

# Lutherville Community Association

**October 11, 2011 General Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Lutherville Elementary School**

**Meeting Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm**

President Laurie Hooper began the meeting by welcoming all members to the Fall General Meeting. President Hooper stated that there was a quorum of members present for the meeting meaning that the election of officers would take place at the meeting after the night's scheduled presentation.

President Hooper turned the meeting over to Monica Enoch, Security Chairperson, who introduced the guest speakers for the evening.

## **Meeting Presentation: Security Issues within the Lutherville Community**

Monica Enoch introduced Lieutenant R.S. McGraw and Captain Robert Rosendale from Baltimore County Police Department. Both police officers discussed the security concerns within the Lutherville Community. Specifically Lt. McGraw discussed recent crimes in the area, bike thefts and the homeless people near the light rail. On the issue of stolen bikes Lt. McGraw explained that a stolen bike is considered a 4<sup>th</sup> degree burglary. Many of the stolen bike incidents seem to be associated with offenders who use the light rail for a quick getaway with the stolen bikes. Capt. Rosendale gave an overview of the work his officers are doing to eliminate bike theft associated with the light rail transportation system. Captain Rosendale has three officers assigned to the light rail per shift who ride the trains on a daily basis. The goal of the officers is to be very visible on the light rail system. All trains and some light rail stations have cameras. The goal is to have cameras at all light rail stations. Currently this initiative is funded through a grant. Capt. Rosendale stated that there should be cameras at the Lutherville Station by 2014 through the grant funding. The other concern discussed was the homeless people living in a wooded area near the Lutherville light rail station. The police are well aware of the homeless location and monitor the area regularly as well as working on getting the homeless people out of the area. As the weather becomes colder many of the individuals habituating at this location leave. The police plan to clean up the area once they have removed the homeless people. The police reported that at any time there could be six to twelve homeless people at the site. Captain Rosendale emphasized the importance of citizens reporting any unusual behavior/incidents. Cap. Rosendale stated, "If you see something....say something" by calling Captain Rosendale's dispatcher at 410-454-7720 or 7721.

## **Business Meeting:**

### **Election of Officers: Michelle Sawyer**

Michelle Sawyer introduced the individuals who have been nominated to serve as the officers of the LCA: President- Laurie Hooper, Vice President - Debbie Darr, Secretary - Julie Szymaszek, Alice Parsons – Treasurer and chairpersons for the following committees Nominating – Michelle Sawyer, Traffic – Jeff Dier, Special Events – Sara Silver and Lynly, Newsletter – Sharyn Grove, Security – Monica Enoch, Zoning

– Rubin Bard, Directors-at-Large – Marie Frederick and Marcia Hemminger. She then conducted the election of the officers for the Association, the indicated committee chairpersons, and the Directors-at-Large. Michelle Shawyer asked the members to vote by a show of hands for the officers, chairpersons and Directors-at-Large. The vote was a unanimous “Yea.” All officers, committee chairs, and the Directors-at-Large who were nominated were elected to their positions.

### **Approval of Minutes from May 2011 Annual Meeting:**

Mr. Hooper noted that a copy of the minutes of the May General Members Meeting has been provided to the meeting attendees and that a motion to approve them was in order. Jeff Dier made a motion that the May meeting minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Michelle Shawyer. The motion passed.

### **Treasurer’s Report: Alice Parsons**

Treasurer Alice Parsons reported on the funds in the checking and saving accounts. She reported that there is \$4,716.18 in the M&T Bank and \$15,659.89 in T. Rowe Price, for a total of \$20,376.07

### **Committee Reports:**

**Communications (formerly Newsletter) – Sharyn Grove:** The goal of this committee is to support other committees within the LCA. Sharyn is exploring the idea of using social media to share news about Lutherville. Sharyn also mentioned that she could use help with printing labels for association mailings and making deliveries to the post office. Fellow members volunteered to assist Sharyn.

**History – Ralph Welsh:** A Lutherville Ghost Tour is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> with October 29<sup>th</sup> as the rain date. Ticket prices will be \$15.00 for the general public and \$10.00 for LCA members. The tour will be from 1-3pm. Other upcoming events may include a Lutherville lecture series in March 2012.

**Hospitality – Meghan Wilmot:** Meghan reported that she has delivered several potted plants to new Lutherville residents.

