
Meeting Minutes for Lincoln Park Civic Association (LPCA)

Saturday, October 12, 2024

Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on October 12th, 2024, at the Lincoln Park Community Center. It began at 11:00 am and was presided over by Omobogie Amadasu. The meeting was in person and virtual via zoom. A Quorum was achieved for voting purposes this meeting. But no official LPCA votes took place.

Attendees

- Board members: Omobogie Amadasu, Anita Summerour, Zoe Denito, Kate Scott
- Community Members: Lucinda Hall, Robin Prather, Darlene Prather, Anita Neal Powell, Ruth Brown
- City of Rockville: Troy Plummer (PD), Yvette Yeboah-Schools (LPCC), , Ricky Barker (City of Rockville),
- Residents of Rockville at Large, MoCo /Businesses of MoCo: Barry Moultrie (Mt. Calvary)
- Virtual: Monique Ashton (City of Rockville)

Lincoln Park Community Center (Yvette):

- Renovation Update:
 - The contract for the renovation is in purchasing. Invitation For Bid is out. Contractor tours will start this week. January start date for renovation. Will pack up stuff. Will try not to close the goal is to stay open. May offer closing time maybe around spring break or early summer. No expansion same build footprint.
 - Mural Update:
-

- Gym wall mural will be on Monday. The artist will sketch on the wall and the kids can help. Nov. 9th is the date for the community workshop and meet and greet. Will provide more information via email.
- General Information:
 - Rate will stay the same for membership. Financial assistance for low income families. After next year the rates may go up.

Rockville Planning Office (Ricky Barker):

- Mr. Barker gave a presentation (see attached) about changing the zoning for a few areas in Lincoln Park.
 - Along North Stonestreet on the west side past the school the city is proposing to rezone the area from single family homes to multi-family homes (Duplex, Triplex, Townhomes)
 - LPCA members asked Mr. Barker how did this come about? Why our neighborhood
 - The city planners are looking for locations to increase housing supply. The demand for housing is high and the supply is low.
- Christopher Davis provided an update about the design guideline developments via email below:
 - September 25- Planning Commission Public Hearing on amended LPNCD plan & ZTA
 - October 23- Planning Commission Recommendation on amended LPNCD plan & ZTA
 - November 4- Mayor and Council Public Hearing and Discussion & Instruction to Staff on amended LPNCD plan & ZTA
 - December 9- Mayor and Council Adoption of LPNCD plan and ZTA

City Police: (T. Plummer)

- Animal control is under PD. ASB. Members were concerned about an injured fox

- Lincoln Park Calls for service
 - A total of 6 calls for service
 - A physical altercation was the only report.
 - 4 calls for suspicious activity
- Total Calls for Service
 - Up to 24,000
 - Yearly average is 23,000
 - 85% of the calls are handled by Rockville PD. The county handled 9%.
- Staffing
 - Staffing shortage with the county.
 - City of Rockville got additional funding from the county
 - Will hire more officers
 - Four teams. Had a few injuries. Had to shuffle personnel. Allows overtime if officers want it. 3pm to 6pm and 6pm and 9pm. Trying to bolster the teams during the high volume call time.
 - Lateral hire came from berwyn heights and was with two different shiffs department.
 - Two cadets dropped from the academy
- Events
 - Faith and Blue on October 11th was a good turnout
 - Conunty and civil government officals were in attendance
 - About 300 guns were taken off the streets. PD ran out of giftcards
 - October 25th is Movie Night

- Narcan training on Oct. 26th from 12pm to 1pm and drug take back from 12pm to 5pm. With Tree of Hope and Lincoln Park Community Center. Will be on the city police department page

Mayor & Council: (Mayor Ashton)

- Budget season. Fill out the budget application. Takes about 5 mins. Please fill out.
- Town center master plan. Want to get more feedback on the plan.
- Community needs assessment going out to selected house holds. Oct. 28th public hearings. Housing workshops on subsidies, supply, and another topic. Twinbrook new units over 400+ and more units are coming up.
- 12,000 people came out for Taiwan bubble tea festival. October 19th Asphalt Art. Motown holidays coming back to the center.
- New business opening up in rockville and a new grocer is coming soon.
- Programs are available to help small business get started.
 - Opened small scale manufacturing opportunities. Community organization grants. Open until november 1st.
- Got \$900k for EV charging stations.
- Giant and city partnership is working well to prevent the carts all over the community. If you see a cart go on line and make a complaint.
- Removal of the trailers at MCPS are finally gone. April Keyes was the contract. MCPS has to do a resolution to transfer the land to the county so possibly a lease can be granted.
- New Arts. Director Anna.
- Pedestrian death in the City of Rockville. October 29th for vigil

City of Rockville Arts:

- No update this meeting

LPCA Capital Improvement Project Ideas:

- Israel Park Soccer Goals
 - Awaiting decision from the city
- Replace Old Bleachers
 - No Discussion
- Fix Drainage
 - No Discussion
- Access to 365 and Montgomery College
 - No Discussion

Treasury Report (Anita):

- Non-Profit Checking:
 - 9/01/2024 balance: \$3,909.16
 - Deposit
 - None
 - Withdraws:
 - Website development \$625.00
 - Service charge: \$2.34
 - 9/30/2024 balance: \$3,281.82
- Savings:
 - 9/1/2024 balance: \$1,033.59
 - Deposit
 - Interest: \$0.02
 - 9/30/2024 balance: \$1,033.61
- The IRS Tax was returned. IRS requires the forms to be filed on line. Will complete the tax returns for both federal and state by next meeting.

LPCA Outreach updates:

- Website development
 - Discussed the work it will take to maintain the website without the Younger Sisters. Without any volunteers we will continue to use the Younger Sisters to update the website and upload documents.
- Yard Signs
 - Generated more interest into LPCA as shared by Yvette. Discussed ideas on where to place the signs for next meeting and possibly purchasing more signs.
- Meeting Time
 - May move meeting to another day or time to allow more people to attend.

LPCA Events

- 350 MoCo Gas monitoring walk on October 19th at 10am
 - Volunteers from 350 MoCo will come to our community and with gas monitors to detect any ambient gas.
 - This event is in place to make sure the gas delivery trucks are operating safely.

LPCA Votes:

NONE THIS MONTH

Open Forum:

- **Trailers on North Stonestreet**
 - All the trailers are gone.
 - Site still has debris that needs clean up
 - MCPS will start the process of transferring the land back to the county.
- **Lincoln Park High School Rehab**
 - No update .

- **N. Stonestreet Development Project**
 - No update.county.
- **Virtual Pipeline**
 - See events above. A walk is planned to detect gas levels.
- **Issue with traffic on 355**
 - Reported by LPCA member

Adjournment

The meeting ended 1pm. **The Next meeting will be November 16th at 9am.**