars occurred in Locust Point according to local media. Can call telephone reporting unit to report any issues not needing to call 911 for, or non-emergency quality of life crimes, via 311. This is change in advice from city/police on how to report crimes, look for more info to follow.

Q: For online reporting of repeat package thieves that may have been captured on security cameras, how do we share those?

A: Baltimore Police mobile app (iOS/Android) allows uploading of photos, or email to the Major.

Q: For motor vehicle accidents, we still need to have an officer come out to the scene?

A: If nobody is injured, you can just exchange information. If there is an injury, call the police. If your car is hit by a car you don't know anything about or didn't witness, the police won't be able to take a report unless you have identifying information like a tag number.



## Committee Reports

### **Design Review:**

- Will Jovel: Task Force reviewed 9 story design proposed for Woodall/Stevenson considering community expectations. Conclusion was that the scale was unacceptable, concerns were overshadowing neighbors, increased traffic. Recommendation of the task force is to go to the zoning hearing and oppose the appeal.
- Councilman Costello - bus system updates: there have been a number of complaints about the disjoint nature of the bus systems in the neighborhood. Circulator stop westbound at the 1600 block of Fort will move to the 1700 block by Andre. Will add another stop on 1400 block at Decatur, where MTA stop. Will look to have stop every 3 blocks. City sued Transdev/Veolia this morning for \$20M damages due to contract structure, which was supposed to be billing due to hours buses are actually in operation. Councilman will be following this closely. Change will occur over the next 2 months, probably by mid-November.  
Q: By Anthem House, on lane of Fort by Foundry, there is no longer restricted parking, which is causing traffic issues.  
A: They will be removing certain spots to provide better visibility for turning cars.  
Q: Fort & Lawrence is impossible to turn during afternoon hours either way, coming from westbound. Can we get a turn arrow on signal?  
A: Please email me details, think we asked in the past and were told no.  
Q: Once Anthem 2 finishes, redoing intersection for 2-lane left turn onto Fort from Lawrence?  
A: Always been changes planned for Lawrence, don't have answer now. New signage is up on Lawrence southbound indicating 2 lanes turning. (Board will follow up.)

### **Dog Park:**

- Cleanup this Saturday; haven't yet found cleaning contractor, if interested please get in touch.

### **Parks & Beautification:**

- Latrobe looked great Saturday during the Festival. Sept 22 will be fall maintenance day, meet at entrance at 9am. Afterparty when done at City Limits.

### **Social:**

- Festival: Day was great other than the rain, big thanks to Lara Faulkner for managing vendors. Will be full debrief in October LPCA meeting.
- December 12 is Christmas Party
- Fundraising - Festival tips went to Albo plaque, with any leftover into scholarship in his honor.

## New/Old Business

### **The Hoof Cafe - Seeking LPCA support for their request for outdoor seating**

- Continuing previous meeting discussion; seeks minor privilege to add outdoor seating.
- **Motion: LPCA should support outdoor seating tables without service at corner of Andre and Fort, 4 tables to Zoning Board. Seconded.**



- **Discussion:**

Q: Live at 1457 Andre, did not get letter, both neighbors also didn't get letters. Explain minor privilege; don't believe on Andre can put tables because not enough room between tree boxes and steps. It's upsetting that I live so nearby and nobody contacted us, have had prior issues about trash removal due to how trash is put out. If tables aren't serviced, trash will be everywhere, and could contribute to rat issue.

A: Councilman: Not sure this is a minor privilege case, think it is outdoor seating. Minor privilege only for having items in the right of way. Variance needed to get entitlement, but may come along with minor privilege fee. ADA width requirement unknown, probably 48".

Q: What are the hours of outdoor operation?

A: Only during cafe hours, 6:30-3:00 Mon-Thurs, and 6:30-9 Fri-Sun with seats in by 8pm.

Q: Live at 1460 Andre, right behind Hoof, asking everyone to not support this because there is no diagram, and concerned this could transfer to any future businesses, or set precedent. Also concerned about noise early on weekend days.

Q: Live on Beason, have opposite opinion; think scale is reasonable, would be great for families to have place to enjoy. Put conditions in letter so that support is only for Hoof?

