

**Lutherville Community Association
General Meeting, May 8, 2018**

President Julie Szymaszek welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Sue from Holy Comforter church welcomed Kol Halev, who is now sharing space with them at the church.

Julie Szymaszek highlighted the opportunity to purchase trees and introduced John Alexander who discussed the tree purchase program. The LCA has made arrangements with Blue Water Baltimore where residents can purchase trees for \$75. Interested residents should submit a form. The value of the tree is \$200, but a number of grants have supported the reduced cost.

Julie discussed the Towson University Big Event that supported different improvements throughout the community. She thanked Marcia Hettinger and Jeff Dier for their efforts on leading this endeavor.

Minutes from the March general meeting were approved.

Debbie Darr reviewed the Treasurer's Report: currently \$4,655 in M&T Bank checking account and \$14,775 in the T. Rowe Price savings account. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Karen Darden, Nominating Chairperson, introduced nominees for open committee chair positions: *Hospitality, Chrissy Jerba; Member-at-Large, Marie Frederick; Member-at-Large, Laretta Evans; Membership, Marcia Hettinger; Public Facilities, Allen Hicks; Historian, Jen Liles; Traffic, Terri Byrd; Security, Jeff Dier; Zoning, Eric Rockel and Rubin Bard.* All of the nominees were approved by vote.

Jeff Dier discussed Seminary Avenue and the high volume of traffic and speed of cars, and introduced representatives from the State Highway Administration and Traffic Engineering, Diana Hines and Rahee Famili to discuss traffic and address concerns.

There was much discussion about the traffic light at Bellona and Seminary Avenues, and the congestion and issues with turning left onto Seminary or continuing straight onto Bellona. Diana Hines responded that the intersection is currently under review. The intersection is difficult to change due to the constraints by the opposing road across Seminary, as the lanes do not line up. They realize that there is an issue and are exploring options. Concern was raised about the dangers of being in the left lane and those in the right line going straight who should not be. Diana replied that it's an enforcement issue and they can discuss with BCPD. Concerns were raised with traffic backing up on Bellona Avenue.

Other discussion and concerns raised by residents included:

- Seminary and York Road -- lack of sufficient time of the Seminary green light. Seminary Ave gets very backed up with people waiting to get over/onto York Road. Diana replied that the timing of lights can be studied.
- Seminary Avenue – very faded yellow lines

- Exiting the Exxon and attempting to make a left onto Seminary Avenue.
- Speeding on Kurtz Avenue and Seminary Avenue. BCPD is not seen monitoring speed on those roads. Suggested installing speed signs, such as "speed strictly enforced".
- Jeff Dier asked if we could create a task force to meet with the SHA at another time. Diana agreed.
- The intersection at Greenspring and Seminary == exiting and entering Country Club Park via Greenspring is very difficult and potentially dangerous. Raheeth voiced that he has not heard of this issue before, and would like communication with the community about this issue.
- Franke and Kurtz Avenues are heavily traveled with speeding cars avoiding from Seminary Avenue. Franke runs behind an elementary school and it was asked if anything can be done, such as a speed camera. Contact information was shared.
- Speeding on Franke was raised, especially the stop sign at Franke and Morris where people don't stop and drive too fast in a residential area.
- Speed bumps were recommended by multiple audience members for Franke and Kurtz. It was suggested to fill out the form on the county's website.
- A resident asked about how a speed limit sign can be replaced on Bellona that was removed after an accident. Contacting traffic engineering was suggested.
- The speed of traffic on Kurtz and Franke was raised and how we can lobby for traffic calming. The response was that back when those roads were made to be one way streets, the county said the berms would help slow traffic.
- Someone asked if sidewalks are an option for Bellona Avenue. The response was that curbs must be present in order for sidewalks to be installed, in addition to storm water management and 100% participation by adjacent neighbors.

Julie introduced the candidates present, including the two Republicans:

- Chris West, State Senate, District 42
- Robbie Leonard, State Senate, District 42
- Justin Kinsey, House of Delegates, District 42B
- Nino Mangione, House of Delegates, District 42B
- Tim Robinson, House of Delegates, District 42B
- Michelle Guyton, House of Delegates, District 42B
- Sachin Hebbar, House of Delegates, District 42B
- Daniel Nemec, House of Delegates, District 42B
- Ed Hale, Jr., Republican, County Council, District 3
- Colleen Ebacher, County Council, District 3
- Wade Kach, County Council, District 3
- Bronwyn Mitchell Strong, County Council, District 3

Topics discussed included overcrowded and aging Towson High School and Dulaney High School, and

whether the schools should be renovated, new schools should be built, how many and where they should be constructed; public transportation; crime and violent repeat offenders; thriving business environment; education; taxes; healthcare; opioid crisis; developer contributions to political candidates; environmental concerns; renewable energy; and others.