
Meeting Minutes for Lincoln Park Civic Association (LPCA)

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on September 14th, 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,
- Community Members: Justin Martin, Lucinda Hall, Shannon Shea, Darlene Prather
- City of Rockville: Troy Plummer (PD), Yvette Yeboah-Schools (LPCC), Barack Matite (City of Rockville), Fredrika Granger (City of Rockville),
- Residents of Rockville at Large, MoCo /Businesses of MoCo: Barry Moultrie (Mt. Calvary)
- Virtual: Elliot Denito, Zoe Denito, Linda Plummer

Lincoln Park Community Center (Yvette):

- 133 Anniversary for the Lincoln Park is going on.
 - Renovation Update:
 - Renovation hoping to go out to bid at the end of this month and hopefully have ground breaking by this January 2025. Don't anticipate a closure. If it is needed it will be around spring break.
 - Mural Update:
 - The mural is expected to start at the end of October. Want to speak with the kids and community to get feedback. The artist has
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been selected by VisArts. Her name is rose. The Washington Post wrote an article about her in 2019. [click here to read it.](https://www.washingtonpost.com/goingoutguide/a-dc-dream-day-with-local-artist-rose-jaffe/2019/11/29/bb3f5036-0f9c-11ea-bf62-eadd5d11f559_story.html) (https://www.washingtonpost.com/goingoutguide/a-dc-dream-day-with-local-artist-rose-jaffe/2019/11/29/bb3f5036-0f9c-11ea-bf62-eadd5d11f559_story.html)

- Program Update:
 - Programs are doing well. half way full 22/30. **added bare rustian (near Wotton) to the list of elementary schools in rockville.** A total of 4 schools MCPS provides a school to bus the kids from their school to here LPCC. All the schools have after school programs but they are quite expensive about \$300 a week and close early. All the community centers have cost recovery.
- Events:
 - International night in 2025 will be in april will be at MC college at their theater on April 11th.
- General Information:
 - Budget season is about to begin to plan for FY26 to address the needs.
 - Thinking of a new time meet for the meeting. To be more accomindating to the LPCA members and LPCC.

Rockville Planning Office:

- No updates during the meeting.
- Katie Gerbes was scheduled to attend per the agendabut was not present. Katie's topic of discussion was shared via email. See below
 - We just recently learned that our consultant for the zoning ordinance rewrite project that we're scheduled to speak to LPCA to about on September 14 is behind schedule and won't have the materials we hoped to present at that meeting complete before the 14th. Is there any way we could shift and speak at the October meeting instead of September? We think it's pretty important to have some of the maps and visual elements to explain the project and its impact on Lincoln Park at the time we meet with the community.

- Christopher Davis provided an update about the design guideline developments via email below:
 - Just as a reminder, the Mayor and Council are scheduled to consider the following regarding the Lincoln Park Design Guidelines Project at their meeting this evening, Sept. 9;
 - Discuss and possibly adopt the current zoning text amendment (ZTA) to create a process to amend neighborhood conservation districts.
 - Receive an Introduction of a Conservation District Plan amendment and a second ZTA to consider approval of the Design Guidelines. This is only an introduction of the Design Guidelines to the Mayor and Council with several other public meetings scheduled to follow (please see previous email below for list of future meeting dates).

City Police: (T. Plummer)

- Update on juvenile auto thefts
 - The juvenile is still in custody. With a court date pending. Since the juvenile has been in custody the reports of stolen cars drastically went down.
 - Another juvenile was mentioned during the meeting. This one does not have a strong Lincoln Park connection but currently committing auto thefts.
- Lincoln Park Calls for service
 - A total of 10 calls for service
 - Various crimes from fraud to larceny and an alarm call
 - One arrest but not due to a serious crime.
- Total Calls for Service
 - Up to 18,000
 - Yearly average is 23,000

