



LPCA General Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2019 - FSK School Cafeteria

Preliminaries:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call of Officers Present: Matt, Kate, Sarah, Justin, Caitlin, Mike, Damian, Corey, John
- New Neighbor Introductions: 0
- Treasurer Update: \$56,675.29 in main account; \$3,697.72 in Dog Park.
Membership: ~66

Approval of previous minutes: April 2019 General Meeting & Special Meeting minutes reviewed.
Motion to approve as presented, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

General Updates

Communications/Newsletter: contacts@mylocustpoint.org to sign up for our email list. Also like us on FB - Locust Point Civic Association. Outreach coming soon to increase LPCA involvement; let us know if you are interested in being a block captain.

Education/Schools: John (PTO) - May 11 - Riverside Pool volunteer day 9am -1pm. May 15th wed 7pm-9pm FSK silo pt night. June 1 - FSK car wash. FSK open house May 17 from 9-1030. Run Baltimore Marathon with your FSK team at wearefsk.org . Golf tourney w/ fed hill prep jun 10th.

Safety:

Officer - Last 28 days only had 2 burglaries and 2 larcenies.

Q: Traffic calming in neighborhood status? 1300 Hull is seeing excessive speeding, u-turns, running stop signs every morning. Request for drive through if officer is available.

A: We have readout on any issues daily, will add to that. 1 officer for LP per shift.

Introduction - Council President Brandon Scott (Councilman Costello intro):

BS: Born in Baltimore, went to HS/college here. Worked Big Brothers/Sisters. Elected 2011.

Passionate about making city work better. Top priority is safety and crime.

LPCA presented packet of persistent issues facing Locust Point previously shared with Mayor. Water taxi changes and traffic are hot issue currently.

Q: This community is a stronghold of residents and families trying to invest in city and make it better. We see a lot of people leave after a certain point; what plans do you have to help retain longtime residents?

A: Stay tuned, have plans in the works.

Q: Work in child welfare; how do you bring all the city's resources to bear on issues?

A: Big focus, looking at violence issues in comprehensive way. How to take Violence Reduction Initiative a step further and make more integrated.

Q: How do Council president, council, mayor interact?

A: Mayor has most of the power - as chief executive and chief administrator. Have amendment to charter to create separate administrative officer. Mayor also does budget, council can only cut



from it. Also pass laws for city and city agencies. Council president is sheer for whole council, and chairs Board of Estimates.

Q: Invitation extended to Not Light City Party. Want to offer LP's help to you if we can help.

A: Will reach out.

EC: City network has been down for last 2 days, including email. Call me or FB in meantime.

Committee Reports

Design Review:

- No updates.

Dog Park:

- No updates. Still searching for a new cleaning service.

Parks & Beautification:

- Last weekend had 80 volunteers for neighborhood cleanup; removed 1000 lbs of trash. May 18, 9am is Spring park maintenance day.
- Field House scaffolding is down and sidewalk is cleaned up and area reseeded. LPCA will have keys for storage area there.
- Bench project also going on; new teak benches in entrance to Latrobe.

Social:

- Planning neighborhood event Not Light City Party on Tide Point promenade on May 17, from 6pm - 10pm. Will have local band - Gary Glickman, porta potties, and drinks. Coincides with FSK kids night out. Need volunteers for setup, cleanup, bartending.
- Festival is September 7. Need volunteers. Meeting in last week in May.

New/Old Business

Board Elections:

- Nominating committee (Matt, Kate, Sarah) has ballot of nominated candidates - Treasurer is open, and at-large Board of Director seats. **Maria Tarboun nominated for Treasurer.** Any other nominations? [None - nominations close.]
Maria: Have CPA and masters in accounting, licensed in MD and HI.
Because only one running and not contested, will vote by acclimation without ballots. **Motion to vote for treasurer by acclimation, seconded. Unanimous support; motion carries.**
Board of Directors has both 2 year and 1 year term nominations due to replacements:
Committee nominates Emily Patterson, Corey Benedict, Caitlin Regan, Damian O'Connor, and Eric Souza. - All accepted nominations. Will now accept other nominations from floor. [None. Nominations closed.]
Emily Patterson: Attorney with Maguire Woods, live on Cuba, chair grant committee and serve on board already. Happy to continue serving community.
Corey Benedict: Clement St for 11 years, on board for 2. Work in IT.



Damian O'Connor: Moved here in 2014, this will be 3rd term, interested in serving again.
Caitlin Regan: in LP for 12 years, will be 3rd term on board, and chair social committee.
Work as realtor.

