

Lutherville Community Association

General Meeting – May 7, 2012

Location: Lutherville Elementary School

Meeting Time: 7:00 – 8:50 pm

PRESENT: Board members included: Laurie Hooper, Debbie Darr, Alice Parson, Eric Rockel, Marie Frederick, Sharyn Grove, Lynly McCoog, Marcia Hettinger, Jeff Dier, Sara Silver, Colin White

Members Included: Betsy and Don Fair, Jan Spigler, Gloria J. Edel, Steve Plano, Barbara Sterne, Robert and Jane Ruppel, John Fischer, Brian West, Christine Tennes, Mike Silver, John R. Alexander, Rita and Mel Timmons, Sally Duran, Kevin Palardy, Robin Bainbridge, Jeannette Richman, Bob Wahlgren, and others.

Other Attendees Included: Diane Bobo, Kitty Conley, Larry Smith, Joan Blake, Rich Lebovitz, Nick DiMarco, and others.

Presentations by Senator Jim Brochin and Delegate Steve Lafferty

Senator Brochin and Delegate Lafferty discussed the Legislative Session, which included topics such as gay marriage, the flush tax, legislative redistricting, the MD state budget, gambling, and how the Baltimore County School Board is elected.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes: President Laurie Hooper asked for a motion to approve the March 5, 2012 General Meeting minutes. The motion was moved and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Alice Parson

Treasurer Alice Parson reported that the balance in the M&T account is \$5,521.63 and the balance in the T. Rowe Price account is \$14,660.26 for a total of \$20,181.89. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Revision of LCA Bylaws: President Laurie Hooper reviewed the proposed key revisions to the Bylaws (the text having previously been distributed and reviewed at the prior General Meeting on March 5, 2012), as recommended by the LCA Board of Directors. On motion, the revisions were approved and the revised Bylaws were adopted, effective immediately.

Elections: Marie Frederick presented the Nominating Committee Report. The report included the following open positions and nominees: History Chair – Ralph Welsh; Hospitality – Christine Tennes; Member at Large – Marcia Hettinger; Member at Large – Pokey Fair; Membership – Marie Frederick; Public Facilities – Eric Rockel; Zoning – Rubin Bard. By show of hands, the nominees were elected to their respective positions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications – Sharyn Grove

There was a reminder to keep private conversations off of the Listserv.

History – Ralph Welsh (not present)

There were three lectures held in March, but unfortunately the low turnout was a disappointment.

Membership – Colin White

There are currently about 210 members, which is approximately 10 less than last year. 20 members registered via the LCA website.

Public Facilities – Eric Rockel

The MTA has proposed constructing a more formal path from the Lutherville Light Rail Station to Greenspring Drive. The proposal includes a 6 foot wide stone path with 2 foot shoulders on each side, a bridge (made of wood or metal), lighting, a ramp to enable handicap accessibility, with an approximate cost of \$500,000.

Attendees raised potential issues such as security, parking along Greenspring Drive, and how lighting would impact area houses. Residents expressed much concern about security and possibly an increase in crime, and gave examples of criminal activity most likely a result of the light rail, such as home burglaries, bicycle thefts, and the homeless camp in the woods near the station.

A sub-committee will be formed to work on this issue, and interested residents were encouraged to join.

Special Events – Lynly McCoog

The Easter Egg hunt was a success with about 50 children in attendance.

Basket Bingo – approximately 144 people attended and the LCA's profit was about \$2,100.

The Annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, September 8.

Traffic – Jeff Dier

The next traffic committee meeting will be held on May 22 at 7 p.m. in Spangler Hall. More widespread participation from homeowners in filing applications for traffic calming was urged.

Current traffic issues:

- Congestion at Greenspring Drive and Seminary Avenue is a concern. A “no parking” sign was installed on one side of Greenspring Drive to help relieve congestion due to parked vehicles.
- Speeding concerns were raised for Greenspring Drive, Morris Avenue in CC Park, Norman Avenue, and Melancthon Avenue.
- Trucks continue to park across from the Royal Farms on Seminary Avenue despite a “no parking” sign.
- Charles Street update – the circle will be removed over the next 3 months.

College Manor Rezoning

President Laurie Hooper provided an update on College Manor's (CM) DR-16 rezoning application and reviewed the status of discussions with CM and Todd Huff on the matter. He outlined the LCA's position on the application and the goals that it is working to achieve in a restrictive covenant agreement with CM. CM's plan was summarized in the April/May newsletter. He responded to questions from the floor and noted that Todd Huff has mentioned that he will not approve the rezoning unless CM enters into an

agreement with the LCA regarding restrictive covenants. A main contention is the expiration of the covenants. CM has proposed 16 years, but the LCA believes it should be longer. On June 26, Huff is holding a public hearing on zoning changes and interested residents are encouraged to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.