

MINUTES FOR LCA GENERAL MEETING, May 9, 2017

President Julie Szymaszek welcomed the 46 neighbors in attendance, legislators Chris West, Wade Koch, and Susan Aumiller. Julie introduced Michael Bronfein, CEO of Curio Wellness, the medical marijuana facility being developed in Lutherville.

1. Mr. Bronfein described his undertaking as a family business, focused on creating medicinal marijuana. He said the enterprise includes a full research laboratory and growing facility, and is not geared toward recreational use.

He described medical marijuana is the fastest-growing industry in the country and the Maryland market is expected to generate more than 600 million dollars.

The company will have three divisions: Cultivation, manufacturing, and a dispensary. The dispensary will be located in a commercial facility somewhere on York Road.

Mr. Bronfein assured the audience the facility is a closed environment and no odor will escape. He said there will be three levels of security, with entrance by appointment only.

Solid waste will be ground up and composted. The "wellness center" will be opened by December 1st.

2. Minutes from October's General meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer Debbie Darr reported the LCA is now in the red by about \$1,400.00. Total liabilities and equity are now \$18,969.98. She asked for suggestions on how to raise more money.

4. Special events chair Rita Nabhan reported an ice cream social is planned for Country Club Park on the last day of public school. The annual yard sale will be the Saturday after Labor Day. The Fall Festival, which was a big hit last year, is planned for November 9th this year. Not enough people signed up for an art night. Rita encouraged anyone with ideas for other special events to contact her.

5. Board member Marie Frederick introduced candidates for tonight's election.

6. Communications chair Molly White said the latest newsletter just came out in print, on the website, on facebook and on listserv. Molly is trying to increase the number of advertisers. A quarter-page size ad costs \$250.00 per year.

7. Hospitality chair Christine Tennes asked for information about new neighbors so she could take them a welcome gift.

8. Membership chair Marcia Hettinger reported membership is up this year. Renewal forms will go out in August. As of tonight, the LCA has 195 members. Marcia said a subcommittee has been created to review the LCA bylaws. Everyone is welcome to participate.

9. Jeff Dier reported on the joint effort between community churches and the LCA to get more people involved in projects to improve life for underserved people in the area. He invited everyone to attend the meetings.

10. Public facilities and Zoning chair Eric Rockel reported the county has agreed to work on the storm drainage problem on Bellona and Melancthon avenues. Homeowner Eric Shea commended Councilman Wade Kach for his help on the request. Eric reported work is continuing on sewer re-alignment in Lutherville. He said the circuit court ruled against the LCA in regards to the proposed Luthervilla project. There are still other avenues for fighting the project. Our appeal of the forest buffer variance was denied. Sage Dining plans to construct a demonstration garden and orchard on York Road, south of Westbury Road, to publicize their use of locally grown, pesticide free products, to supply local colleges and private schools.

Councilman Wade Kach said a Harris Teeter may replace the Mars store at the Padonia Shopping center.

11. John Alexander, security chair, reported breakins are down, but there's been an increase in burglaries, mainly because people leave their houses and cars unlocked. Rita Nabhan reported some cars have been broken into at Seminary Park during baseball games.

12. Jeff Dier, traffic chair, said signs saying "Drive like your kids live here" are being displayed throughout the neighborhoods and anyone can borrow them. Jeff said signs limiting parking have gone up on Francke Avenue near Lutherville School. Jeff offered to find out about a vacant house at the corner of Lincoln and Bellona Avenues.

13. Community members in attendance voted to keep all current board members in position. Karen Darden agreed to take up the responsibilities of Nominating committee chair.

State senator Steve Brochin said he'll probably run for Baltimore County executive next year. He thanked fellow legislators Kach and Aumiller for their bi-partison work during the last Maryland General Assembly session.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Kathleen McGee