- 85% of the calls are handled by Rockville PD. Before the county left the city handled about 70% of the calls.
- County police help with car crashes on Rockville Pike
- Staffing
 - A few officers were injured and PD was short staffed for a bit
 - Currently have 7 officers in the academy
 - Two new officers graduated from the academy and currently serving the community. One was a former employee of the LPCC
 - Moved one officer to detective one officer going on parental leave.
- Events
 - Gun buyback August 17th at Redgate a success
 - About 300 guns were taken off the streets. PD ran out of giftcards
 - National faith and blue on October 7th at 10am
 - Mental Health meeting on October 2nd at the Rockville Senior Center at 1pm
 - Narcan training on Sept. 28th to prevent overdose deaths.

Mayor & Council: (Barack)

- Back from recess. September 9th. Exciting to tackle the housing issue. Meeting on supply subsidies and stability.
- Budget season has started. The Survey has started. If you have projects let the city know.
- Now can have ADUs in the city.
- The town center master plan will be coming to them soon. Going through planning commission. The 6 month planning calendar will be updated for the council agenda for the next 6 months.
- New city manager has started his rounds to meet with communities.
 - LPCA is looking forward to the city manager to reach out and attend one of our meetings.

- Zoning ordinance re-zoning part of the 2040 plan.
- Public work issues mentioned during the meeting
 - Bag of trash on N. Stonestreet
 - Dead animal carcass that needs to be cleaned off the street
 - Tree foliage blocking a road sign on 355.
 - LPCA to send an email to Barack to get these issues fixed

City of Rockville Arts:

- Update provided by Barack
 - Damages the contractor is not paid will not be paid. Extended an offer to someone to fill will Karin's position.
 - Have funding for memory walk and mural to start work this fiscal year. Have a total of 3 projects.
 - Grant from bloom berg was approved by mayor for an asphalt art. Will be started soon. On Balle the art will be used slow traffic. Near N Washington and Bealle

LPCA Capital Improvement Project Ideas:

- Israel Park
 - Soccer Goals: Submitted by Mr. Charpentier. Proposal includes installation of permanent soccer goals which may cost about \$2.9k each. Will find out if it is expected by the city budget.
- Replace Old Bleachers
 - No Discussion
- Fix Drainage

- No Discussion
- Access to 365 and Montgomery College
 - A member of LPCA is attending MC and is looking for a project to construct a bridge for walkers
 - A project to extend Westmore Ave to 355 via a vehicle

Treasury Report (Anita):

- Non-Profit Checking:
 - 7/13/2024 balance: \$4,687.28
 - Deposit
 - None
 - Withdraws:
 - Yard signs final payment \$254.97
 - Service Charge (July): \$2.35
 - Yard Signs: \$254.97
 - 7/31/2024 balance: \$4,429.96
- Savings:
 - 7/1/2024 balance: \$1,033.56
 - Deposit
 - Interest: July \$0.01
 - 7/31/2024 balance: \$1,033.57
- Non-Profit Checking:
 - 8/10/2024 balance: \$4,429.96
 - Deposit
 - None
 - Withdraws:
 - National Night Out expesne: \$250
 - Table Cloth: \$268.55

- Service Charge: \$2.25
 - 8/31/2024 balance: \$3,909.16
- Savings:
 - 8/1/2024 balance: \$1,033.57
 - Deposit
 - Interest: July \$0.02
 - 8/31/2024 balance: \$1,033.59
- The IRS Tax return has been filed. The state return is still pending

LPCA Outreach updates:

- Website development
 - Website is up and running.
 - LPCA members will help to push site updates to the site
- Yard Signs
 - Signs will go up near the Lincoln Park community brick signs a week prior to our next meeting. Will post all three.
- Logo Design
 - Complete and in use.

LPCA Event, National Night Out (NNO):

- Event was a success. We showcased our new signs and table cloth
- The website was ready to allow people to sign up
- No new sign ups
- LPCA provided water and buns for the food at the event
- Plan to participate next year.

