

Meeting Minutes: Lincoln Park Civic Association (LPCA)

General Meeting — Saturday, September 12, 2026

Location: Lincoln Park Community Center (Multipurpose Room 2) & Virtual via Google Meet

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM EDT

1. Call to Order & Attendance

The general meeting of the Lincoln Park Civic Association was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Omobogie Amadasu in Multipurpose Room 2 at the Lincoln Park Community Center.

Category	In-Person Attendees	Virtual Attendees
LPCA Board	Omobogie Amadasu (President), Anita Summerour (Treasurer) (<i>VP & Secretary remain vacant</i>)	—
City of Rockville Officials & Staff	Councilmember Barry Jackson, Deputy Maj. Troy Plummer (RCPD), Yvette Yeboah-Schools (LPCC), Maria Navarro (LPCC), Mayor Monique Ashton,	Anne O'Dell (Rockville City Arts)
Montgomery County	—	Lt. Edward Wilshere (MCPD)
Community Members & Guests	Lucinda Hall, Rick Mui, Racquelle Stoltz, Valencia Myers, Sienna Garcia, Darlene Prather	Trish Evans (Rockville Villages)

2. Lincoln Park Community Center Updates

Presented by Yvette Yeboah-Schools and Maria Navarro

- **Facility Booking:** LPCA is officially booked to hold its monthly meetings in Multipurpose Room 2 through June 2027. Contractors still have a few remaining punch-list items to finalize in the facility.
- **Clubhouse Afterschool Program:** Maria Navarro (Assistant Supervisor / Clubhouse Manager, on staff since May 11) reported that the Clubhouse afterschool program is operating smoothly with 19 of 20 slots enrolled, serving returning children, new students, and pre-kindergarteners.
- **Staffing & Programming:** LPCC is at full staff capacity, fall community programming is in full effect, and a year-round STEM contractor has been onboarded.
- **Athletics & Courts:**
 - The gymnasium and indoor basketball court will be closed all week for scheduled maintenance and punch-list work.
 - Outdoor pickleball courts are seeing extensive use and remained active throughout the Labor Day holiday.
 - Soccer goal locks were stolen; replacement locks have been ordered. Residents are asked to notify Yvette of any facility issues.
- **Upcoming Center Events:**
 - **Neighborhood Connect Open House:** Tuesday, September 22 — an open house featuring representation from every City of Rockville municipal department (flyers distributed).
 - **LPCC Official Re-Opening & Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony:** Friday, September 25, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM — celebrating the renovated center, the restored historic mural, the new community mural, and Rockville's first municipal rooftop solar photovoltaic installation. Guided tours and program demonstrations will take place.

3. Law Enforcement Reports

A. Rockville City Police Department (Deputy Maj. Plummer)

- **Lincoln Park Call Volumes & Multi-Neighborhood Comparative Data:**
 - **Lincoln Park (LPCA):** Monthly calls for service average **20 to 30**, with an average of only **4 to 6 calls per month that require a formal police report**. In July 2026, there were 27 calls for service (including a cryptocurrency fraud case, an arrest on Spring Avenue, and stolen vehicle tags on Moore Drive). In August 2026, calls rose to 50, with several specific addresses generating 6 to 7 calls each.
 - **West End Community Association (WECA):** Meets quarterly rather than monthly. Calls for service exceed **100 calls per month** even without adding police station walk-in lobby calls.
 - July 2026: 14 calls that required a police report.
 - August 2026: 12 calls that required a police report.
 - **Twinbrook Community Association (TCA):** Does not meet monthly (meets

quarterly or occasionally). Calls for service exceed **100 calls per month**.

- February 2026: 14 calls for service required a police report; officers recorded 17 arrests for drugs, disorderly conduct, and trespassing.
- **Notable Incidents & Dispatches:** Dispatched calls included an animal bite on Horners Lane; a traffic hazard on Frederick Avenue; a false burglary alarm at a local church (technical error); an unfounded burglary call on Lincoln; a missing 15-year-old on Moore Drive who returned safely; welfare checks on Douglass Avenue and North Stonestreet (elderly resident); Sheriff's Office warrant execution on Douglass; untagged vehicles on Ashley Avenue and Douglass; 911 disconnect calls on Westmore and Ashley; mental health crises on Moore and Lincoln; thefts on Frederick Avenue (including a stolen phone); vehicle damage on Lenmore; and loud music complaints on Frederick Avenue.
- **Swatting Incident:** A hoax swatting call originating out of California resulted in a rapid deployment of 20 emergency officers to Lincoln Park.
- **Domestic Calls:** A single address on Douglass Avenue generated 9 repeat calls regarding an ongoing domestic situation.
- **Theft from Vehicles Arrest:** Police successfully apprehended and secured a full confession from an individual responsible for a major series of overnight thefts from unlocked cars. In one instance, the suspect stole \$4,500 in cash from an unlocked vehicle. The individual was charged with 13 counts and is currently held without bond.
- **Citywide Police Statistics & Staffing:**
 - Year-to-date: 509 citations and over 1,000 traffic/safety warnings issued.
 - Department roster stands at 76 sworn officers: 6 recruits are currently in the police academy and 2 are in Field Training (FTO), expected to achieve full independent deployment in approximately one year.
 - Parking enforcement inquiries or complaints should be emailed to parking enforcement and CC'd to b.clark@rockvillemd.gov.
- **RCPD Events & Community Training:**
 - RCPD Station Open House: Saturday, September 19.
 - Rocktoberfest: Friday, September 25 at Rockville Town Center.
 - Community training updates: RCPD conducted a Narcan training session; CPR training will be hosted at LPCC.

