

Minutes for LPCA

Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on **October 12th, 2019** at the Lincoln Park Community Center. It began at 9:05 am and was presided over by Leila Diop, Vice-President.

Attendees

- Board member: Christina Bell, Leila Diop, Fran Hawkins, Anita Summerour
- Community members: David Myles, Tolulope Odunlami
- City of Rockville: Hjarman Cordero, Councilmember Virginia Onley, Yvette Yeboah-Schools
- City Police: Deputy Chief Laura Lanham
- County Police: Commander Darren Francke
- Residents of Rockville at Large, MoCo /Businesses of MoCo: Cindy Cotte-Griffiths, Donald Masters

Last Meeting minutes approved at 9:20am.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer Anita Summerour:

Bank account Balance is .96 (??). Mail: There was a letter from Lincoln Park Forever Organizers thanking the civic association for its support during the day's celebrations.

City Police, Deputy Chief Laura Lanham:

There were four calls for service, whereas last year there were thirteen calls for service. The patrol shift for officers is eight to ten hours. As a result, specialized shifts were disrupted. Taskforce will be taken from some area to others. Also, a second officer will be dedicated to Community Resources from patrol shifts.

Lanham has worked in every district but Rockville and Bethesda. There is a new Emergency Manager who reports to Deputy Chief Lanham, who is working on policy and the budget.

There needs to be a 4-way stop sign at Lincoln and Horner's Lane. Lanham will pass on citizen concerns to Public Works. Suspicion that someone is restoring cars on Lincoln Avenue will be investigated.

County Police, Commander Darren Francke:

Working on David Scull; complaints of alcohol citations and minor complaints. Protest in Rockville went well without major concerns. There was an upsurge in protests, such as on climate change that take up resources in the county and the city. The County Executive has nominated Marcus Jones as the next Montgomery county Police Chief, an office he has been filling already, as Acting Chief. However, he must go through confirmation first. Concerns about auto theft although about ninety percent of thefts are due to unlocked doors. We want to make Rockville a less likely target.

Neighborhood resources;

Hjarman Cordero:

-People are really responding to vote by mail, and they are receiving ballots already; the bin at the city is full of ballots already. Rockville is the first city in Maryland to vote by mail.

-Rockville City Police Department will receive anti-bias training.

-Next Saturday the 15 annual antique car show, a free event, will be held.

-They are trying to encourage better neighbors with proactive members (ambassadors) to introduce to new

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neighbors.

–The census will be taken next year and we want to get rid of as much bias as possible.

For more info, write to: hcordero@rockvillemd.gov.

Mayor and Council:

Councilmember Virginia Onley: 21st of October will be the last meeting. Employee leave buy back, initially only supported by Virginia Onley.

Community Center Report:

Mrs. Yvette Yeboah-Schools:

Thirty-five kids, instead of forty are currently being served. There are four new staff members at the front desk who are also bilingual. There will be a basketball camp in November. We will be celebrating the LPCC 50th birthday. International night will be held on 3/30/2020.

For more info, see the Community Center website.

Open Forum:

Virginia Onley: Supports stronger leadership, increased diversity and inclusion--vote for Onley and Team Rockville, which supports affordable housing as well.

Cindy: Supports affordable housing and has worked on Beall's Grant and Kinship Park.

David Myles: Is running on school resources, pedestrian and bicycle resources, pedestrian and bicycle safety and housing affordability.

Adjournment

Leila Diop moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 10:31am. The next meeting will be on November 9th, 2019.

Christina Bell (Secretary), & Alexandra Dace
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Date of Approval