Q: Request from Board was that Hoof get responses from immediate neighbors - did they get any other responses from neighbors in favor of it?

A: Will check with owners, don't have access to email that was sent or documentation.

Comment: This answer is problematic; due diligence requested apparently not completed.

Q: Delay an additional month to get details straight? When is hearing?

A: Not set up yet.

***Amended Motion: Table this issue until next meeting, seconded. No discussion. Motion carries.***

### **Tree Baltimore, Erik Dihle & Bryant Smith - Update on new tree pits**

- Can address concerns about future care of planned trees. Well-planted neighborhoods have lower violent crime rates. Planting trees citywide as Mayoral initiative funding increase in tree canopy; managing trees as capital assets. Found 200 locations to plant trees in Locust Point.
- Process: Forestry division selects tree locations based on map inventory; checked against underground utility locations. Then make site visit - if deemed acceptable, neighbors will receive door hanger notification. In past, opened pits early, with delay waiting on planting season, which created some concerns. New process now reduces planting delay once removed. All homes slated for plantings given door hanger in February. Pits will be mulched.
- Q: What are residents liable for?  
A: Technically, tree is part of sidewalk that residents are responsible for. Arranged with head of Housing Code Enforcement where they won't give violation for trees with weeds, instead will notify Forestry who will come take care of it. But please take care of trees if you are able.
- Q: Who is responsible to prune trees?  
A: Call 311, but there is backlog of few months.
- Q: What do we do if we want a tree?  
A: See [treebaltimore.org](http://treebaltimore.org)  
Found 250 locations possible, opened 50 new pits, then stopped after concerns. Will put out notifications again by Nov 5, and if no concerns raised by Dec 5, contractor will continue opening pits.



## **Community Announcements**

### **Fleet Week - Tony Smith, Mayor's Office of Emergency Management**

- Have map, hours, and list of road closures & soft checkpoints where they verify motorists have business in the neighborhood besides the air show. LPCA will share these online. Worked with UA to offset parking taken away on Fort Ave, which will become a vehicle no-go zone. Several Navy ships in Locust Point; thousands expected at Fort McHenry.
- Mark Kantrowitz gave email & cellphone to LPCA if issues need reported during the event.
- Q: See checkpoint at top of Woodall, but due to one way nature of Woodall & Stevenson, won't prevent anyone from parking on those roads.  
A: Will look at moving it towards the BP/7-11 station.  
Q: Can guests park in neighborhood?  
A: Not unless you can provide off street parking.

### **Charm City Rooftop Day - Melinda Cianos**

- Buddy Foundation of MD - work with area rescues like BARCS. Started fundraiser in Canton, it's grown to Fells, LP, and Fed Hill. Tied to air show on 6th, rooftop block parties. Each household registers rooftop, and we help them host parties and fundraise for org. See banner on tennis courts fence.

### **Thread - Arshia Sethi**

- Volunteer student enrollment manager. Thread just finished first year at DHHS. Has been in Baltimore 14 years as a nonprofit that works to connect students and volunteers of different backgrounds to form deep relationships. Takes bottom 25% of freshmen at 4 partner schools, enrolls them, and matches up with 3-4 volunteers to form Thread family. Work with students on their interests, help with school, transportation, etc. Currently enrolled 120 students, 32 from DHHS. Have more than 1000 volunteers. Students have seen graduation rates of 65% in 4 years and 85% in 5 years, and many go on to complete degrees. Have never un-enrolled a student. Accepting another 32 students at DHHS in January, need more volunteers to get involved. Takes 1 year commitment. Signup sheet available to get more information.

### **Under Armour - Shawn King, Director of Design for UA**

- Time to renovate UA Tide Point campus again, mostly interior, with some small changes to north side buildings facing campus on Key. Community parking in lots on weekends/ afterhours may be impacted. Sept 15- Dec 31 will have front half of Cheer building shut down. Back side will be shut down from Jan - May, as well as south parking lot.  
Q: Any interference with Fleet Week parking?  
A: No. Triangle lots unaffected.

**Adjourned 9:00pm**