

Meeting Minutes: Lincoln Park Civic Association (LPCA)

General Meeting — Saturday, October 10, 2026
Location: Lincoln Park Community Center (Multipurpose Room 2, 357 Frederick Ave, Rockville, MD) and 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.

2. Approval of Prior Minutes

Category	In-Person Attendees	Virtual Attendees
LPCA Board	Omobogie Amadasu (President), Anita Summerour (Treasurer) (VP & Secretary remain vacant)	—
City of Rockville Officials & Staff	Maria Navarro (LPCC Assistant Supervisor)	Anne O’Dell (Rockville City Arts), Mayor Monique Ashton (via text update)

Category	In-Person Attendees	Virtual Attendees
Montgomery County	—	Lt. Edward Wilshere (MCPD)
Community Members & Guests	Sienna Garcia, Gwen Wilson, Lucinda Hall, Michelle & Micah Allen (Orivia Tech), Rick Mui, Valencia Myers, Leila Diop, Justin Martin, Darlene Prather, Sergio Diaz	Trish Evans (Rockville Villages)

The minutes of the September 12, 2026 general meeting were reviewed and formally approved as distributed.

3. Lincoln Park Community Center Updates

Presented by Maria Navarro

- **Rededication Debrief & Commemorative Plaque:** A permanent plaque commemorating the building renovations, the restored historic mural, the new community mural, and the rooftop solar installation is now mounted outside the center.
- **Staff Recognition:** Director Yvette Yeboah-Schools attended a community breakfast where the new Bayard Rustin center was honored with an award for cultural diversity.
- **Clubhouse Afterschool Program:** The fall program has commenced and is currently operating at full capacity with 20 students enrolled.
- **Community Education & Wellness:**

- English Language Classes: Over 70 students are enrolled across instructional sessions hosted at LPCC and Twinbrook Community Center.
- Dance Fit: Weekly wellness fitness classes continue to operate on schedule.
- **Village Collaborations & Gatherings:**
 - Fix-It Clinic: LPCC is partnering with Rockville Villages in March 2027 to host a neighborhood repair clinic, with anticipated attendance exceeding 250 participants.
 - Spring Community Gathering: Initial planning is underway for a neighborhood gathering in the spring (interested organizers should contact Yvette).
- **Community Safety & Facility Concerns:**
 - Special Needs Support: Discussion took place regarding neighborhood support for an autistic youth needing close supervision. Maria and board members recommended exploring Clubhouse program enrollment and consulting with Lt. Wilshire regarding Montgomery County's specialized unit for special needs individuals.
 - Suspicious Vehicle: A red Volkswagen Jetta without registration plates has repeatedly parked in the LPCC lot between 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM. When approached, the driver speeds away. Non-emergency police dispatch has been notified.
 - Dover Road Corridor: Continued litter and dumping along Dover Road were reiterated for municipal clean-up.

4. Law Enforcement & Public Safety Reports

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

Presented via official written report submitted in advance by RCPD

- **Attendance Note:** RCPD was unable to attend in person and provided their written monthly breakdown for community review.
- **Call Volumes & Trend Analysis:**
 - Lincoln Park logged 36 total Calls for Service (CFS) in September 2026, consistent with 37 in August 2026 and 36 in September 2025.

- Only 2 incidents resulted in formal written case reports (compared to 3 in August 2026 and 1 in September 2025).
- **September 2026 Written Case Incidents:**
 - a. Theft of License Plates (700 Block of Lenmore Ave): Reported September 16, 2026 (occurred between January 27 and September 15); an unknown suspect stole registration plates off a resident's vehicle.
 - b. Identity Theft / Fraud (200 Block of Lincoln Ave): Reported September 21, 2026 (occurred August 12); an unknown suspect fraudulently obtained a bank loan in a resident's name. The incident is actively being investigated by the lending institution and the MCPD Financial Crimes Unit.
- **September 2026 CFS Disposition Breakdown:** Miscellaneous/Other (12), Parking Offenses (4), Animal at Large (4), Animal Cruelty (2), Abandoned Autos (2), Family Trouble (2), Investigative Follow-ups (2), Alarms (2), Larceny of Auto Part under \$50 (1), Juvenile Runaway (1), Police Information (1), Recovered Property (1), Suspicious Situation (1), and Sheriff Dispatch (1).
- **Parking Enforcement Contact:** Non-emergency parking infractions should continue to be emailed to parking enforcement and copied to city parking supervisors.

