

Lutherville Community Association
General Meeting May 11, 2010

Present: Board members included: Jeff Dier, Marcia Hettinger, Alice Parson, Marie Frederick, Colleen Smart, Karen Morrissey, Tricia Smith, Michelle Shawyer, Mel Timmons, Monica Enoch, Heather Binnix, Laurie Hooper, Eric Rockel and Ted Rossman. Neighbors included: Allen Adams, Jim and Sara Brown, Marty Fairbank, Sue Harvey, Barry Hunter, Ken Jackson, Michael and Malia Mitchell, Ann Moore, Don Owings, Barbara Sterne, Megan Wilmot and others. Also present were Senator Jim Brochin, Judge Sherrie Bailey and Judge Ann Brobst.

The speaker was Senator Jim Brochin. He had voted against a tax increase and aid to private colleges and private developers. He supported public safety, education, environmental issues, the cell phone bill and lifetime supervision of sex offenders

The Minutes of the March General Meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was passed with the provision that the amount of ticket sales for the Basket Bingo will be corrected.

Communications – Sharyn Kuczka

- It would be helpful if community members volunteer to receive the Newsletter electronically.
- Electronic sign-up may also be available for membership.

History – Karen Morrissey

- The Spring Lecture Mini Series will be held on May 19 and 26 at 7:00 PM in the chapel at College Manor. The ticket price is \$10 for each lecture or \$15 for both.
- On May 19, Mr. Diggs will speak on African-American education. At the second session, Barry Lanman will speak on oral history.
- There will be more information on the Website and the Towson Times.

Public Facilities – Mel Timmons

- Seminary and Greenspring Park – We should know soon whether the Baltimore Community Foundation has approved the grant for signage and landscaping. Residents of Country Club Park can vote on the design of the sign.
- Roland Run – Letters have been sent to the residents along Roland Run stream about the flooding. The flood plain has changed over the years, requiring new strategies. There has been a 25% response to the letters so far.
- Historic Signs – Marie said planting will be done at the sign on Front Ave.
- Tree-Mendous MD – Tricia obtained a \$600 grant to plant trees at Seminary Park.
- Charles Street – Marcia said the trees will be replaced. There are questions about the phase two plan.

Security – Monica Enoch

- It will cost \$250,000 for cameras to be installed at the Light Rail Station. These have been scheduled, but the timing depends on federal funding.

Special Events – Heather Binnix

- Jeff presented Sara Brown with a gift certificate and plant in appreciation of her work for the Basket Bingo.
- There was discussion about last year’s summer picnic. Suggestions for future activities can be sent through the ListServ.

Traffic – Laurie Hooper

- Seminary Ave.- The State Highway Administration approved the request for a “No Parking” sign across from the Royal Farm Store. The sign should be in place by the end of summer.
- Bellona Ave. – There will be a meeting next Friday about the crosswalk to Orchard Hills Park. Councilman Bryan McIntyre, Marcia, Jeff, Laurie, and representatives from the Department of Highways and Orchard Hills will meet at the basketball court at 4:00 PM to assess the site and come up with a strategy.
- Norman Ave. – Residents are concerned about the fast traffic and would like a “Children at Play” sign. Eric said that the County might sell a sign that the residents could put up.

Zoning – Eric Rockel

- Cronin House – The variance for the side yard setback was approved. The new owner indicated that the proceeds from the sale of the new house will be used for renovation of the existing house.
- Cell phone tower – The provider has petitioned to put the tower at Ridgely Plaza – between the back of the former Giant store and the gas station next to Lutherville School. The tower is required to be 300 feet from a residential zone, and this would be only 131 feet away.
- Former Giant store – This will be part of St. Joseph’s Medical Center after remodeling.
- The Maryland Half Marathon will take place on May 23, partly along Francke and Seminary Avenues to benefit the University of Maryland Greenbaum Cancer Center.

The Cool Kids Run, to benefit families of children with cancer, will start at St. Paul’s Church at 8:30 AM on Saturday, June 12.

Jeff recognized the Board members who are leaving – Karen, Tricia, Heather and Mel – and presented them with gift cards.

The election was held for the following positions:

Director at Large – vacant

Membership – Colin White

Hospitality – Megan Wilmot

Zoning – vacant

History – vacant

Special Events – vacant

Public Facilities – Eric Rockel

New Business – Marie talked about the rat problem in the area and suggested that maybe the County can put something in the sewers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.