Minutes for LPCA

Call to Order

A meeting of LPCA was held on **January 11th, 2020** 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, Leila Diop, Fran Hawkins, Anita Summerour
- Community members: Garrett Clemons, Susan Clemons, Elliott Denito, Zoe Denito, Sergio Diaz, Germaine Diouf, Lucinda Hall, Virginia Onley, Faith Payton
- City of Rockville: Hjarman Cordero, Yvette Yeboah-Schools
- City Police: Chief Victor Brito
- County Police: Commander Liz Hattenburg
- Residents of Rockville at Large, MoCo /Businesses of MoCo: James Garrant

Last Meeting minutes Not available (December Holiday party).

Officers' Reports

Treasurer Anita Summerour:

Motion made by Ms. Summerour for discontinuation of the use of the Postal Office Box, since there are rarely mail and this will allow saving of \$106/year. Motion second by Ms. Hall and approved unanimously.

City Police, Chief Victor Brito:

There were 2 domestic Abuse reports for Lincoln Park and Narcotic activity at Isreal Park. Crimes trended down in the last 12 months with parking issues and traffic issues mainly. Rockville is the safest place in Montgomery County, and Montgomery County is the safest county in the State of Maryland.

Report from the Fair and Impartial Policing Training. There will be another session promoted by Social Media and Nextdoor.com around February 6th, Cross-community Implicit Bias Training (35 spots available).

Rockville Police Department hired 10 people in 2019. Training is provided by MoCo Police Academy. Relationship with Montgomery County Police is very good.

Question about how costly it is to train a new recruit: About 1-year salary + \$10,000 for equipment (radio etc...).

County Police, Commander Liz Hattenburg:

Introducing new Commander, was in Rockville in 1992, promoted out of Rockville and worked in all districts except Bethesda. She was part of Police Community Engagement.

Report: Along Lincoln Avenue, there are 5-6 vehicles parked, from a business apparently.

Mayor & Council:

No current Member on Council available, but Previous Councilmember Virginia Onley who is now a Representative of NAACP, reintroduced herself as such. Made Comments on Fair and Impartial Policing Training which she attended. It was a great training. Also training for new recruits needs more money, and Mrs. Onley would like to see more women in City Police.

Neighborhood resources:

Hjarman Cordero:

- On Monday January 13th, 2020, the City and the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and Montgomery County Collaboration Council will conduct free training for Narcan use in Overdose. Participants must be 18 or older, to register call 240-777 1836 or email at: <u>OverdoseResponseProgram@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>
- Mayor & Council, survey on Fiscal Year 2021 budget. Visit link: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FS3M8DK</u> Responses will be discussed on January 27 at 7pm during Mayor & Council meeting. February 24, presentation of the FY 2021 proposed budget; March 2 & 23, Public hearing and work session; April 17, close of budget public record; April 20, Budget work session; May 4th, Adoption of FY2021 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program.
- MLK Jr. Event : "Light in the Midst of Darkness", 48th Annual Celebration on Monday January 20th at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery drive. Celebration from 11am to 1pm.
- For volunteering: https://www.rockvillemd.gov/2152/volunteer

For more info, write to: <u>hcordero@rockvillemd.gov</u>.

Community Center Report:

Mrs. Yvette Yeboah-Schools:

Basket-Ball class full; about 500 people registered. Ski trip organized with 20 kids.

There were 210 SSL hours given to students.

There will be a special presentation next month about the shelter and gazebo to be constructed in Isreal Park.

Lincoln Park Community Center is turning 50. There will be a party in June for celebration and a speaker-serie starting February 13th at the Civic Center.

International Day Celebration on March 18th.

Mr. Garrant spoke about the STEM programs he plans to set up in Lincoln Park: from August 10th-14th (Solar Vehicle creation). There are summer internship programs and afterschool programs Adventurers in Science age 9-16.

For more info, see the Community Center website.

Open Forum:

-Comments on Fair and Impartial Policing Training. Excellent program.

-Comments on Planning Commission session about Amendment proposed by Andrea Gilles and Colleagues on portion on Park road/Stonestreet redevelopment. Reaction of neighbors was unexpected.

-There will be a clean-up day for Lincoln Park.

-Absence of Track markers in Isreal Park field.

-Chief Brito gave Christmas gifts to 30 kids and received our Thanks.

Adjournment

Alexandra Dace Denito moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 10:16am. The next meeting will be on February 8th, 2020.

Alexandra Dace Denito (President) LPCA

02/08/2020

Date of Approval