

LUTHERVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
General Meeting – October 12, 2010

PRESENT: Board members included: Jeff Dier, Alice Parson, Colleen Smart, Marie Frederick, Meghan Wilmot, Sharyn Kuczka, Michelle Shawyer, Eric Rockel, Monica Enoch, Debbie Darr, Laurie Hooper and Kevin LaTulip. Neighbors included: Celeste Adams, Ann Alcaraz, Jim and Sara Brown, Kurt Carmel, Becky Cranston, Judy Cranston, Joan Dier, Al Fisher, Edward Gilliss, John Horine, Barry Hunter, Jim and Kathleen McGee, Scott Miller, Ann Moore, Don Owings, Stuart Ray, Ted Rossman, Jane and Bob Ruppel, Dianne Sembly, Janice Spigler, Barbara Sterne, Diana Stitz and others.

Fran Ward from the State Highways Administration updated us about the Charles Street project. The work is proceeding on schedule. The bridges have been switched and the old bridge demolished. There will be two more weeks of demolition at night and the roundabout will remain in place until next spring or summer. Traffic signals will be installed on Bellona Ave. at the Beltway exit and at the roundabout. A lot of areas will be landscaped. Pictures and weekly updates are available at www.roads.md.gov.

Al Bumbry talked about some of his experiences when he played for the Baltimore Orioles from 1976 to 1985. He also worked for the Boston Red Sox and the Cleveland Indians. He now does PR work for the Orioles, but nothing official on the field.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Minutes - The minutes of the May General Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Colleen said that the balance at T. R. Price is \$15,658 and the balance at M&T is \$7,617. There are 131 paid members at present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications – Sharyn Kuczka

- It was suggested that the Newsletter should be published prior to meetings as usual. The focus should be on increasing advertising in the Newsletter. Bob Ruppel will try to sell ads.
- Facebook will be tabled unless someone wants to manage it.
- Placement for the community bulletin boards will have to be decided.

History –

- No one has volunteered to become chairperson of the History Committee.

Hospitality – Meghan Wilmot

- Let Meghan know when someone moves into the area.

Membership – Colin White

- Jeff explained that the Membership Committee sends out membership notices and organizes information about volunteers, which is turned over to Marie.
- Electronic payment of dues is being considered.

Nominating – Michelle Shawyer

- The positions of History Committee Chairman and a Member at Large are still vacant.

Public Facilities – Eric Rockel

- Two meetings were held to educate residents about the Roland Run flooding problem and to interact with Baltimore County and the elected officials. LCA has received a lot of information from the Freedom of Information Act. The two goals are to clarify if the property is in the flood plain and to try to get the County to control upstream development.
- Adopt-A-Highway will take place on November 6 at 9:00 am.
- More volunteers are needed to help set up the park at Seminary and Green Spring.
- We hope to replace the trees that were removed from Seminary Park.
- The County Council is considering a bill concerning hucksters and peddlers, under which they could only operate between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm or dark, whichever comes first. There have been a lot of complaints about this from other communities. If a community places “No Solicitation” signs at each entrance the whole community cannot be solicited. Eric will get clarification of this.

Security – Monica Enoch

- The cost of Light Rail security cameras will be about \$250,000 and will be done in phase 4 or 5 of the project, which depends on the budget.
- The west side of the Light Rail station needs cleaning up.

Special Events – Debbie Darr

- The Halloween Party will be held on Sunday, October 24 from 3:00 to 4:30 at Spangler Hall. There will be games, crafts and other fun activities for kids. Volunteers and donations are needed for that day.
- Debbie is looking into the cheapest way to buy white bags for the Luminaries and will see if one of the grocery stores will donate them. Volunteers will be needed to deliver the bags to homes. Maybe some school children will do this for community service.
- There can be a meeting for each Special Event, such as the House Judging and the Block Party.

Traffic – Laurie Hooper

- Laurie emailed people who indicated they were interested in participating in this committee. Meetings will be on November 2 and April 5 at 7:00 PM in Spangler Hall.
- The County is not interested in placing a crosswalk on Bellona Avenue at Orchard Hills Park.

- Laurie will get information from the State Highways Administration about the crosswalk at the Beltway exit ramp on Bellona.

Zoning – Kevin LaTulip

- A division of Mercy Medical Center will open in April in the former Giant store on Ridgely Road. They expect to serve about 120,000 patients per year. There was a question about crosswalks from there to the Light Rail.
- The cell phone tower base station to be placed in back of the Citgo station on York Road will require a variance because it is closer than 200 feet from the residential area. This will go before the Baltimore County Development Committee on October 19 at 2:00 PM in room 123 of the County Office Building.
- Master Plan 2020 for Baltimore County will go to the County Council for a hearing. This is prepared about every 10 years and is used as a guide for values and development. More information about this can be found on the Baltimore County website under Master Plan 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There will be no General Meeting in January. A special meeting can be called if warranted.
- A Haunted House with the Jokesters will be held at Timonium Fairgrounds for Cerebral Palsy on October 28 and 29. There is a \$15 admission fee. Volunteers for set-up and actors are needed.
- One of the attendees asked about problems with rental properties. For situations such as shrubbery and tall grass, rat issues, commercial trucks, etc. call the Zoning Board and they will take care of it.
- Nick DiMarco spoke about the Lutherville-Timonium Patch, which is a source of information about community news and events. The website's address is www.Timonium.Patch.com and Nick can be contacted at nickd@patch.com or 443-621-2178.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.