B. Montgomery County Police Department (Lt. Wilshire)

- **Countywide Crime Trends:** Overall county crime metrics remain at historic lows.
 - **Theft from Auto:** 10 to 15 incidents weekly, concentrated primarily in Twinbrook and targeting airbags and catalytic converters. Thefts occur overnight between 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM. New prevention flyers are being distributed.
 - **Commercial Burglaries:** 2 to 4 incidents per week, primarily targeting vacant properties and commercial facilities.
 - **Violent Crimes:** 2 to 4 incidents per week, predominantly domestic in nature.
 - **Weapons Discharges:** 1 to 2 incidents weekly involving illegal firearms discharges associated with unauthorized pop-up car meetups. A regional multi-agency law enforcement task force has been formed to disrupt these

gatherings.

- **MCPD Staffing Updates:** Critical shortages persist, with the department operating 192 officers below full authorization. Command transition is underway following the retirements of Chief Augustine and an assistant chief; acting assistant chiefs and acting district commanders are currently filling key posts. MCPD recently hired 30 new officers (with a small attrition rate to date); the 1st District received its first rookie officer in three years.
- **Traffic & DUI Operations:** Patrols are focused heavily on school zone traffic safety. The permanent DUI task force was disbanded and replaced with an overtime DUI enforcement detail running from September through December in direct operational partnership with Rockville City Police.
- **Community Safety Resources & Local Dumping:**
 - Residents were encouraged to use the public MCPD Calls for Service Dashboard to monitor active calls and patrol movements in near-real-time (displayed on a 30-minute safety delay).
 - Ongoing tire dumping along Dover Road was highlighted; residents are requested to report specific dumping locations directly to Lt. Wilshire.

4. Mayor and Council Updates

Presented by Mayor Monique Ashton and Councilmember Barry Jackson

- **Master Plans & Zoning Modernization:**
 - The Rockville Pike Master Plan is undergoing its first comprehensive update in more than 20 years.
 - The East Rockville Community Plan update is actively progressing.
 - Citywide efforts are underway to update and modernize zoning codes, including evaluating neighborhood impacts along Ashley Avenue.
- **Equity & Economic Development:**
 - The Mayor and Council adopted the five-year Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (JDEI) Strategic Plan to address historical disparities, onboarded dedicated leadership staff, and received letters of commendation from federal officials.
 - A new citywide Economic Development Strategy is in progress; community feedback sessions are scheduled through the Engage Rockville portal.
 - The City Budget & Priorities Survey is open earlier than in previous years and is currently live for public resident input.
- **Housing & Tenant Protections:**
 - Updated Landlord-Tenant Regulations take effect January 1, 2027.
 - Key provisions include a municipal prohibition on algorithmic rent-setting software and a pre-eviction assistance pilot program to help at-risk residents maintain rent payments.
- **Capital Projects & Neighborhood Corridor Updates:**
 - Highlighted major investments including LPCC building and gymnasium

improvements, the new rooftop solar array, and ongoing restoration planning for the historic Lincoln High School.

- **North Stonestreet Avenue:** The initiative to clear materials management staging and remove trucks from the west side of North Stonestreet was temporarily delayed due to Montgomery County budget shortfalls.
- **WIXX Property Annexation:** The City is awaiting documentation and technical reviews before public briefings and development proposals can be released.
- **Community Surveys & City Events:** The Community Garden Survey is live. Upcoming community events include Line Dancing in the Square, Peerless Rockville's 250th anniversary programming covering Lincoln Park heritage, the Taiwan Bubble Tea Festival, and Rocktoberfest.

5. Rockville City Arts Updates

Presented by Anne O'Dell

- **Memory Walk Park Public Art Project — "Guiding Light" by Dina Fisher:**
 - **Installation Timeline:** Scheduled for October/November 2026.
 - **Ribbon Cutting & Rededication:** Scheduled for Spring 2027. Lincoln Park residents will be invited to share their thoughts and reflections for the ribbon cutting/rededication program.
 - **Digital Archive:** Dedicated webpage content is currently being created on the City website to archive the public art project and formally acknowledge all community members who participated.
- **David Scull Park Public Art Project — "Shared Passage" by CJRDesign:**
 - **In-Person Artist Workshops:** Community design sessions with the artists will take place on:
 - *Wednesday, October 7, 2026:* 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at Rockville Housing Enterprises (RHE).
 - *Thursday, October 8, 2026:* 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Pump House (401 S. Horners Ln).
 - **RSVP Notice:** Attendees are requested to RSVP directly to Anne O'Dell by **September 30** so adequate pizza and beverages can be ordered for all participants.
- **RedGate Park and Arboretum:**
 - Master planning encompasses a multi-phase park project spanning 10 to 15 years.
 - Phase 1 design is currently in progress, and in-person community workshops for public art will be hosted in the spring of 2027.
- **Conservation and Maintenance of Public Artworks:**
 - Over the next 6 to 9 months, targeted work will be carried out across the City's collection to conserve and repair public artworks.
 - The artwork "*LPCC Group*" located inside the Lincoln Park Community Center will be temporarily removed and taken off-site for professional repairs during this

period.

