
Meeting Minutes for Lincoln Park Civic Association (LPCA)

Saturday, April 13th, 2024

Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on April 13th, 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.

Attendees

- Board members: Omobogie Amadasu, Anita Summerour, Zoe Denito,
- Community Members: Robin Prather, Lawrence Harmon, Darlene Prather, Justin Martin, Shannon Shea
- City of Rockville: Korbin(LPCC), Trish Evans (Villages), Christopher Davis (Planning), Barack Matitie (City), LT Jason West (PD)
- Residents of Rockville at Large, MoCo /Businesses of MoCo: Barry Moultrie (Mt. Calvary)
- Virtual: Monique Ashton (Mayor), Marisa Valeri (Councilmember)

Rockville Villages (Trish):

- Jazz concert was a success
 - 200 Attended
 - Great performances by Rockville high and Richard Montgomery
 - LPCA Cleanup day
 - Created flyers will be reviewed and edited by LPCA
 - Will assist the raffle with donations from local businesses
 - To get on the villages newsletter please email Trish at
 - pevans@rockvillemd.gov
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Lincoln Park Community Center (Korbin??):

- All the spring activities (Ballet, Jazz, Hoopers) all fill. A waitlist has formed for these programs until further notice.
 - Hit the revenue goals for this year
- Hit revenue goals for rentals
- Israel Park is now open.
 - Opened during spring break
 - The construction crew is currently working on a swing that was not ADA compliant
 - Park is now open for rentals
- Yard Sale Saturday May 4th from 7am to Noon at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park
 - 50 vendors have signed up. Goal is to have 80
 - **If rain on the 4th the event will move to May 5th**
 - The city provided table is \$35. Each additional table is \$35
 - Bring your own table is \$25 but only one per parking lot spot
 - Register at www.rockvillemd.gov/registration
- LPCC renovations are still on track to start in June. Will be completed in stages.
 - Renovations shall be completed by October 2024
 - No indoor rentals will be available during the renovation
 - The gym maybe closed during portions of the renovation
 - Mt. Calvary is open to working with LPCC to offer their gym during the times the gym is closed at LPCC
- LPCC still have scholarship offerings
- A question was asked about what is done with the revenue surplus?
 - Some of it may be used for discounted membership to the city pool (this will need to be confirmed by the city)

Rockville Planning Office (C. Davis):

- Provided a history of the effort to update the design guidelines for the neighborhood. (See attachment to meeting minutes)
- Currently working on 3rd Draft

- May 20th is the start to ask for permission to amend the City Zoning Ordinance to include the updated design guidelines.
- Block grants are available. Contact Chuck Dunn for specifics
 - A question was asked can this city grant be used alongside the county grant? The mayor clarified that yes, they can be but reaffirmed that the city grant is only for city residents
- Had discussion about flop houses (where people just sleep and shower) and the lack of code enforcement of these home being constructed in Lincoln Park
- April 30th at 7pm is the next advisory board meeting for the design guidelines.

City Police: (LT. West)

- Call for services Dropped
 - One arrest
 - LT. West mentioned this was a good thing, but the concern was the drop in calls can lead to a lack of faith in PD providing services. Just as a word of caution
- Events
 - April 27th from 10pm to 2pm PD is hosting a drug take back program
 - Preparing for Parade in June
 - The steering wheel lock giveaway ended 2 hours after going live. The demand for these anti-theft devices is strong. Requested another shipment and once arrived PD will host another giveaway
 - Hyundai released a software update for their cars, but residents wanted the extra prevention with the wheel locks
 - To confirm these anti-theft devices are available for any make and model car for a Rockville City Resident
 - The annual Open house will take place in September.

- Will contact Mt. Calvary about participating in the community kick ball event
- A member asked about the hammer attack that took place in town center
 - LT. West responded that this incident is still under investigation. The suspect is male, and the victim has not provided much information to date. It is expected this attack was targeted
- Due to budget cuts the County police pulled a number of officers from Rockville.
 - The funds for these officers came to the City but the city says it is at a discounted rate. They are requesting a fair reimbursement.
- A member discussed the safety issue with the scrap yard and the line that forms in front of it causing traffic issues. Since this is a county road and land the issue will have to be handled via the county.

Mayor & Council: (Mayor Ashton, Councilmember Valeri)

- Working on budget approval. The goal is to approve by May.
- Piloting a new program to make updates to projects that are out of code
- Having flood water issues? Funding is available to assist
- Meeting on the capital improvement plan on Monday
- VisArts Art day on May 4th and 5th
- Green Permit Holiday : will waive permit fees for green projects for the month of April
- Advocating for fair reimbursement from the county for police and transportation funding
- Received \$4 million to support infrastructure (Water, sewer, and police radios)
- A grant to look at the Twinbrook pedestrian bridge
- A member asked about a little house that is not being taken care of. It appears this house is on county land and will need to be discussed with the county.
- First time home buyer program

- Rockville is constructing new town homes. This program will give Rockville residents an opportunity to be a homeowner while dealing with the high purchase cost. To find out more click this link here <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/837/Affordable-For-Sale-Housing>

City of Rockville Arts (Barack):

