

Minutes – LCA General Association Meeting – Jan. 13, 2009

The meeting began (8:10 pm) with a presentation of \$8500 to the Lutherville Fire Department. Official pictures were taken for the newsletter.

During October, 2009 the fire department will celebrate its 100th anniversary. They need volunteers for the event. Contact Tim Mullins if you can help with this upcoming event.

The campaign goal is 4 million (1 million for rescue squad & 3 million for building fund). The fire department plans to break ground in the spring. In addition they have offered to give First Aid and CPR classes to the community. A sign up sheet was passed around. Approximately 20 people signed up.

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Alice presented the treasurer's report. The report was approved.

Balance sheet and profit/loss statement were handed out to those present.

Old Business/Committee reports:

History Committee

Karen gave a brief report on the house tour results:\$300. given to Historic Advisory comm., 2500 to LCA general fund and 8500 to fire department.

The history committee is looking for artifacts, oral history reports etc. Please contact Karen to assist in this search.

Hospitality Committee

Tricia asked for names of any new residents in our community.

Newsletter

Marty announced winners of Holiday Home Decorations. Announcement will be in the next newsletter as well. Winners – Best Lighting /801 Morris, Naturally Green/ 219 Spring, Victorian Elegance/ 200 Seminary, Simply Charming/ 611 Spring & 1421 Bellona. So far 98 residents are on the list serve.

Membership

Margo announced 106 members have joined to date.

Nominating Committee

New positions will be open on the board for the next election. Slate will be presented at the general meeting. Call nominating comm.. to help in the selection process.

Public Facility Committee

Mel announced future dates for “Adopt a Highway Program” –April 4th, July 11th and Oct. 3rd. The comm.. needs volunteers for these dates. The program begins each time at Sp Paul’s church (9 am – 11am) We provide hats, vests, gloves and trash bags. Call Mel to volunteer.

Mel is still dealing with State of Maryland/FEMA. There is a 3 ft. flooding problem at the bridge. Delegate Lafferty wrote a letter on our behalf regarding this problem. A hydrology study is needed. We have been told that raising the bridge is prohibitive in cost. In a few months the bridge will be replaced. A second bridge could be added later.

Delegate Lafferty spoke to the group at this point in the meeting. He was elected in 2006. Lives in Stoneleigh for 15 yrs. Was on the Baltimore County Planning Board 42nd District. The delegate talked about issues for the upcoming legislative session- spending went up 30%. Money for transportation and open space decreased. Didn’t have revenue to cover expenditures projected.

He continued by saying the Governor cut 500 million and another 420 million needs to be cut. Sales tax is down, income tax down, transfer taxes down, fees down. All locally and national level. One thousand positions eliminated and program efficiency is being looked at.

Delegate Lafferty answered questions regarding speed cameras. Each county decides on whether they want speed cameras. He asked for our opinion on the issue. This was turned over to the board for further discussion. He can be contacted at delegatelafferty.com.

Meeting continued with committee reports:

Security

Board will discuss whether sex offenders will be listed on our list serve as reports come to our attention from the state.

There was a break in on Morris Ave. Not much crime in the area overall. Police dealing with a homeless woman knocking on doors. Homocide on January 9th was further north of our community and the suspect was found.

Special Events

4500 bags delivered to homes for the luminary event. It is a two person job to coordinate and deliver. 100 homes participated. It was suggested that we make a rain date of Dec. 25th.

Traffic Committee

Spangler Hall for the next Traffic committee meeting. Keith Link from Baltimore Co. Dept. of Engineering has been working with us on speed humps. The county is working on 61 projects. Lutherville’s project cost \$35,000.

Speed humps go on local roads only. 75% of residents must sign off on location. Application is on county web site. Greenspring and Clark Ave. will be looked at again.

Mr Link. Will meet with neighbors on Bellona to discuss speed of vehicles on that street below the light at Seminary. Discussion continued concerning Bellona and Seminary traffic light.

Zoning

Luthervilla case – Judge didn't issue a decision yet. He has 3 months to make a ruling. College Manor- John announced they are going forward (funding still in place) with their plans. Our attorney has not heard back from their attorney. County council in November has changed the sign law. Electronic signs can change every 15 seconds. Churches and schools can use the signs as well as commercial sites.

Charles Street Subcomm.- The construction on Charles Street will begin the 1st of Feb. The Northbound side will be worked on first. The traffic will be re-directed to one side while work is completed. The trees will be removed at the exit ramps. Any questions regarding the plan should be directed to SHA/Jeff Folden.

New Business

None

Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm

Alternate Recording Sec./M. Hettinger