



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2018 - FSK School Cafeteria

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Matt, Kate, Sarah, Ginny, Justin, Mike, Caitlin, Emily, John, Tim, Brian, Corey, Damien, Will, Jessica
- New Neighbor Introductions: 0
- Treasurer Update: \$62,207.70 in main account; \$2,889.02 in Dog Park.
Membership: 153 members.

Approval of previous minutes: October 2018 minutes reviewed.

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

General Updates

Communications/Newsletter: No newsletter chair - 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: Erin Karpewicz (PTO) - Thanks to everyone who supported bake sale during election day, raised \$1000. Annual giving campaign ongoing; last year raised over \$36K, this with year couple weeks just over \$11K. Added business component. Domino ASR has been big supporter; gave \$5K last year to support Maker Space, which has grand opening tomorrow at 8:30. 20 families attended open house. Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, December 1. Thank you to LPCA for donations at your holiday party for some of our families in need.

Safety: Sgt. Keesha Whitted - Crime report's biggest issues are larceny from autos; had 2 arrests. Oct 14- Nov 10: 5 larcenies, 3 larceny from auto.

Q: Didn't hear mention of assault on Oct 17 after DHHS game?

A: Officers still working on that, will be deploying officers during problem hours. Schedule changing back to 8 hour shifts, which should free up more manpower.

Comment: Victim of assault recounts events. Saw juveniles smashing pumpkins, walked by and was hit in back of head with pumpkin. As turned around, one girl came at me, I got knocked down from behind, got back up, she grabbed my hair, rest is a blur. Resulted in bruises, black eye, and lacerations. Took pictures of assailants. Found one online who played basketball for Dunbar. Have passed all information on to police, but haven't heard anything back for the last week. Multiple people called police, they didn't show up for at least an hour.

A: Please share the details with me afterwards, I will follow up with detectives, and you.

LPCA President: Have been taking multiple approaches to raise attention on solving this, including police, schools, councilman, mayor's office, and transit. Big problem is insufficient buses to quickly transport students home after games.

Q: Have you been in contact with principals of both schools to share picture?

Comment: Had mother on our street yelling at car to slow down, car stopped, yelled back, then came back later and left threatening note in her mailbox. Can they be charged with a crime?

A: Yes, threats of bodily harm are a crime.



Committee Reports

Design Review:

- Design Review Chair: Proposed signage updates on Merritt's Foundry building on Fort; hand painting business names with combination of uplighting/downlighting focused on building. Woodall/Stevenson update provided later in agenda. Merritt asking LPCA for letter of support.

Motion: LPCA write letter of support to Planning regarding sign modification requests.

Seconded. Discussion: Make sure to be specific on details. Discussion ends, **motion carries.**

Q: Update on Field House?

A: At Mayor's meeting last week, it was one of our specific questions. Bill Vondresek from Rec & Parks attended; responded that contract ends at end of December. Some cleanup has been seen lately. Followup email was sent to inquire what happens if they don't finish by deadline. Adam Boardman from Rec & Parks said to expect 3rd week of December. We were also given warranty contact information on any issues that may arise in the future. Long House renovation also came up during Mayor's meeting; Rec & Parks expressed support but have no funding identified, so it will be a longer term project.

Dog Park:

- **No update.**

Parks & Beautification:

- Ellen Worthing - Fall Tree Up trail & forest maintenance done by volunteers on Saturday, Nov 3. Worked on trees and trail area behind FSK along the berm.
- Albo memorial plaque was unveiled in Latrobe Park on Oct 20.

Social:

- December 12 at 5:30pm is Christmas Party at KoC. Winter Mixer again this year too, will be around the time of the Super Bowl. Will also be some happy hours. Light City moved to November, so that will no longer be in the spring.

New/Old Business

Meeting with Mayor Pugh

- During Riverside crime forum after murder there, LPCA President talked to Mayor and said LP wasn't being heard. Mayor agreed to set up meeting in city hall with her cabinet. Agenda had 20 items, including Woodall, DOT/Traffic, Fleet Week, crosswalks, signage, water taxi commuter parking, Field House, security during DHHS games and in park, safety items, FSK school, and finding disposition of formerly-allocated Quiet Zone funding attached to Fort Ave bridge reconstruction. LPCA had officers and committee heads attend, as well as Peter O'Malley from Domino Sugar ASR. Meeting went well; waiting on followup on specific issues.

