
Meeting Minutes for Lincoln Park Civic Association (LPCA)

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on April 11th at the Croydon Creek Nature Center. It began at 9:00 am and was presided over by Omobogie Amadasu. The meeting was in person and online.

Attendees

- Board members: Omobogie Amadasu, Anita Summerour,
- Community Members: Darlene Prather, Justin Martin, Anita Powell, Ruth Brown, Elliot Denito, Zoe Denito
- City of Rockville: Maj. Plummer (PD), Yvette (LPCC), Anne O'Dell (City Arts), Dina Fisher (City Arts)
- Montgomery County: Ed Wilcher
- Residents of Rockville at Large, MoCo /Businesses of MoCo: Mark Pierzchala (College Gardens Civic Association)
- Virtual: Monique Asthon (Mayor), Trish Evans (Rockville Villages), Robin Prather,

Lincoln Park Community Center:

- Friday is international night back at F. Scott Fitzgerald theater starts at 6pm
 - 19 groups
 - Missing lots of Hispanic groups are missing
 - 3 officers
 - Yard sale May 9th at Thomas Farm community Center Want a table can sign up on city or bring own
 - Mural On Lincoln Park working with Anne to restore the parts that were removed with the door
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- Asst. Supervisor interviews were last week. 2 finalists Monday will be the selection. Will take time to process
- Soccer goals are now open This week. Kids earned SSL hours by helping.
- Isreal Park is open for rentals. Can be booked online. Max is 40 people at the park. Can't Park on Johnson.
- Club house moved out of the facility. Is at Thomas Farm. Takes a bus from LPCC to Thomas farm. Driver provided by Senior Center
- Early May for staff to get back into the facility. Open to the community, no hard date for opening. It looks great! Getting solar on the roof. Opening community event in July.

Rockville Planning Office (No Update):

- Discussed the new personnel with the city planning the meetings about WINXX
- Mark Pierzchala discussed the proposed changes to the zoning definitions and why the College Gardens Civic Association is asking the Mayor and Council to put a pause on this. The changes can impact what type of dwellings can be permitted in Lincoln Park.
- The city is planning two public events with Lincoln Park and East Rockville
 - April 21 and April 28, 2026, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Rockville Pump House located at 401 S. Horners Lane, Rockville, MD 20850.

City & County Police: (T. Plummer)

- 25 calls for service (up from 14)
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 - Douglas Avenue (dog false)
 - Parking on Moore, (truck)
 - Trespasser on North Horners (arrest)
 - Mental Crisis on Lincoln
 - Disorderly on Frederick loud music
 - Noise Compliant on Moore,
 - Lincoln Loud Music East Guide
 - Animal call on Douglas

- Domestic N. Stonestreet (restraining order Sheriff offers)
 - Domestic on Lenmore
 - Fredrick parking
 - Noise complaint Westmore
 - Domestic N. Horners
 - Suspicions on Moore (Noise)
 - Mental Crisis on Douglas (Hospital)
 - Animal Complaint Douglas
 - Fraud on Ashley (mental crisis)
 - Parking on N. Stonestreet (Took Tag)
 - Parking abandon car
 - Dead rabbit on Lincoln
 - Fraud on Moore
- April Events
 - April 14th Drug take back
 - 17th international night
 - 18th NAACP Youth Summit (RM high school)
 - Safety and fraud presentation not until June.
 - 68 officers on. 75 allowed. 2 laterals from the north. 1. From Baltimore. It only takes a few weeks to onboard. 8 officers in field training. 3 new hires will be up to 74. 200 officers short. Lower standards.
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Montgomery County PD: LT Edward Whilcher (Deputy Commander)

- 11 years with gang unit.
- 22 years with MC County
- Auto thefts
- Home burglary
- Fire at the scrap yard
- Discussed the issue with car meetups

Mayor & Council: (Via Text with Mayor)

- Immigration call with governor. Have legal support. Have resources to help Gilcrest Center
- Zoning Ordinance, Budget, and discussion with LPT tomorrow
- Reviewing what the planning commission has recommended. and will provide a draft.
- No tax increase in the budget. MC is proposing a tax increase and income tax increase
- Increase a proposed for fees. Mayor and Council pushed back on affordability
- Senior Patrol and reorganize. It is in the budget
- Social Service Needs doing more on community grant level
- Housing Needs Assessment making changes to landlord tenant code (homeowner assistance down payment)
- Flood mitigation plan. Planning a head
- Earth Month clean-up activities happening all in April and May. (Waving all permit fees for green upgrades.
- Rockville town center one coming and more coming new restaurant
- Samsung Biologics just outside the city but up to 500 jobs.
- Maryland Woman's Business Center competition and support. Get help with a loss of a job. Founders rising
 - Arts Festival
 - Youth town hall
 - America 250 huge July 4th party
- LPCA member had a complaint about the condition of a neighbor's house
 - 713 Douglas Ave. Not well kept with lots of junk around.