B. Montgomery County Police Department (Lt. Edward Wilshire)

- **Department Leadership & Staffing:**
 - Chief Marcus Jones previously retired; Chief Augustine retired; Acting Chief Darren Frank is currently leading the department. Commander Jordan Satinsky transferred to the 4th District, and an additional officer was transferred to the 1st District.
 - Department staffing vacancies worsened from 191 down to 211 vacant officer positions. Active recruitment efforts are ongoing nationally.
- **Crime Statistics & Trends:**
 - County property crime was relatively quiet until the final week of September, when vehicle break-ins surged from an average of ~3 per week to 19 in a single week.
 - Stolen vehicles countywide are up 24%, with King Farm identified as an active target for recent theft sprees.
 - Airbags and catalytic converters continue to be stolen overnight to feed illicit fencing operations.
 - Rockville continues to rank objectively as one of the safest municipalities in Maryland.

- **Hate/Bias Cases:** MCPD investigated three recent incidents across the county: an assault on a Ride On bus, a swastika painted on a supply bus, and an ongoing stalking investigation.
- **Community Safety Programs & Infrastructure:**
 - Check on Patrol: Available for residents to request proactive patrol monitoring.
 - Camera Connect Program: Residents and businesses can register private security cameras with MCPD to permit real-time emergency access during active police incidents.
 - Dover Road Infrastructure: Dover Road requires street sweeping/dumping mitigation, and faded pavement markings need repainting by DPW/County Highway Services.

5. Mayor and Council Updates (Mayor Monique Ashton)

- **Attendance & Meeting Monitoring:** Mayor Ashton monitored the meeting chat and communicated via text message due to an outside commitment, actively answering resident questions in real time.
- **LPCC Re-Opening & Neighborhood Connect:** Commended the successful Lincoln Park Community Center re-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Highlighted the citywide Neighborhood Connect open house held to meet with local residents, giving special recognition to Anita Summerour as the Lincoln Park community participant.
- **Community Health & Overdose Prevention:** Highlighted the successful Naloxone (Narcan) training session held at LPCC in support of the "Rockville Goes Purple" substance use prevention initiative.
- **Community Budget Input Survey:** Emphasized the importance of community input on the City's Community Budget Input Survey, encouraging all residents to submit feedback before the mid-October deadline.
- **Economic Development Strategic Plan (REDSP):** Reminded residents to complete the economic development survey and attend the upcoming public community input meeting scheduled for November 12, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM at City Hall.
- **Rockville Election Code Modernization:** Announced upcoming Mayor and Council public hearings on November 2 and November 9, 2026, regarding major proposed charter and election code updates:

- Youth Voting Rights: Expanding municipal voting rights to 16- and 17-year-olds beginning in 2027.
- Ranked-Choice Voting: Implementation scheduled for municipal elections starting in 2031.
- Term Limits: Limiting the Mayor and Councilmembers to a maximum of four (4) consecutive terms.
- **Upcoming City Events:**
 - Rockville Antique Car Show: Next weekend on the grounds of Glenview Mansion / Civic Center Park.
 - F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Festival: Saturday, October 24, 2026.

6. Rockville City Arts Updates (Anne O'Dell)

- **David Scull Park Entry Arch ("Shared Passage" by CJRDesign):** Debrief on community design workshops held October 7–8. The sessions had strong community and youth attendance; fabrication and site installation remain on schedule for Fall 2027.
- **Memory Walk Park Public Art Project ("Guiding Light" by Dina Fisher):**
 - Sculptures are in fabrication, with completion expected by mid-November.
 - Detailed engraving is underway; physical elements will arrive in late November for on-site installation by December.
 - Artist Dina Fisher is finalizing travel dates to supervise on-site installation next month.
- **RedGate Park Master Plan:** Phase 1 public art advisory committee generated high resident interest. Community members who missed Phase 1 can participate in future phases of the 10-to-15-year master plan.

7. Rockville Villages Collaboration (Trish Evans)

- **Puppy Party:** Dog costume social event scheduled for Saturday, October 17 at 1:00 PM at the King Farm Dog Park.
- **Fix-It Clinic:** Ongoing coordination with LPCC staff for the March 2027 regional repair event.

8. Zoning & Neighborhood Development

A. WIXX Property Annexation

- **Planning Commission Schedule:** The City of Rockville Planning Division (Manisha Tewari) confirmed that the preliminary annexation plan is scheduled for Planning Commission review on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.
- **Review Process:** The Planning Commission will evaluate the preliminary plan and forward it to the Mayor and Council for formal adoption, followed by a public hearing tentatively scheduled for January 2027.
- **LPCA Action Item:** The association will follow up with Planning staff to seek explicit confirmation on whether the parcel being annexed is designated for Residential (RMD-25) or Industrial zoning.

B. Lincoln Park High School Site & MCPS Relocation

- **Relocation Stalled:** Reports indicate Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) may not relocate its materials management warehouse and print shop fleet to the former Amazon warehouse site due to insufficient facility size.
- **Redevelopment Impact:** The delay halts progress on relinquishing the property to the County, further stalling efforts to adaptively reuse the historic high school as an incubator space for local non-profits and community organizations.

