

LCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 3/11/14

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Rockel, Pen Jones, Kathleen McGee, Marcia Hettinger, Diana Beeson, Debbie Darr, Ruben Bard, Marie Frederick

ALSO PRESENT: Diana Stitz, Chris West, Rhonda Herold, Drusilla Jones, Mel Timmons, Bill and Roxanne Robbins, Shawn Lenko, Betty Miller, Dawn Slaughter, Sharon and Steve Plano, Alice Parson, Wayne Gutermuth, and Marty Fairbank.

President Julie Szymanszek asked for approval of minutes from October meeting. The minutes were approved.

- I. Presentation by Captain Dennis Delp and Kevin Kahl, Baltimore County Police, Cockeysville precinct on safety issues in the community. They said Lutherville is a safe neighborhood with little crime, and urged residents to report any suspicious persons or activity immediately. The biggest problem is theft from cars, which can be prevented by being sure car is turned off and doors are locked. The most dangerous issue is traffic. Neighbors should call police about problem spots and police will respond. Responding to a question about the frequency of helicopters over the area, Captai Delp said most of the flights are for non-criminal issues, but if the helicopters are flying low, people should be on the lookout for suspicious activity and report it immediately. Both Captain Delp and Kevin Kahl urged people “not” to hesitate before**

calling 911. They also said police do free security checks for individual homes, and people can call to schedule one.

- II. Nancy Surosky, an aide to County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, said she and Anne Marie Humphreys are liaisons to communities. She invited people to call them at 410-887-2450.
- III. Presentation by Jeff Jacobson and Alex Kopicki of Solstice Partners, developers of Aylesbury Road property. The developers envision building about 300 high-end rental apartments, with ground-level retail and covered parking in the first phase. The second phase could add 300-plus additional apartments. The goal is to attract young families and empty-nesters. Several people questioned the effect on traffic. The traffic issues will reportedly be addressed as the project is closer to construction. The developers said their project will be a massive improvement in storm management, and will have green buildings. Since the project will be designated a "PUD" (planned unit development), the community will have several opportunities for giving input.
- IV. Treasurer's report: Debbie Darr reported the community has collected \$4,594.00 in membership fees. The biggest expense is insurance, close to \$1,500.00. Assets include \$1,946.00 in the M&T checking/savings account and \$14,661.07 in the T. Rowe Price fund.
- V. Basket Bingo: Marcia Hettinger reported on preparations for the community's biggest fundraiser this year. Basket Bingo will be 7 pm April 4 at St. Paul's Church. Many area businesses have

contributed money and gift certificates for baskets, and more are still being collected. Volunteers are needed for the night of the event.

- VI. Nominations: Chair Jane Allen Bowie was sick, and Marie Frederick noted elections are held during the General Meeting on May 13th at 7 pm. Open positions are Vice-president and Hospitality, two members-at-large, membership, hospitality, public facilities, zoning, history, and vice-president. Anyone who's interested in serving should contact either Marie Frederick (mfrederick@comcast.net) or Julie Szymaszek (diszy@comcast.net) before April 15th.
- VII. Janet Daley, newsletter: Janet is encouraging people to opt for getting their newsletters by email, which would greatly reduce costs.
- VIII. Hospitality, Christine Tennes: Christine asked people to email her when new neighbors move in, so she can welcome them and asked them to join the LCA.
- IX. Security: Penn Jones gave out info about links to police websites and said he'll attend community policing meetings.
- X. Special Events: Diana Beeson said the annual Easter egg hunt will be April 6th at 3pm at St. Paul's.
- XI. Traffic: Jeff Dier reported a negative response to LCA's request to limit large trucks on Bellona Ave. He invited people to a tour of traffic trouble spot on Sunday, March 16th, when a traffic

engineer will give his opinion on options for controlling traffic problems.

XII. Zoning: Chair John Alexander was absent.

XIII. Marie Frederick reported on results of two membership mailings. 313 people paid their dues, bringing in \$4,550, less than this time last year.

XIV. Facilities chair Eric Rockel expressed concern about the County's master plan for the light rail corridor, which designates the corridor as a "community enhancement" area. Eric also reported the board of appeals has not reached a final decision on new houses on Riderwood Drive. As for the expanded parking lot and retaining wall behind Kenwood Kitchens, the owners deliberately ignored the flood plain map. The community is appealing.

President Julie Szymanszek announced that all three candidates for the Baltimore County Council from our district will attend the April 11th board meeting and the General Meeting on May 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen McGee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K T McGee', written in a cursive style.