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# Meeting Minutes for Lincoln Park Civic Association (LPCA)

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

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## Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on May 11th, 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,
- Community Members: Robin Prather, Lawrence Harmon, Darlene Prather,
- City of Rockville: Yvette(LPCC), Troy Plummer (PD)
- Residents of Rockville at Large, MoCo /Businesses of MoCo: None
- Virtual: Monique Ashton (Mayor), Barry Moultrie (Mt. Calvary)

## Lincoln Park Community Center (Yvette):

- Things at the center are going well.
    - Hit the revenue goals. Revenue from rentals was short but made up the difference with other revenue sources
  - Prep for summer camps. A morning session and an afternoon session
    - School ends June 13th
    - End of the school year party is planned with Thomas farm.
  - Yard Sale was canceled due to rain. Had over 71 tables. A make up date has yet to be determined
  - Preparing to start the renovation work on July 1st. (Unofficial date)
    - To go out to bid
  - Israel Park is now open.
    - Attendance at the park has increased
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- Members asked about handicap accommodations for the bleachers, newer bleachers and the drainage
- A discussion about park access. Accessing the park from douglas ave and reopening some of the closed entrances (was closed due to drug use)

## Rockville Planning Office:

- Update provided via email:
  - As discussed in the meeting, below are several documents which have been prepared related to the project including:
    - **Project Refence Guide-** Provides an overview on the background, history, current process and anticipated timeline involved with the ongoing design guidelines project.
    - **Amended Conservation District Plan-** This plan seeks to provide updates to the 2007 Lincoln Park Neighborhood Conservation District Plan to clarify existing standards for the district and to incorporate the new design guidelines.
    - **Design Guidelines-** Staff has prepared maps (attached) to assist discussions on the proposed 1,800sf building footprint metric. They include:
      - **Building Footprints in Lincoln Park Map-** This map displays the building footprints (house footprints only) for existing detached homes in the neighborhood located in a single-family zone. A key observation by staff on this map is that a vast majority of the existing homes have a footprint of 1,800sf or less. Thus, staff believes the 1,800sf metric is an appropriate maximum standard to establish with the design guidelines as it provides additional flexibility in footprint size above the current 1,500sf maximum while also allowing a maximum footprint that is compatible with most of the existing homes in the neighborhood.

- **35% Lot Coverage Analysis**- This map displays the maximum 35% lot coverage (meaning building footprints of homes and any accessory buildings) that would be allowed if only the current base zoning of the neighborhood was applicable, without any additional standards such as those of the conservation district. As shown, significant additional coverage would be allowed under this scenario as compared to what currently exists in the neighborhood. This map is intended to provide context on what possible lot coverages could be only with the base zoning requirements in contrast to what currently exist in the neighborhood with the existing building footprints and the 1,800sf metric contemplated.

## City Police: (T. Plummer)

- New Chief Executive: Ebony Parker
- PD responding to thefts and fights for people stealing stuff at CVS and safeway. Possible people from DC and PG County coming here to steal.
- 85% calls for service almost up to 10k for the year.
- 9 calls for service
  - One sexual assault
    - Details about the crime were shared at the meeting
    - Case is with the County now
  - 3 auto thefts
    - The 15 year old offender lives in Lincoln Park. His profile was shared with the county. Action may be forthcoming
  - Discussed incident at 219 Spring Ave. Many law enforcement were at the home. It was shared a death happened there by cardiac arrest.
- Events

- Hometown for the holidays

## Mayor & Council: (Mayor Ashton)

- Budget approval in mid May.
- Walking town meeting
  - Finalize date and time
- Code enforcement program
  - Get support to fix out of code items. (pending budget approval)
- Follow up on abandoned property on Elizabeth ave.
- Town Center program

## City of Rockville Arts :

- Update provided by email:
  - **Memory Walk Cleaning.** I wanted to share a couple of additional photos of the cleaning of the artwork that was done by a professional conservator. You can see the artwork's appearance is greatly improved. See attached.
  - **Plantings.** I talked with Andy Lett (copied) and he said that the new plantings/landscaping for Memory Walk are on the calendar for this month. He didn't have more detail than that, but hopefully you and others should see those go in soon.

## Rockville Vision Zero :

- Safety study have started. Noticed cars slow down now that the counters have been installed. Being trying to get something in place for the last 7 years to protect kids from speeders.

## Treasury Report ( Anita) :

- Non-Profit Checking:
  - 4/1/2024 balance: \$4,269.13
    - Check (NAACP) \$70.00

- Less Service Charge \$2.28
  - 4/30/2024 balance: \$4,196.85
- Savings:
  - 4/1/2024 balance: \$1,033.51
    - Interest: \$0.01
  - 3/31/2024 balance: \$1,033.52
- Still having issues with getting payment from the city. M&T confirmed no issues on their end. Will request a paper check from the city.

## Website & Logo Update/Upgrade:

- During the meeting the members selected logo concept 3. See list of logos in the attachments
- Requested more colors renderings

## LPCA Event, Neighborhood Cleanup Day:

- Date confirmed for June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Flyers were provided to members to pass out
- Link posted to LPCA website
- Will plan to pick up items to raffle off

## Lincoln Park Historical Foundation:

- June 22nd
- Parade from 10am to 11am
- Anniversary celebration from 12pm to 6pm
- LPCA to participate in Resource fair
  - Set up a volunteer list
  - Ask Ms. Shea about having bike riders in the parade
  - Buy items to give away (using our logo)

## Open Forum:

Following topics were discussed amongst the members:



### **Discussed letter from MCPS about properties and trailers**

The trailers should be off site by July 1st 2024

The other properties will be occupied until other permanent locations can be found. May be some time before the land is released by the county for development

### **Discussed the property development near the fire station**

A seven story 291 unit development is being planned right next to the fire department. Community members can attend the outreach to the public event on May 13.

## **Adjournment**

Omobogie Amadasu moved that the meeting be adjourned; this was agreed upon at about 12:45 pm. **The Next meeting will be June 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. This will be an informal meeting since it will take place after the clean up. Will only discuss a few items.**