- **Arts and Culture Strategic Plan:**

- The citywide planning process will occur in two distinct phases:
 - *Phase 1:* Comprehensive community engagement to evaluate how, where, and when residents engage in, attend, or produce arts, culture, folk arts, or cultural activities.
 - *Phase 2:* Plan development and community review.
- The Engage Rockville platform will be utilized to facilitate input throughout both phases.
- The strategic planning initiative will officially launch in early 2027.

6. Rockville Villages

Presented by Trish Evans

- **East of MD 355 Concept:** Neighborhood stakeholders convened at RedGate Park to explore village concepts for communities east of Route 355. While Twinbrook, Lincoln Park, and East Rockville seek collaborative support and mutual resource-sharing, each neighborhood affirmed its intent to preserve its unique community identity and remain distinct villages rather than merge.
- **Proposed Collaborative Initiatives:** Potential joint activities include neighborhood plant exchanges, tool-lending libraries for home maintenance, and community “Fix-It” repair clinics.

7. LPCA Board & Business Updates

- **Board Vacancies:** The association continues to seek candidate nominations and member volunteers to fill the vacant Vice President and Secretary positions.
- **Annual Membership Dues:** Membership dues remain \$10.00 per calendar year. Residents joining at this time are welcomed on a trial basis.
- **Outreach & Digital Presence:** Current outreach and website updates are focused on historical preservation, public awareness, and advocacy for the Lincoln Park High School site. Several new neighbors attended today's meeting and were welcomed to the association.

8. Treasury Report

Presented by Anita Summerour

- **NIH Federal Credit Union Account Balances & Statements:**
 - **July 2026 Statement Period (07/01/2026 – 07/31/2026):**
 - *Business Savings (Share ID 0000):* Beginning Balance: **\$3,058.93**; Deposits (0.010% APY dividend): **+\$0.03**; Withdrawals/Transfers: **-\$300.00** (-\$50.00 online transfer to Checking on 07/27, -\$250.00 cash withdrawal on 07/31); Ending Balance (07/31/2026): **\$2,758.96**.

- *Carefree Business Checking (Share ID 8500)*: Beginning Balance: **\$181.51**; Deposits: **+\$50.00** (07/27 transfer from Savings); Withdrawals: **-\$200.00** (07/28 ACH debit Omobogie Amadasu); Ending Balance (07/31/2026): **\$31.51**.
 - *Total Combined Balance (as of 07/31/2026)*: **\$2,790.47** (Total YTD Dividends: \$0.16).
- **August 2026 Statement Period (08/01/2026 – 08/31/2026)**:
 - *Business Savings (Share ID 0000)*: Beginning Balance: **\$2,758.96**; Deposits (0.010% APY dividend): **+\$0.02**; Withdrawals: **\$0.00**; Ending Balance (08/31/2026): **\$2,758.98**.
 - *Carefree Business Checking (Share ID 8500)*: Beginning Balance: **\$31.51**; Deposits: **\$0.00**; Withdrawals: **\$0.00**; Ending Balance (08/31/2026): **\$31.51**.
 - *Total Combined Balance (as of 08/31/2026)*: **\$2,790.49** (Total YTD Dividends: \$0.18).
- **Banking Access**: Progress continues on establishing online banking access for Treasurer Anita Summerour at NIH Federal Credit Union.
- **Officer Reimbursement Approved**: The association reviewed and approved reimbursement to President Omobogie Amadasu for out-of-pocket payments made via personal credit card for InMotion website hosting renewals:
 - Invoice paid August 10, 2026: **\$38.99**
 - Invoice paid August 24, 2026: **\$179.88**
 - *Total reimbursement approved*: **\$218.87**
- **National Night Out Fund Allocation**: Leftover funds from National Night Out will be allocated toward a formal thank-you letter and a small gift for the Croydon Creek Nature Center in appreciation for hosting LPCA meetings during community center renovations.
- **Grant Opportunities**: LPCA will prepare and submit an application for the upcoming City of Rockville Community Empowerment Grant cycle.

9. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) & Open Forum

- **CIP Advocacy**: Members discussed prioritizing advocacy for a comprehensive gymnasium renovation at LPCC in upcoming city budget submissions.
- **Neighborhood Gateway Signage**: Residents discussed the placement of new Lincoln Park neighborhood identifier signage, noting the priority need for an entry sign facing incoming traffic from Dover Road.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM by President Omobogie Amadasu. The next LPCA General Meeting will take place on **Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 9:00 AM** in Multipurpose Room 2 at the Lincoln Park Community Center.