

# Minutes for LPCA

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## Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Lincoln Park Community Center. It began at 9:10 am and was presided over by Alexandra Dace Denito.

## Attendees

- Board member: Christina Bell, Alexandra Dace Denito, Leila Diop, Fran Hawkins, Anita Summerour
- Community members: Cynthia Cotte-Griffiths, Jill Davis/White, Jean-Baptiste Dran, Elliott Denito, Zoe Denito, Lucinda Hall, Cassandra McRoy, Tolulope Odunlami, Shannon Steward
- City of Rockville: Hjarman Cordero, Councilmember Beryl Feinberg, Mayor Bridget Newton, Councilmember Virginia Onley, Yvette Yeboah-Schools
- City Police: Chief Victor Brito
- County Police: Commander Darren Francke

**Last Meeting minutes** approved at 9:16 am.

## Officers' Reports

### Treasurer Anita Summerour:

Mail: no bank activity to report.

### City Police, Chief Victor Brito:

There was a decline in calls for service in Lincoln Park, an incredibly safe place to live. Bolo (new canine) is graduating in one week. Lincoln Park forever day will be held on the 17th. On 8/6 National Night Out will be held. There is a new assistant chief--Laura Lanham will be sworn in on 7/15. She has had a career with the MCPD. She was chosen from a field of 67 candidates. She comes highly regarded and recommended.

Emergency preparedness specialist Dr. Mark Landau will begin work on 8/1, and the citizen's response team will be developed.

### County Police, Commander Francke:

It has been very safe in Lincoln Park and there is nothing major to report, but the first district was up in robberies with 32 versus 26--the subjects were known in those robberies. Aggravated assaults were up some due to the change in national reporting. A defined difference today is in auto thefts which are slightly up.

Police adventure camp at Maryvale Elementary School is now over for this year after a successful and popular run on this the 12th year. Charlie Brown of the Redskins spent a week with the children. One of the big themes was service to the community beyond policing. This is the longest running camp, with the exception of the safety patrol camp.

There was an event the McDonald's in the 4th district with a person attempting to sell mushrooms to an undercover police officer after a meeting online. Suspect fought officers and an altercation took place.

Silver Spring incident, shooting, person of interest had 4 open warrants, disheveled, and a knife in his pocket. 1300 calls in Rockville for suspicious persons from Jan 1 to now. Bethesda beat news article about Dr. Myles. An anonymous person called.

- Q: handicapped tag being stolen from cars. Police can run the number and specific to the vehicle, it can be spotted.
- Q: prank calls, swatting. Emergency communication folks red flagged those calls.

## Mayor and Council:

### Mayor Newton:

Peace Day, beginning at King Farm at 1:00pm on 7/15. Mayor and Council will be returning from August break on 9/9. September is recovery month and so Rockville is going purple. Sign-up available for Police Academy/Ride-Along. Monday night meeting for accessory dwellings will be held.

### Neighborhood resources;

**by Hjarman Cordero:** A meeting with Montgomery Scrap and the Maryland Department of the Environment has been set on 8/15 at 7:00pm. Questions for both sides should be submitted for review first.

Experts for Visart: Recommendation for Revitalization, retaining significant employers, hire a parking consultant.

July 18<sup>th</sup>, Workshop for Women living alone, first and third Thursday of month, support group. At the Senior Center from 1-2pm.

Horners Lane's sidewalk; sent back to consultant for some changes; will be completed in Fall.

Hjarman will be out of the office from 8/16 to 8/29.

## Community Center Report:

### Mrs. Yvette Yeboah-Schools:

The community center has been extremely busy with 140 kids in the center. There are 60 kids in the summer playgrounds programs. There are the 4 to 6 year old and the 9 to 11 year old basketball camps instructed by Antony Williams.

Just ended: MoCo Police football camp. "Don't forget about August" camps and Basketball clinic for small kids.

New parking lot, dumpsters will come next. Isreal Park, 6 rentals so far...birthday parties and small Weddings. Made profit this year. Memberships are high. The center is getting a new roof, be done next week.

Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, energy roadshow, program for kids, make your home energy efficient Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, family resources and movie night. Backpack jam is done. But still do have backpacks left.

## Open Forum:

Lincoln Park for Ever committee: August 17<sup>th</sup> noon to 5pm. Food and fun. City Police is helping. Something for Seniors, bingo game, military will have a table, and pepco will have a table, legal department will have a table set up. Rain day August 24<sup>th</sup>. Softball game.

Cindy Cotte Griffiths is running for office, City Councilmember seat.

## Adjournment

Alexandra Dace Denito moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 10:45am. The next meeting will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

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Date of Approval