

# Minutes for LPCA

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## Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on **December 8th, 2018** at the Lincoln Park Community Center. It began at 9:05 am and was presided over by Alexandra Dace Denito.

## Attendees

- Board member: Alexandra Dace Denito, Anita Summerour, Leila Diop, Christina Bell
- Community members: Meika Cooks, Fran Hawkins, Tolulope Odunlami.
- City of Rockville: Hjarman Cordero, Yvette Yeboah-Schools, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala, Craig Simoneau (Director Department of Public Works), Andrew Luetkemeier (senior Transportation Engineer, Department of Public Works)
- City Police: Chief Victor Brito
- Montgomery County Police: Darren Francke
- City/county residents: Laurie-Anne Sayles (Councilmember, City of Gaithersburg)

**Last Meeting minutes** approved at 9:09am.

## Officers' Reports

Treasurer: Presented by Anita Summerour

- Review of the mail received; October month's bank statement received. No other bank statements received.

## County Police (Darren Francke):

- It's quiet in Lincoln Park, but some nuisance crimes around the perimeter of the community; However, human remains were found in the woods near Shady Grove Road. Hopefully they will be able to identify the remains from the clothes, but the body has been there approximate 6 months.

-There was also an attempted rape on a female walking on Crabb Branch. There was an arrest, held without bond yesterday (arrest happened within 24hours).

-Discussion of idea for police to give away neon vests because of rash of pedestrian vehicular deaths. Pedestrian safety issue: pedestrian struck on Middle lane in Rockville.

## City Police, Chief Victor Brito:

- The Chief distributed coffee thermoses to civic association members and guests.
- There was a discussion of out fitting city police officers with Narcan to combat drug overdoses. It is important that officers have access to this drug for potential overdose victims because police often arrive on the scene before fire and rescue.
- Chief Brito explains that City/County police relations have been very smooth and agreeable. Talks about auto theft problem and petty thefts of mail order package from doorways and porches. Disconcerting and abhorrent use and abuse of juveniles to steal these packages. Best bet, say officers, is to have packages delivered to trusted friends and neighbors. Encourages community members to reach out for help if police are needed; nothing is too minor for them to respond to.

## City Department of Public Works (Craig Simoneau, Andrew Luetkemeier):

- Director of Public Works reports attention to sidewalks on Westmore and North Horner's Lanes, along Frederick avenue from Westmore to N. Horners Lane in front of community center.
- Andrew Luetkemeier discusses logistics of the implementation of new sidewalks in Lincoln Park, using board and easel presentation.

## Mayor & Council:

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala reports that Julie Palakovich Carr will be leaving the City Council, January 8<sup>th</sup>, leaving the four remaining councilmembers to interview new candidates and to fill the seat. Applications will be available online. Interviews will be shown on the Rockville channel 11.

January 14<sup>th</sup>: Report from Adequate Public Facilities Standards (APFS) Work Group on Schools Regarding Options to Address a Potential Residential Moratorium. see agenda for more information:

<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01142019-5458>

Public Hearing on APFS Amendments on January 22.

## Neighborhood resources;

- by Hjarman Cordero
- City joins County in requirements for Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- End of Turnbacks will double number of trains (Metro) to Shady Grove
- Financial Assistance available from the Rockville Youth Recreation Fund
- The City of Rockville wants members of public to help make finding their way in the city a little easier (Signage design; [www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJ9RWQ9](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MJ9RWQ9).)
- Public Transit study will seek community input (see January edition of "Rockville Reports")
- New Grant program to Empower Communities to reach common goals (<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/153/Community-Empowerment-Matching-Grant>)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Day of Service, 47<sup>th</sup> annual from 11am-12:30pm on January 21 at Richard Montgomery High School. Companions for a Day volunteers for Seniors sign up at: <https://montgomerycountymd.galaxydigital.com/calendar/2019/01>

## Community Center Report -

- Presented by Yvette Yeboah-Schools
- Programs are running. Meeting with Sofive, Inc. to start talk about the free Indoor Soccer program.
- Three field trips organized over Winter break.
- Andrea Gilles has been recognized on her work for Stonestreet redevelopment plan. Congratulations.

## Open Forum

- Tolulope Odunlami has been nominated to be advisor the Superintendent of school. They meet 4 times a year. Congratulations.
- Councilmember Sayles reminded that County Executive Marc Elrich will have two more listening sessions, in Bethesda and Kensington.
- Mrs. Meika Cooks says not ready for Trash bin and wind issue on Moore drive and Westmore avenue, since HOA (Legacy at Lincoln Park) did not give a consensus on method to keep trash bin closed yet.

## Adjournment

Alexandra Dace Denito moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 11:55am. The next meeting will be on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Christina Bell (Secretary), & Alexandra Dace  
Denito (President)

01/12/2018

Date of Approval

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