

## **MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEETING 10/9/18**

**President Julie Sczmascik was absent, and treasurer Debbie Darr filled in for her.**

**1. Minutes from the last General meeting on May 8th were approved.**

**2. Security chair Jeff Dier introduced Officer Kevin Kahl, Baltimore County police liaison for the community. Officer Kahl said there's been an increase in car break-ins. He warned people to lock their cars and not to leave anything of value inside them. He said other crimes included shoplifting at several stores in Yorkridge shopping center, and a complaint of indecent exposure behind Michael's craft store. One resident reported seeing a speeding schoolbus on Francke Avenue , and was told to report that to police. Officer Kahl also reminded residents that police will do a free security check of houses.**

**3. The next two speakers were Yara Cheikh, representing county executive candidate Johnny Olszewski, and Doug Riley, representing candidate Al Redmer. The speakers answered questions about their candidates' positions on finances and education.**

**4. The next speaker was Joy Strand, the executive director of the Maryland Medical Cannabis commission. She reported 14 growers are currently licensed as are 69 dispensaries. She said there's strict testing of products and buyers need certification from medical providers. Ms Strand said there are now 65,000 registered patients in the state, with about 300 new patients registering every day. Payments for medical marijuana are cash only and the average cost for on half ounce of product is about 50 dollars. Cannabis is considered a medicine, so it is not taxable. Each state senatorial districe can have one dispensary.**

- 5. Minutes from the last general meeting were approved.**
- 6. Treasurer Debbie Darr reported net income from May to October was \$768.57. Total assets and liabilities were down slightly since this time last year. The financial report was approved.**
- 7. Communications chair Chrissy Jerbi said our presence through the newsletter, website, facebook, and Next Door are all functioning well.**
- 8. Chrissy also reported on behalf of activities chair Rita Nabhan. The next big event is the Fall Fest, which will cost \$25.00 for non-LCA members. The October 27th event will feature two bands, a bonfire, food, and a raffle.**
- 9. Membership chair Marcia Hettinger reported \$1,300.00 came in after the first mailing. That's low, and Marcia hopes for a better showing after the second membership mailing.**
- 10. Nominating committee chair Karen Darden reported the Hospitality chair position is vacant, and she still needs two people to serve on the committee.**
- 11. Public facilities chair Allen Hicks was absent. Jeff Dier reported the Roland Run improvement project is supposed to be completed by the end of February. There are no plans for a bridge from the light rail to Country Club Park.**
- 12. Zoning chair Eric Rockel reported on the rules for having chickens on one's property. Residents need to have an acre of land, or request a variance.**
- 13. Traffic chair Terri Byrd said she met with county traffic representatives about the exit problems at Greenspring and**

**Seminary Avenues. Contributing to the problem is cars parked on the street by neighbors. A possible solution is to put four parking spaces in the park across the street for those residents. The county said there was no need for street calming on Greenspring Avenue, but neighbors should call the police when they see speeders. The county added some time to the traffic lights at the intersection of Bellona and Seminary Avenues. The county rejected a request for a speed camera behind Lutherville Lab on Francke Ave. But the county did say Francke, Kurtz, and Front Avenues are eligible for traffic calming measures.**

**14. Debbie Darr reported Blue Water Baltimore is assessing sites for new trees to replace the many dead trees in Lutherville.**

**15. A group of neighbors is planning to ask the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department to cut down on use of fire sirens, especially at night.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. McGee', written in a cursive style.

**Kathleen McGee  
Secretary**