# Minutes for LPCA

#### Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on **April 13th, 2019** 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, Christina Bell, Fran Hawkins
- Community members: Kate Scott, Tolulope Odunlami
- City of Rockville: Councilmember Olney, Hjarman Cordero, Yvette Yeboah-Schools
- City residents: David Myles
  City Police: Chief Victor Brito
  County Police: Darren Francke
  NAACP-MoCo: Mrs. Linda Plummer

### Last Meeting minutes approved at 9:10 am.

# Officers' Reports

**Treasurer: Presented by Anita Summerour** 

- \$1,000.00 given to LPCA by the City of Rockville deposited on LPCA bank's account
- Reimbursement of food tray expenses from LPCA Party in December.
- PO Box: \$63.00 for 6months/ donation by Anita Summerour
- Mail: Notice for certificate of Approval of Plans for 214 Frederick avenue to be reviewed by Historic District Committee. Historic district Committee has designated 214 Frederick Avenue as of historic interest. Owner has proposed rear modification; However, the city requires renovations on the entire property.

# **City Police, Chief Victor Brito:**

Calls for police service have decreased considerably. However, on the 200th block of Spring Avenue, a bicycle and wallet were stolen, and there was an assault on the 200th block of Frederick Avenue. The Montgomery County Police Department cooperated with the Rockville City Police for an assault and an assault on a police officer. There were some code infractions: Fallen tree and dead branches to be removed at 202 Frederick avenue; Trash in front of house at 213 Lincoln avenue; an abandoned vehicle at 326 Lincoln Avenue, the property owner (Mt. Calvary Baptist Church) called police and had the car towed.

The city police have recruited a new canine when it was asked to participate in the training of "Bolo" (the K9).

# **County Police, Mr. Darren Francke:**

-During the calendar year thus far in 2019, robberies and aggravated assaults are up by 53%. The same suspect has robbed 9 banks already since the beginning of the year. Where last year there were 8 aggravated assaults up to this point, there have been 14 already. Burglaries are down; Nevertheless, Asian families are being targeted by Asian gangs and are being robbed, the gangs moving from between North Carolina and New York. No gang activity in Lincoln Park.

-There were injuries to officers, one (at 29 years old) suffering a heart attack during the arrest of a shoplifter. There was an injury to an officer during a training exercise, 50mph escort for government dignitaries on I-270, officers' bikes involved. Fortunately, there were few and only minor injuries.

-Montgomery County Police has a hard time recruiting and keeping trained officers after Academy.

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#### Neighborhood resources;

- by Hjarman Cordero:
  - -The city is working on the 2040 Master Plan. A draft of the plan is available, and the city welcomes comments on this draft. There will be meetings on April 30 and May 11 at 9:30am. Interested citizens can also go online to read Rockville 2040. There will public hearings on 5/15, 2/22 and 6/4 at City Hall.
  - The state is considering widening I-270 and want to hear from the community on 4/25 at Wooton HS from  $6:30\,\mathrm{pm}$  to  $8:30\,\mathrm{pm}$ 
    - -Pets must be vaccinated.
  - -The dates for Montgomery county disposal of prescription drugs is April 27 at the Rockville City Police station.

#### **Community Center Report: Mrs. Yvette Yeboah-Schools**

- Parking Lot construction close to finished.
- There will be a yard sale held at Richard Montgomery High School on 5/4,
- International night was held of 3/23. The community center is also working with 1st Street/David Scull for :"let's connect night" between Lincoln Park and David Scull neighborhood in June.

# **Mayor & Council: Councilmember Olney**

-Councilmember Olney testified at Anapolis to obtain grant (budget 2020) for developing a "History Park", and renovating Isreal Park. The city did not obtain the grant.

-On 5/20 there will be a meeting at the city of Rockville, debating whether or not to enlarge the number of City Councill members to 6. All interested should come to testify pro or con.

### **Open Forum:**

There is a problem with individuals loitering on Unity Bride, possibly originating from the men's shelter.

<u>Linda Plummer</u>: The new Housing chair is working with County Executive for the "Trailer Park" redevelopment on Stonestreet avenue. Housing Chair testified against the 270/495 widening, houses are to be moved in Montrose area. The 44th Freedom Fund dinner will be held on 5/19 in Prince George County (Economic Development chair to discuss opening larger facilities here in Montgomery County).

#### **Adjournment**

Alexandra Dace Denito moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 10:22am. The next meeting will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Christina Bell (Secretary), & Alexandra Dace Denito (President)	05/11/2019
LPCA	Date of Approval

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