- SHORT-TERM EFFORTS.
 - BEAUTIFICATION. I talked with Andy Lett (copied) and park staff will do the flower planting in May in accordance with the options he presented which included putting in a flower bed in and mulching the area where the section of the artwork was removed.
 - CLEANING. The city's conservator (to be clear this is a fine art conservator not a general contractor) will perform maintenance and clean the remaining sections of the Memory Walk project. We anticipate this work being complete the week of April 22. We will share an exact date once we have it scheduled. A staff member will be onsite when the work is performed.
- UPDATES.
 - The city did not receive the planning grant for Memory Walk from the Maryland State Arts Council that was submitted back in January. However, city staff proposed including those funds in the draft FY25 budget. We do not anticipate an issue moving these efforts forward.
- LONGER-TERM EFFORTS
 - Lincoln Park Community Center
 - There are also proposed funds in the draft FY25 budget for the restoration of the older mural on the Lincoln Park Community Center
 - As you know, VisArts will be doing a new mural on the other side of the building by the playground. While this is being led by VisArts it will be done with support and coordination from the city.
VisArts has secured the funding to move forward with the project.
- MORE INFO
 - Attached is an update to the document that has the draft timeline for the projects (this has been shared at several of the meetings).
 - The city is still pursuing damages from the contractor. Will have a response by the end of the week (4/20)

Rockville Vision Zero :

- Discussed the challenges that come with the installation of a speed bump. Mostly affects first responders
- Suggested we do a safety assessment
 - The members brought up this was already done and nothing came of it
 - It was suggested we contact mayor and council to request a crosswalk
 - Members then discussed the location and the type of crosswalk that is needed to keep pedestrians safe.
 - LPCA will draft an email to get further information on how to move forward
 - At this time LPCA will not pursue a petition

Treasury Report (Anita) :

- Non-Profit Checking:
 - 3/1/2024 balance: \$4,271.37
 - Less Service Charge \$2.24
 - 3/31/2024 balance: \$4,269.13
- Commerical Checking
 - 3/1/2024 balance: \$963.49
 - Deposit: \$70 (membership dues)
 - Interest: \$0.02
 - 3/31/2024 balance: \$1,033.51
- The statements for the LPCA's accounts are now going to the P.O Box
- Had payment issues with our and the City. The city will try to pay out the awarded grant again this week. If it fails we will make a trip to M&T to find out why the city payment is failing.

Website Update/Upgrade:

- Feedback received.
- Contractor is working on developing the website and logo

- Will ask about uploading a flyer to our current website link

LPCA Event, Neighborhood Cleanup Day:

- Soft date of May 11th is established
 - Draft flyer developed by Trish (Villages)
- Having a meeting on **April 18th at 6:30pm at LPCC** the meeting will confirm the following:
 - Date
 - Budget (for food)
 - Raffle items
 - Flyer
 - Volunteers

LCPA Member Vote (NAACP add):

- Members requested more information from Ms. Plummer before deciding to commit funds. LPCA will reach out and get further information. The membership is open to taking out an ad but worry we may have missed the deadline for this year's gala.

Updates provided by Email:

North Stonestreet Development project by Stacy Kaplowitz:

I hope you are well. I am sorry to report that we still have no update on the MCPS Materials Management redevelopment efforts. Rev. Moultrie is now assisting us in trying to schedule a meeting with County and MCPS leadership to understand the timeline for relocation since MCPS is still occupying the property to my knowledge. I'll let you know when that meeting is scheduled!

Warm regards,
Stacy

Intergenerational Field Day on Saturday, April 27, 2024 By Rev. Moultrie:

Dear Friend(s) / Neighbor(s),

Mount Calvary Baptist Church (MTCBC) Health & Wellness Ministry with the support of Lincoln Park Community Center, presents an Intergenerational Field Day on Saturday, April 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at MTCBC Leon Grant Family Life Center and Parking Lot, as well as Lincoln Park grounds. Rain date is the same; however, activities will be moved to inside MTCBC and Lincoln Park. ***We hope that you will be able to join us!***

Pre-registration is requested, please use this hyperlink to register [[Intergenerational Field Day - Apr. 27 - Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Rockville, MD \(mtcbc.org\)](#)]. See the attached flyer for additional details.

We invite you to attend and we **ask that you also share this invitation with others**. Feel free to duplicate the flyer as needed. If you have any questions, please contact Wanda Davis, Program Coordinator, at Wanda.Davis@mtcbc.org or (301) 651-6591.

Open Forum:

Following topics were discussed amongst the members:

Bike to School day at Beall Elementary May 8th

If you wish to participate please contact Ms. Shea

Biking to Home Town Holidays:

Ms. Shea is hosting this event. She is aware of a trail and offering other bike riders to join her. To participate please contact Ms. Shea

Youth Biking Education

Ms. Shea is offering education to young bikers. If you are interested please contact Ms. Shea. (To protect Ms. Shea's privacy please reach out to LPCA to request her contact information.)



LPCA Spoke at the County Budget Community Forum

Mr. Amadasu went in front of the County Council asking them to support the Lincoln Park High School budget item.

Update on the Trailers on North Stonestreet

Mr. Amadasu spoke to Mr. Seth Adams who is in charge of Warehousing for MCPS. It appears they plan to move items out of the trailer and into the facility they lease where NIH used to be. Will continue to find more contacts so the community is informed on what is happening with the trailers and the land once MCPS vacates.

Adjournment

Omobogie Amadasu moved that the meeting be adjourned; this was agreed upon at about 1 pm. **The Next meeting will be May 11th at 11 am till 1pm at the Lincoln Park Community Center Library.**