

**Lutherville Community Association
General Meeting – October 9, 2012
Location: Lutherville Elementary School
Meeting Time: 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Board members included: Laurie Hooper, Debbie Darr, Alice Parson, Eric Rockel, Marie Frederick, Sharyn Grove, Lynly McCoog, Marcia Hettinger, Jeff Dier, Julie Szymaszek, Christine Tennes, Rubin Bard and Ralph Welsh

Members Included: Diana Stite, Jennifer Liles, Jan Spigler, Betsy and Don Fair, Jan Spigler, Jamie Papas, Joanne Waldron, Gary Waldron, Susan Walko, Dan Walko, Steve Harvey, David Frederick, Charlie Davis, Al Fisher, John Alexander, Joanna Gutermuth, Wayne Gutermuth, Pen Jones, Drusilla Jones, Al Fischer and others.

Other Attendees Included: Patricia Thomas Panzarella, Don Orwing, Nick DiMarco, Diana Hines and others.

President Laurie Hooper welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the board members that were present.

Prior to the main presentation Laurie Hooper gave a brief recap of the College Manor rezoning settlement. A final settlement was reached on August 3, 2012. The final settlement includes a Restricted Covenant Agreement (RCA) between Lutherville Community Association and College Manor. The RCA states that 3.63 acres of College Manor will be rezoned to DR16 to accommodate the proposed building plans for the property. The rest of the College Manor property will remain DR2 and there will be no building on the DR2 zoned property for 25 years. The new building must adhere to historical guidelines and remain a retirement facility. The building project should commence within four years.

Laurie Hopper also reported that the relations with College Manor have improved. College Manor participated in the community yard sale, will be hosting a Homecoming Bonfire and conducting a focus group meeting on the new construction at College Manor. Laurie stated that the community association is looking forward to working closely with College Manor on the new construction.

Presentation on Community Traffic Issues by Diane Hines, State Highway Administration District 4, Steve Weber, Baltimore County Traffic Office-Engineering and Transportation and Officer Zito, Baltimore County Police

Jeff Dier introduced the presenters to the audience. The key issues discussed included the Charles Street Project, Bellona/Seminary Intersection and traffic on Bellona and Seminary Avenues.

Diane Hines gave an update on Charles Street. Ms. Hines stated that the project should be completed by first week in November. More specifically the new road resurfacing should be completed in the next couple of weeks weather permitting. Clarke Avenue should be opened around Oct. 20, 2012. The timing of the traffic lights on Bellona Seminary and Charles will be monitored and adjusted to improve traffic flow. A community member raised a concern about who will be responsible for clearing snow on the new sidewalks on Bellona Avenue. Ms. Hines and Mr. Weber stated the snow removal on the new sidewalks will be determined by the amount of people traffic. There is a possibility, if the sidewalk has a lot of foot traffic, the county may clear the snow for pedestrian access.

Mr. Weber addressed the concern about the heavy traffic and long back-ups at the Bellona/Seminary light. The county has examined this intersection and possible solutions. The biggest barrier to adding more lanes is the road direction/angle flows directly into the church on the corner making it very difficult to expand. At this point the county deems the congestion level at Bellona and Seminary as “manageable.” There are no plans to make any changes.

The other traffic issues included the speed of traffic on Seminary Avenue between York Road and Falls Road, specifically the excessive speed between York Road and the light rail crossing. Another concern expressed was the excessive speed on Bellona between Seminary and York Road. Officer Zito sympathized with the community concerns about the speeding but stated that shortage in staff and other mandates by the department has put traffic issues as a low priority but was willing to work with the community on some possible solutions. Another traffic issue discussed was the number of large trucks on Seminary and the danger it poses to residents living on this road. Mr. Weber said his department could send a county person to study the traffic concern. Jeff Dier and his committee will work with Mr. Weber on the community traffic issues and report back to the community at the next general meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes: President Laurie Hooper asked for a motion to approve the May 7, 2012 General Meeting minutes. The motion was made by Marcia Hettinger and seconded by Christine Tennes. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Alice Parson

Treasurer Alice Parson reported that the balance in the M&T account is \$3,047.22 and the balance in the T. Rowe Price account is \$14,660.74 for a total of \$17,707.96. The Treasurer’s report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications – Sharyn Grove

Sharyn shared the next community newsletter timeline for articles and publication. There is a new page on the LCA website for community events. Sharyn encouraged members to use the site to share events. The LCA is also looking at possible advertising in the newsletter. A reminder was made to adhere to proper etiquette when posting information on the Listserv.

History – Ralph Welsh

No Report

Membership – Marie Frederick

There are currently 197 paid members generating \$2890. in income. Of the 197 there are 119 home out of 713 homes in the Lutherville Community. Marie said that she welcomes any new ideas on how to increase the LCA membership and is willing to work with anyone on a plan to increase membership.

Public Facilities – Eric Rockel

Eric reported that the MTA proposed construction of a more formal path from the Lutherville Light Rail Station to Greenspring Drive is on hold as there is no funding at this time. Eric also reported that the homeless that were residing in the woods near Greenspring and the Light Rail are gone.

The Roland Run Stream Restoration Project has no completion date at this time. A community meeting is to be scheduled to present a plan to the residents.

Special Events – Lynly McCoog

Halloween Party – The party is scheduled for Oct. 28, 2012 from 3-4:30 at Spangler Hall. Lynly encouraged all families to attend for a fun afternoon.

Basket Bingo – (Marcia Hettinger) The question was asked as to whether or not LCA should hold the Bingo Event. Marcia explained that the event was the LCA only fundraiser. Community residents were encouraged to become involved with the event by joining the planning the committee.

Luminaries – There was a discussion as to whether or not the community should do luminaries the holiday season. Residents were asked to send suggestions to Lynly. A suggestion was made to involve children in the house decorating event. On the luminaries someone suggested that a history of the luminaries be placed in the LCA newsletter.

Traffic – Jeff Dier

Traffic issues were address in the meeting presentation.

Security

Laurie Hooper stated that crime information is posted regularly on the Listserv by Monica Enoch.

Zoning – Rubin Bard

College Manor settlement has been reached. LCA's next task is to work with College Manor in making sure all deadlines are met for permits and construction.

Royal Farms at Seminary and the Light Rail would like to expand their parking. LCA is working with the owners on an amicable agreement.

Some homes in the community are being converted into rental properties. LCA is working with the county on making sure there is compliance to the rules for rentals.

This is still no buyer for the Bond Lumber Property. The site is under a restricted covenant agreement.

New Business

Pen Jones shared information on the Glyndon Historical District's Candle Light Tour in December.

Marie Frederick reminded folks who live in the historical district that they must follow the guidelines. If there are any questions they should contact Marie.

Residents were also reminded not to rake leaves into the gutter areas.

There is a "Smart Meter" presentation on Oct. 16, 2012 at the Cockeysville Library.

Eric is still working on putting up the "No Solicitation" around the community.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie K. Szymaszek
Secretary