**Membership – Colin White:** There are currently 99 paying members of the LCA out of 750 families. Colin and his committee are responsible for doing all of the membership mailers. The membership committee is always looking for ways to increase membership and welcomes any new ideas.

**Nominating – Michelle Shawyer:** Michelle explained that she is the point person for the committee and works with other board members in finding candidates for vacant LCA Board positions.

**Public Facilities – Eric Rockel:** Eric explained that his role is dealing with issues that affect the public entities in Lutherville. Those issues include the work that is happening with the Roland Run stream flooding and the creation of a park garden. Eric is also working with residents in the community to install “no solicitation” signs. Before the signs can be posted residents’ approval is needed since the sign may be on their property. Eric is looking for assistance with resident

approval to erect the signs. Mr. Hooper advised that Mr. Rockel deserved special recognition for all of his efforts in making the new park on Greenspring Ave. a reality.

**Security – Monica Enoch:** Monica is the contact person with the police department. Along with being the police liaison, Monica also posts helpful information on the LCA website on securing your home and neighborhood.

**Special Events – Lynly McCoog:** The children's Halloween Party is scheduled for October 30, 2011 at St. Paul's from 3-4:30 pm. Lynly welcomes any members willing to assist with the event as well as any donations of candy. Lynly also shared details about a December Holiday Event. Sara Silver, co-chair of the special events, has suggested that the Luminaries event be changed from Christmas Eve. Over the past several years participation has been low. The Committee is planning to combine the Luminaries with a Cookie Exchange, Santa's Fire Truck, House Decorating Judging, and Ornament Exchange. The date that has been proposed for the event is December 18<sup>th</sup>. More details will be posted on the LCA website about the holiday festivities. Other upcoming events include an Easter Party and a Basket BINGO night on Friday April 27, 2012.

**Traffic – Jeff Dier:** Jeff announce that there is a traffic meeting on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at Spangler Hall. At the meeting there will be a discussion about what to do with the berms on Francke and Kurtz Avenues. A proposal has been made to brick in the center of those berms that are not being properly maintained. The County has advised that to change the current appearance of the berms requires the approval of the residents whose properties abut the berms. Other topics to be discussed at the 10/18 meeting include the community speed bumps and designated cross walks.

**Zoning – Rubin Bard:** Rubin is the new chairperson of this committee. He views his role as one of representing the community's interest on issues that impact Lutherville and its residents. One major issue task Rubin will tackle is the renewal of the DR-16 rezoning application that the LCA has recently been advised was submitted by College Manor.

#### **New Business:**

**Update on LCA ByLaws – Laurie Hooper:** President Hooper explained that the bylaws have not been revised since 2002 and much of the language needs to be updated. A sub-committee (Eric Rockel, Jeff Dier, Marie Fredrick, Debbie Darr, Marcia Hettinger and Laurie Hooper) are working on the needed changes. The updated draft of the bylaws will be presented to the membership at the March General Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> read) with a vote on the changes at the May General Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> read.)

**College Manor Rezoning Application – Jeff Dier/Marie Frederick:** Jeff and Marie shared that College Manor has reapplied for a DR-16 zoning change from its current DR-2 zoning status. The LCA opposed this request during the first approval process in 2008. Again the LCA will have opportunities to review the plans and applications at the different public hearings and to present the LCA's position on the rezoning application. Both Jeff and Marie emphasized the importance of mobilizing the community on this issue to ensure that the community has a voice in what happens on the College Manor site. More information on this issue will be forthcoming.

**Charles Street Update – Marcia Hettinger:** Marcia Hettinger reported that the road work was behind schedule due to all of the recent rain. The next work to be completed is putting in drains, new sidewalks, taking out the roundabout and installing new traffic lights. All work on this intersection is supposed to be finished by September 2012.

**PATCH – Nick Demarco:** Nick gave an over view of his PATCH website and how he wants to support the events and happenings in the Lutherville Community. He encouraged residents to use the blog to share their stories. The website address is [Timonium.patch.com](http://Timonium.patch.com).

**Other Items:**

Some residents expressed some concern about the bushes and plantings at Seminary and Greenspring Drive making it hard to see oncoming traffic and increasing the risk of an accident. Eric Rockel stated that the condition of the bushes could be considered property neglect and residents can file a complaint with Baltimore County Code Enforcement Office. There was also a concern with the general public ignoring the no parking signs near the animal hospital on Seminary Ave at the railroad track. Again residents are worried that there is the potential for serious accident.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie K. Szymaszek*

Secretary