

## **MINUTES FOR LCA GENERAL MEETING March 3, 2018**

**President Julie Szymaszek welcomed 28 people to the meeting.**

**1. The guest speaker for the meeting was Ed McDonogh, a spokesman for MEMA, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency. He spoke about disaster preparedness, especially for seniors, and the importance of having a family plan for emergencies like hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes. He suggested being alert to the news and weather reports, having emergency checklists including batteries, flashlights, water, etc. He also said people should keep their vehicles fueled and their electronic devices charged. It's also important to have a supply of medications for everyone in the family, including children and pets. Families should have a 3-day supply of non-perishable food, and water, and purifying tablets. He said more information is at [www.ready.gov/safety](http://www.ready.gov/safety) and [emergency.cdc.gov](http://emergency.cdc.gov).**

**2. Our County Councilman, Wade Kach, talked about plans for the shopping center near the light rail stop. Mr. Kach said a developer wants**

**to build two to three hundred apartments, a high-rise parking garage, a hotel, and a grocery store on the site. The plan needs to have a "PUD" agreement to go forward, which requires community approval. Councilman Kach wants the community's opinion, and encouraged people to contact him.**

**3. Minutes from the previous General Meeting were approved.**

**4. Budget chairperson Debbie Darr reported the LCA has \$4,600 dollars in the banking account, with a \$640 dollar surplus. The budget was approved.**

**5. Communications chair Molly White reported the newsletter went out recently. The next newsletter is scheduled for before the next General Meeting in May.**

**6. Hospitality chair Christine Tennes said she presented four new neighbors with plants and information on the community.**

**7. Membership chair Marcia Hettinger reported we have 214 members to date, and discussed ways to enlist more members.**

**8. Special events chair Rita Nabhan said the Easter Egg Hunt is March 25th at 3pm.. Parents have to bring filled plastic eggs ahead of time to participate. The rain date is one week later. The date for the Fall Festival is October 27th at College Manor. Rain date is the next day. Rita recommended everyone check the LCA facebook site periodically. The site brought a quick response recently when someone painted swastikas at the West Lutherville Park and they were quickly cleaned up.**

**9. Marcia Hettinger and Jeff Dier talked about Towson University's "Big Event" to help clean up the community, particularly for seniors. The event is on April 21st from 10am to 1pm. So far, there are about five clean-up projects for students to work on, including the trail near the light rail station, the historic African-american School and museum, and the area near Bellona and Seminary avenues. The deadline for applications for help is April 1st. The LCA is hop-**

**ing to make the event a general cleanup for the neighborhood.**

**10. Nominating chair Karen Darden listed available positions: Zoning, traffic, hospitality, history, and two at-large posts. Voting will be at the May General Meeting.**

**11. Traffic chair Jeff Dier said he's working to get state and county highway departments to send representatives to the May General Meeting.**

**12. Guest J. Allen Hicks talked about the organization "Friends of Roland Run". The group is putting together a planning grant to improve the stream. They are encouraging about 85 homeowners and businesses along Roland Run to become more active in protecting the stream. They're also working with Blue Water. Mr. Hicks warned the water is not safe for wading, etc. A big issue is conflicting flood plain maps which affect requirements for flood insurance.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kathleen McGee**