City of Rockville Arts (Anne O'Dell & Dina Fisher):

- A meeting for bus depot maintenance relocation. Might have a virtual meeting in April

- David Skull Park was approved by the City and Council. A father and daughter team from Oregon. Daughter is a welder. Will come out to do community engagement
- Dina Fisher is here from Los Angeles, CA. Did 14 interviews.

Treasury Report (Anita):

- **LPCA Treasurer's Month of March**
 - o NIH period Mar. 1, 2026 – Mar. 31, 2026
 - o Checking account beginning balance \$361.51
 - o Checking account ending balance \$361.51
 - o Savings account beginning balance \$3,058.81
 - ♣ Dividend \$0.03
 - o Savings account ending balance \$3,058.04
- Dues payment: Anita Power and Ruth Brown

Website & Logo Update/Upgrade:

- Look into sending postcards to attract new members.
- Continue with current items
 - o Website
 - o Signs
- Created an archive of all of our website data using google. The link to the archive is below. All meeting minutes and handouts will be uploaded to the archive.
 - o <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16t4zA3A2ZbaG-P1j8D2RA7pLt3lk5ueQ?usp=sharing>

LPCA Board & Business Update

- Still in search of a VP, Secretary

LPCA Votes

- No votes

Rockville Villages (T. Evans)

- Go green is an event help neighbors help their spaces move green. 10 to 1 next Saturday. Rockville Senior Center, Recycling games beehive making and shred truck will be on site. See attached flyer for details.

LPCA Events

- Events are on pause until LPCC opens back up.
 - Plan a grand opening event with LPCC in July
 - LPCA can provide funds for food and other activities
 - Create t-shirts to hand out
- Shredding and Neighborhood Clean-up (TBD).
- LPCA Financial Workshop (TBD)
- LPCA Neighborhood Walk (Date TBD)
- LPCA Neighborhood Cleanup (TBD)
- LPCC Re-opening ceremony (TBD)
- Lincoln High School management board

LPCA Capital Improvement Projects

- Construction of a new bridge
- Development of the Lincoln Park High school area
- Better parking enforcement
- Renovation of the Lincoln Park High School for business use.

Open Forum:

- Discussed the Focus group for the new neighborhood signs to be purchased and installed by Rockville Public Works
- NAACP freedom fund gala
 - Shall LPCA purchase an ad?
- Discussion about the Design Guidelines from Mr. Walker (Lincoln Park Resident)
 - As a resident of the Legacy at Lincoln Park community, I am writing to formally notify both organizations that I will be submitting public testimony to the Rockville Mayor and Council regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance Rewrite (TXT2026-00271) and Comprehensive Map Amendment (MAP2026-00126).
 - I intend to submit a response in support of the proposed 1,800-square-foot maximum building footprint specifically as it pertains to facilitating single-level (ranch-style) homes within the Lincoln Park Conservation District.
 - Summary of Position & Logical Basis:
 - While I share the community's commitment to preventing out-of-scale "McMansions," a strict 1,500-square-foot limit often necessitates building multi-story structures to achieve modern living standards. My advocacy for the 1,800-square-foot footprint is based on the following:
 - **Accessibility and Aging in Place:** An 1,800-square-foot footprint allows for a functional, three-bedroom home on a single level. This is essential for seniors and residents with mobility challenges who wish to remain in the community without navigating stairs.
 - **Preserving Neighborhood Scale:** A single-story home with a slightly larger footprint maintains a lower profile and preserves the "small-town" skyline more effectively than a narrower, taller two-story home.
 - **Balanced Modernization:** This increase provides the necessary "turn-around" space for ADA-compliant living while remaining significantly smaller than typical new constructions in other parts of the city.

- I value the historical integrity of Lincoln Park and believe that prioritizing single-level accessibility is a sustainable way to honor our neighborhood's heritage while meeting the needs of all residents.
- I wanted to ensure both the LPCA and the HOA were aware of this perspective as we approach the public hearings on April 13 and May 4.

Adjournment

Omobogie Amadasu moved that the meeting be adjourned; this was agreed upon at about 10:50 am. **The Next meeting will be May 9th at 9am.** At Croydon Creek Nature Center.