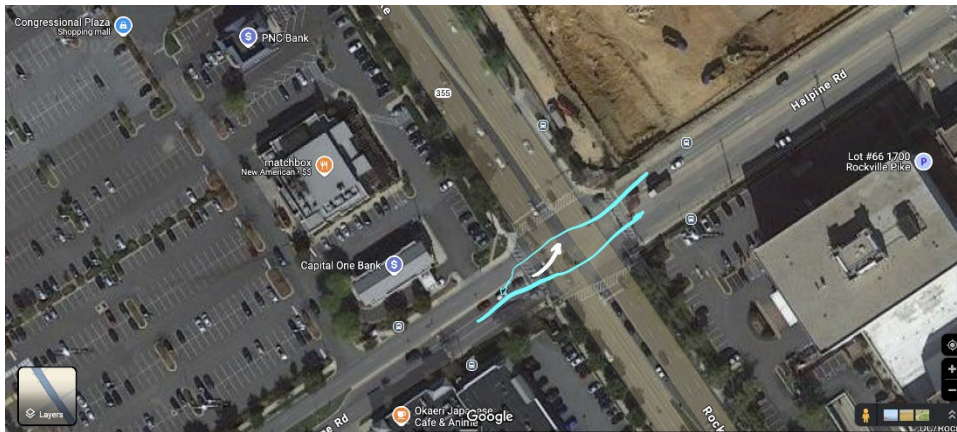
LPCA Votes:

NONE THIS MONTH

Open Forum:

- **Trailers on North Stonestreet**
 - Progress is being made with the all the trailers being removed by mid October
 - Rev. Moultrie provided some background information as to why MCPS and the county are finally moving on this effort.
 - Details on where they are relocating are not known at this time
- **Lincoln Park High School Rehab**
 - The county has nearly exhausted the \$3 million budgeted to the renovation of the facility
 - Rev. Moultrie expressed concern about the county not getting the Historical Commission involved for them to determine the level of repair the facility shall receive to meet the commission's standards.
 - If the county turns the high school over to the non-profit organization before the required repairs are made then the non-profit will bear the burden to pay for the repairs.
- **N. Stonestreet Development Project**
 - Stacy provided a brief update via email.
 - MCPS is expected to complete the relocation by the end of September (!!!), so we have requested a meeting with the County Executive and the Department of General Services (DGS) on next steps for the transfer. We are optimistic. At National Night Out, we connected with CM Glass, several Rockville City Councilmembers, Mayor Ashton, and MCPS Superintendent Taylor, and they were all supportive. And of course, you were there when we spoke with the CE – lol. Our goal is to have that meeting with the CE and DGS in the next few weeks so we will keep you posted. Let us know if you have any questions.
 - Rev. Moultrie mentioned trying to get the word out to former residents of Lincoln Park of the Habitat for Humanity opportunity to purchase a home in the lots that were vacated by MCPS and the county.
- **Virtual Pipeline**

- LPCA members discussed this project and how it impacts our community. Next week Washington Gas is meeting with community and county leaders about what can be done to make sure our community remains safe. More residents are complaining about the faint smell of natural gas.
- We discussed having 350 Moco do a gas leak detection walk.
- **Issue with traffic on 355**
 - Reported by LPCA member



- The road that I mentioned earlier is at the intersection in front of the congressional plaza: The blue lines represent the two metro buses that passed us when I put my left signal on, and was struggling to make a left turn. The white arrow is us in the middle of the intersection when there were two metro buses passing by from both directions (that you mentioned that we were nearly sandwiched by the two buses from the front and rear part of the car). Then the light was already turning orange and i gave up and decided to go straight to finish the errands for the day. And these are the traffic lights that I wished they could add to the current traffic lights (not the traffic lights that they are currently adding):

Adjournment

The meeting ended 1pm. **The Next meeting will be October 12th at 11:00am.**

