

Minutes for LPCA

Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on **May 11th, 2019** at the Lincoln Park Community Center. It began at 9:10 am and was presided over by Alexandra Dace Denito.

Attendees

- Board member: Alexandra Dace Denito, Anita Summerour, Leila Diop, Fran Hawkins
- Community members: Tolulope Odunlami, Lucinda Hall, Sergio Diaz
- City of Rockville: Councilmember Onley, Hjarman Cordero, Yvette Yeboah-Schools, Rob Dispirito
- City residents: James Hedrick
- City Police: Chief Victor Brito
- County Police: Commander Darren Francke, Lt. Mark Sheelor

Special Presentations:

- James Hedrick: is running for Rockville City Councilmember and introduced himself and his vision for Rockville. Or more info go to: <http://www.james4rockville.com> ; email: james@james4rockville.com; Facebook:/james4rockville.
- Andrea Gilles: The State of Maryland requires cities to have a Comprehensive Master Plan, land use, housing, park and recreation, and economic development. Department of Long-range Planning is seeking inputs from City's citizen organizations: Public hearing wednesday May 15th, May 22nd and June 4th. Attend or send in written comments, go online and submit letters. Copies of Master plan can be found online; Hard Copies in Community centers. Details info about specific neighborhood not in yet, waiting on residents' comments. Land use chapter: future guidance for city, much city will stay same. Area on North Stonestreet, single family residential, duplex etc...design guidelines for new houses, residential attached. Change in land use section for this neighborhood.

Lot of process to go through, it's a draft that is going to Planning commission. After taking all testimonies summaries, planning commission's staff will work and make recommendations. Next year it will go to Mayor and council, and there will be a new public hearing.

Last Meeting minutes approved at 9:25 am.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer: Presented 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. Owner proposed removal of existing rear and rear addition, and construction of detached garage.

City Police, Chief Victor Brito:

Calls for Service is down in number. Burglary in Montgomery County solved in partnership with the County Police. Outfit every Rockville Police officers with Narcan (Opioid abuse), Narcan given twice to revive 2 people.

K9 unit being trained (Bolo).

Things are better at Unity Bridge; tactical policemen talking to people, try to be visible.

Distracting driving, text and driving. [Cindy has been to Police academy for more info on the subject.]

Car thefts, unlocked vehicles. Please keep stuff out of sight. Stolen goods are sold on Ebay.

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County Police, Lt. Sheeler /Commander Darren Francke:

-Robberies, couple of theft autos: unlocked vehicles, leaving stuff on front seat, smashing windows, to steal. Put things away from the front seat.

Contractor vans being robbed and selling tools on the East Coast. \$10,000.00 worth of equipment stolen. Alarm system to be put on cars/vans. Remove expensive things from cars. Crime comes down overall. Police week, Commander Darren Francke goes down to plane National Airport and greet soldiers.

-Video on social media: investigation ongoing, conversations with officers not to use "N" word. Montgomery County Police is the most progressive with sensitivity training, implicit bias training, and trying and hire best people. Officers in 1st district. Investigation ongoing thoroughly.

MoCo Police is 300 police officers understaffed. Reviewed camera by Executive staff. 2% of mishaps. Not enough resources to review everything. In 2017: 230,000 dispatched calls, 523 use of force documented.

Q: definition of use of force: Resistance to get a person in custody, hands to protective instruments, to handguns. 1 went to internal affairs sent by Commander Francke.

Mayor and Council: Councilmember Onley

Mayor and Council passed the budget.

Councilmember Onley is going to speak on May 20th, to propose a Referendum to put more councilmembers on council. There were 4 councilmembers to represent 2000 residents. But now the City is growing with 65,000-67,000 residents now.

Q: accessory dwellings, public hearing soon.

Q: regulations on numbers of residents, rent permit per house?

A: (Rob Dispirito): court order or invitations for inspecting houses. Affidavit to be signed by property owners to address violations.

Q: Sergio Diaz. 715 Douglass avenue, permit to construct a garage. Will "Tiny House", accessory dwelling be possible?

A: (Hedrick): Proposal at the county level for accessory dwellings and Tiny House. Diaz: communication between residents and city's staff for dwelling enhancements, constructions. Give clear guidelines for Fire/escape routes out of accessory units.

City Manager: Rob Dispirito

- Comments on Andrea Gilles' presentation, and encourages residents' participation, to look at plans generated for Comprehensive Master Plan. Feedback appreciated.

-Approved the budget. Appreciated feedback from residents for City budget's proposal. This helps flag needs in the City and being in tune with residents, line up resources to address things that are important in the city.

-Code enforcement: dedicated staff in code enforcement, please reach out. Quality of Life in neighborhood.

-City Clerk, Sara Ferrell is working hard on vote by mail. Good communication with residents, add 1 polling place (City Hall).

Q: real ID- question about validity of driving license.

Hometown holidays- welcome to participate in the parade as well. Q: show? Bands? Different times during day.

Neighborhood resources;

- by Hjarman Cordero:
 - For next month, talking about elections, mail ballots, communicate with the neighbors, be part of process.
 - Candidates submitted paperwork, deadline for submission is on September 5th. Process where candidate profile be created, for different options. Encourage young adults to be part of process. 43,000 people registered to vote in Rockville. 1st in state to do Vote by Mail.
 - Sidewalk be finished on End of month. Design for N. Horners is almost completed, build this summer.
 - Q: green scooters, left everywhere on sidewalks. Regulations?

Community Center Report: Mrs. Yvette Yeboah-Schools

- yard sales at RMHS, huge success: 2000 people coming through. Welcome feedback and suggestions for next one.
- summer camps coming up, August is slowly filling up.
- chief Brito and Yvette got a meeting, annual rental from family that goes in Isreal Park (next Saturday, 2-7pm)
- opportunity to discuss late night rentals, which means that Community center will remain open until 11:00pm for Friday and Saturday to rent. Fees double after 9:00pm. Input by end of this month. \$85.00 for NR. Lets' connect with David Scull, July 19th. Meeting to rebuild the community and gain trust.

Open Forum:

Dry Pond in Legacy at Lincoln Park needs to be cleaned.

Adjournment

Alexandra Dace Denito moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 10:55am. The next meeting will be on June 15th, 2019.

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

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Date of Approval