9. LPCA Board, Governance & Outreach

- **Officer Vacancies:** Active recruitment continues for volunteers or nominations to fill the open roles of Vice President and Secretary.
- **Annual Dues:** Membership dues remain \$10.00/calendar year. Dues collections are paused for the remainder of 2026; new attendees are welcomed on a trial basis.
- **Outreach & Digital Media:** The association website is prioritizing historical documentation and public advocacy for the Lincoln Park High School property. New neighbors in attendance were welcomed.

10. Treasury Report (Anita Summerour)

- NIH Federal Credit Union Statement Summary (September 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026):
 - **Business Savings (Share ID 0000):**
 - Beginning Balance (09/01/2026): \$2,758.98
 - Deposits / Dividends (earned at 0.010% APY): +\$0.02
 - Withdrawals & Transfers (2 total): -\$450.00
 - 09/20/2026: Online banking transfer to Checking (Share 8500) for officer reimbursement: -\$300.00
 - 09/28/2026: Online banking transfer to Checking (Share 8500) for website development: -\$150.00
 - Ending Balance (09/30/2026): \$2,309.00
 - **Carefree Business Checking (Share ID 8500):**
 - Beginning Balance (09/01/2026): \$31.51
 - Deposits & Transfers In (2 total): +\$450.00
 - 09/20/2026: Transfer from Savings (Share 0000): +\$300.00
 - 09/28/2026: Transfer from Savings (Share 0000): +\$150.00
 - Withdrawals & Debits (2 total): -\$418.87
 - 09/20/2026: Online banking reimbursement transfer to Share 0080 (Omobogie Amadasu Jr.) for InMotion website hosting: -\$218.87
 - 09/29/2026: ACH debit to Wave / The Younger Sisters (Omobogie Amadasu) for ongoing website maintenance/updates: -\$200.00
 - Ending Balance (09/30/2026): \$62.64
 - Total Combined Account Balance (as of 09/30/2026): \$2,371.64 (Total YTD Dividends Paid: \$0.20)
- **Reimbursement Verification:** Statement confirms the completed settlement of \$218.87 to President Omobogie Amadasu on September 20, 2026, fully reimbursing out-of-pocket InMotion hosting renewals (\$38.99 paid August 10 and \$179.88 paid August 24).
- **Anonymous Contribution:** LPCA recorded and gratefully acknowledged a generous \$500.00 anonymous donation to support upcoming neighborhood activities and operations.

- **Banking Modernization:** Transition efforts continue toward setting up an operating account with Mercury Bank to streamline online digital disbursements and vendor invoicing.
- **Community Grant Application:** The association will request an increased award amount during the upcoming City of Rockville Community Empowerment Grant cycle.
- **City Budget Survey:** Reminder that public participation in the City of Rockville's FY 2028 Budget and Priorities Survey remains open through mid-October.

11. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) & Community Clubs

- **LPCC Gymnasium Renovation Proposal:**
 - Discussion on advocating for a full-size regulation gym renovation in upcoming municipal CIP budget cycles.
 - Structural & Fiscal Hurdles: Existing load-bearing walls and high structural renovation costs present major challenges.
 - Advocacy Justification: LPCC remains the only city community center lacking a regulation-size gym, limiting youth sports and adult recreational leagues.
- **Proposed Community Interest Clubs:**
 - Gardening Club: Member Sergio Diaz volunteered his property as a shared resource; LPCA will also consult with Yvette regarding community garden plots at LPCC.
 - Financial Investment Club: Resident proposal to launch a neighborhood educational group focused on personal finance and digital assets.

12. Open Forum & Community Presentations

- **Neighborhood Entrance Signage:** City Public Works (Faramarz) confirmed receipt of LPCA's proposed location for the 2nd Lincoln Park gateway identifier sign along Dover Road. DPW is conducting field evaluations to verify the installation site.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Encouraged community enrollment in Montgomery County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) disaster training.

- **School Facility Monitoring:** Neighbors discussed community reports concerning potential facility closures impacting Beall Elementary School.
- **Community Resilience & Safety Presentation** (Michelle & Micah Allen, Orivia Tech):
 - Michelle (former NIH employee) presented on state-grant-funded neighborhood resilience systems developed alongside 12 student interns.
 - Grid Outage Preparation: Tools to assist homeowners in auditing facility power usage and preparing structures for 72-hour power outages.
 - Mutual Aid Infrastructure: Shared digital tool-lending libraries and welfare check systems for neighbors.
 - Haven Vulnerable Person Locator: Demonstrated non-invasive Bluetooth mesh technology designed to pick up local beacons and track timelines if an autistic child or memory-impaired adult wanders away.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. The next LPCA General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 9:00 AM in Multipurpose Room 2 at the Lincoln Park Community Center.