Woodall/Stevenson update [President limiting topic to 15 minutes]

- Design Review: BMZA written decision was released, unanimously approving all entitlements that the developer sought. The task force has spent the last few weeks analyzing it, consulting with our attorney and other experts, and considering our appeal strategy & other options. We filed a Motion for Reconsideration to the BMZA, which can either result in



another hearing, a change to the resolution without hearing, or no change. Separately, we also need to be prepared to file an official Circuit Court appeal by nov 26, since we may not hear back on Reconsideration by that filing deadline. The cost estimates we have for both combined from our current attorney are still under the total funding amount that the LPCA has approved so far. During the LPCA Board monthly meeting, Councilman Costello attended the first 30 minutes to share what he had heard from the developer since the hearing, as well as an idea for a small group neutral 3rd party mediation session with the developer that he was proposing. As expected, the developer hasn't changed their position since the hearing, other than to offer that they would still be willing to pursue the "best & final" 5 story office concept as well, but no less. Our analysis remains that they still don't really want to pursue the 9 story concept, since they are still holding out for this, and given the economic analysis we did earlier on construction costs and other factors for high rise. Regarding the mediation proposal, we stated that we would always be willing to talk in good faith if they come back to the table, but without prospects for more substantial compromise, weren't optimistic about the outcome. We also reconvened the Woodall/ Stevenson/Fort residents recently to discuss our approach, and reaffirm consensus on our negotiating position since the hearing, specifically on the question of max acceptable scale, and traffic patterns.

Membership drive

- We are working on reinvigorating block captain program to help recruit LPCA memberships.

Tree pits

- Supposed to be planted by December.

Community Announcements

BGE - Faviola Donata-Galindo & Bonnie Johansen

- Projects coming up include Key Bridge transmission line cable replacements. Due to environmental/commercial difficulty with underwater replacement, stepped back and looked at overhead approach with poles in the water. Due to future traffic requirements, the tallest of the 5 poles will need to be around 400' high, 700' inside the existing bridge. Project will be finished around 2024. Will add oyster beds around foundations.
Q: Bridge is 4 miles from Fort McHenry, why not put them on Fort Carroll side?
A: Shortest path in order to connect to land sides.
Q: Seems BGE is cheating out on whole project - why can't it be put underground?
A: Permits to go underground are now extremely difficult.
Q: Do you have drawings of what these look like when built?
A: Yes.



DHHS Athletic Director - Alan Holmes

- Alan Holmes not available to present.
- Brian McHale - From time DHHS football games were first played at Latrobe, there have been issues around departure of students. When whole idea of building turf field was proposed to LPCA, one of the concerns brought up was issues around dismissal. We were assured at that time if issues arose, Swan Park was identified as a secondary location to host games. Currently the school claims they have personnel at the games, but they leave after game is over, and the issues arise later. Last game was less chaotic so there have been incremental improvements. Send elected officials message if you feel strongly about these topics.

Q: Concern that if DHHS can't provide safety for community, they shouldn't be here.

A: We will seek update from DHHS via email and express concerns.

Safety Walk

- 12/4/18 from 6-7pm meeting at Latrobe Park Entrance, in coordination with Riverside NA's safety walk following at 7pm. Working to coordinate on sharing crime information. Won't meet if raining or below 32 degrees.

Thread/Ravens Game Day at Diamondback 12/9/18.

- Thread student support organization has had incredible success with struggling students in city. They've partnered with Ravens to have "conversation days". There will be viewing party on 12/9 with representatives from Thread, the Ravens, and Locust Point to help support Thread's mission.

Dumpster will be here for bulk trash at corner of Andre/Fort on 11/24, 12/09, and 12/22. Next to donation bin for clothing as well.

Sahan Yasdinar - Staff for Councilman Costello. Last year with colder weather had many issues with water line breaks; be sure to leave a small amount of water running if you are away for an extended period. Always available

Motion to Adjourn, Seconded. Adjourned 8:45pm