

# Minutes for LPCA

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## Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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, Leila Diop, Fran Hawkins, Christina Bell
- Community members: Tolulope Odunlami, Lucinda Hall, Sergio Diaz, Zoe Denito, Kate Scott
- City of Rockville: Councilmember Onley, Hjarman Cordero
- City Police: Chief Victor Brito
- County Police: Lt. Monique Tompkins

**Last Meeting minutes** approved at 9:15 am.

## Officers' Reports

### Treasurer Anita Summerour:

Mail: There was a \$5 deposit for membership. Mail consisted of a bank statement and a piece of mail from the Maryland Department of the Environment. The purpose of the letter is to inform that the Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration (ARA) received a complete Permit-to-construct application from Montgomery Scrap Corporation on March 29, 2019, for the installation of one metal reclamation furnace burning natural gas or propane. The unit will be located at 15000 Southlawn Lane in Rockville. There are concerns about air quality, traffic, noise. There were several fires at Montgomery Scraps and perhaps LPCA should get in touch with the fire department to discuss some prevention solutions.

### City Police, Chief Victor Brito:

There were 23 calls for service. Most of them minor issues: At the 700 block of North Stonestreet, a handicapped placard was stolen. Cautions to lock car doors and keep valuables out of view.

-There was reported vandalism of a car at Mt. Calvary Church and Chief Brito spoke with Church leaders.

- Partnership with Montgomery County Police at an all-time high. Discussion of Lincoln Park parade. The applicant for permit with the city, decided not to move forward. Pedestrian safety was the issue discussed.

-There was a motorcycle crash and an officer lost one week ago. However, Lincoln Park has been quiet.

Q: police activity in Metro Station last week in Rockville. A: medical emergencies and smoke inhalation injuries.

### County Police, Lt Monique Tompkins:

-Lt. Tompkins is new as a visitor of Lincoln Park Civic Association meeting and is looking forward to continuing cooperating with City Police.

- In First district, calls for service down; there was a call for burglary with guns, officers got on site w/in 4 minutes, vehicle shot, kid (17 years old) got struck by bullet in the back of car.

- Funeral for officer that got shot in 2003, was paralyzed since and passed away this month.

## Mayor and Council: Councilmember Onley

They (Mayor and Council) have been out for a couple of weeks but will return on Monday and there will be a lot on the agenda. Meeting will begin a 6:30pm.

On a personal note: kickoff for campaign to be run with Team Rockville. Councilmember Onley is running for Mayor. One of the goals is to increase council from 4 to 6 members. We have had the same number since 1888,

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when there were 2000 residents in Rockville.

Cindy Hall discussed concern over homes being built with 7 or 8 bedrooms like at 209 Elizabeth and 220 Elizabeth which has 6. bathrooms. How are they getting approved? Who is parking cars on Frederick Avenue? Are some from Lenmore?

## Neighborhood resources;

by Hjarman Cordero: Agenda for the June 17 meeting is online.

-Active participation is requested as feedback for Rockville 2020.

- June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm: The third annual pride event will be held in the city with a moon bounce and face painting. There will also be panel discussions with the LGBT community.

-Renters need to be made to feel more welcome in the city. Involvement in elections.

-They are working on the 2020 census. For the 1st time it will be online (60 Million households in US) as it is hard to reach out to and count communities. City of Rockville had an 80% response rate in 2010 census; 76.9% of East Rockville. Money, investments lost for communities not responding.

- Summer is approaching, camps start on 6/17/19.

-Trees on Memory Walk in Lincoln Park will be replaced.

## Community Center Report:

Mrs. Yvette Yeboah-Schools and Mr. Will Smith are not available, but sent the report via email:

-We are excited that Summer Camps are about to begin.

Upcoming camps:

**School's Out Camp:** 6/17 – 6/21; 9:00am- 5:00pm; 30 participants

**Clubhouse Extra Before Camp:** 6/24 – 8/1; 8:00am – 9:30am 15 participants

**Clubhouse Extra After Camp:** 6/24 – 8/1; 3:30pm – 6:30pm 25 participants

-We began planting in the Lincoln Park Garden. We received a grant from the Rockville Recreation Foundation to help fund it.

We have had help from SEEC of Montgomery county, Teen volunteers at the center, and participants of our Afterschool program with watering and tending to the garden's needs.

-The center has been doing very well with Rentals this past month.

-The last session of clubhouse ended this Friday, June 14. The first session of the Clubhouse Afterschool Program for next school year is open for registration.

## Open Forum:

**Announcement: Mrs. Kate Scott** joined the Board of Peerless Rockville. Congratulations! We hope to be able to address Historic Lincoln High School's restoration. Updates on drainage issues under the bridge at Park road, as it relates to Art project.

Opiate Epidemic/ Narcan questions addressed: all Police officers will carry 2 doses each; Bolo is 10 weeks into his K9 school program; 6 more weeks before graduation.

Sergio Diaz spoke about the Accessory dwelling units, rents and extra money for residents, especially seniors. Affordable housing option.

Anita Summerour spoke about the Health Freedom Walk (an African American Health Program initiative).

## Adjournment

Alexandra Dace Denito moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 10:25am. The next meeting will be on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

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Date of Approval

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