Eric Souza: Work for Waterfront Partnership. Live on Lowman, married with 2 daughters.
Passionate about helping people and moving community forward.

Vote by acclimation for slate as a whole. Motion, seconded. Unanimous support, motion carries.

Board for 1 year term - nominated Bobby Saylor. [Could not attend tonight.] Has been working on Parks committee and pivotal in cleanups. Brian McHale is stepping down so this nomination fills remainder of his term. Any nominations from floor? [None, nominations closed.] **Motion for vote by acclimation, seconded. Unanimous support, motion carries.**

- Jessica Amizadeh served for 2 years and Brian McHale served for 3 years on board; our thanks to them.

Community Announcements

- Team 46 update

Senator Bill Ferguson: Annual picnic for Brooke Lierman on June 2 in Patterson Park. Thanks for sticking with city throughout very tough time. This was my 9th session, and was hardest faced yet. Despite where things are, fundamentally believe this is a turning point to radically change direction of city. Look at Philly 92-96 vs. today. That is possible in Baltimore, we have the foundation, it's just a matter of making better choices. 1500 bills in this session. Serve on Budget and Taxation Committee. Chairman of Education Funding subcommittee, including \$75M budget. Came to Baltimore as a teacher, believe strong schools are critical. Principal Basmajian winning award on Friday for being such a successful principal. My kids go to public school. Takes resources to replicate great schools; took deep look at that this year with Kirwin Report. Passed bill accounts for \$255M of additional funds. Baltimore has very concentrated poverty; 130 of 177 schools have 80% students qualifying for free/reduced lunches. PG has 40, then next is 12. Funding formula has been redesign to account for that. Funding for crime reduction has not produced results, despite pledges of collaboration among agencies. Holding back \$15M until relevant agencies provide plan by August 1 for how they will do this. Jobs worked on via Opportunity Zones federal tax program to help incentivize capital investments in long term job creation. Passed bill to align State incentives with federal OZs to increase incentives in city.

Delegate Robin Lewis: Live in Patterson Park and work as public health researcher. Work on health policy matters. Also advocate for environmental and transportation issues. 3 bills worked on include health insurance regulation, reduce prescription drug costs, easier enrollment in affordable health coverage, and clean energy jobs act.

Delegate Luke Clippinger: Live in Riverside. Now chair of House Judiciary Committee, so didn't have lot of legislation this year. Worked on comprehensive juvenile justice reform council. Gun transfers and loaning of registered firearms were impossible to go after previously, passed bill to change that. Also worked on legislation for cyber bullying of children, increasing penalties for harassment in electronic communications. Also worked on drunk driving legislation to increase penalty for 3rd/4th convictions, and requirements for interlocks that take pictures when previously convicted. Cleaned up human trafficking laws and toughened penalties.



Q: Work at UMMC as nurse educator, working with local high school for surgical tech program to bring students into workplace.

BF: Youthworks program has been highly successful, last year found 8k jobs for kids in summer. Please encourage your employers to look into partnering with them.

Q: Question about retaining families and quality of life issues. City sells out to developers too much, stretches us too far.

BF: City has to get back to doing basics better. Have gotten too used to disfunction in basic government services.

LC: Very focused on improving Lawrence/Fort and surrounding intersections. Other part of back to basics is BCPD consent decree and rebuilding training programs from ground zero, which makes it possible for them to better deal with quality of life issues.

- Richard Osman, Integrated Financial Partners

Announcement - was resident of LP for 17 years. Hosting happy hour with John Shea on Wed May 29 5-7pm at Port Public House to answer questions about how to best invest your money.

- Kelsey Miller, Foundation Fighting Blindness

Maryland based foundation but national reach. Coming to neighborhood June 2nd from 9-11 for 12th annual Vision Walk. 4th year holding in LP. Raising money to support research to stop blindness. Free snow cones and face painters, O's bird, lots of fun stuff in Latrobe.

- Pastor Ramsey, LP Community Church

May 18 is Spring Festival, with petting zoo, strawberry festival, tot swap to get rid of too-small kids clothing, etc. Sept 28 is Crab Feast fundraiser. \$50 per person. Have bus coming from LP to location for \$10 round trip. See locustpointcommunitychurch.org for more information. Open for pastoral care for anyone in neighborhood - baptisms, weddings, funerals, counseling.

Motion: Move to Adjourn; Seconded. Motion Carries - Adjourned 8:55pm