

Luxmanor Citizen's Association: November Executive Board Meeting

Overview:

- Board of Education Candidates Forum: Held at Trinity Church on Oct. 25, 2016. Thank you to Ed Farber, Corresponding Secretary of LCA for planning this event and to Jordan Cooper, former LCA President, for moderating this speed-dating format. 6 BOE candidates were invited and event was well attended by the community. BOE expressed thanks for LCA hosting this "well-run" event.
- Halloween Community Party: Water bottles and hot dogs were offered by the LCA to the community. 205 hot dogs eaten! Hosted by Albinos and planned by Nurit Coombe, Social Chair: big thank you! Neighbor and Trustee Ken Hurdle had his own hot dog gig offering 120 hot dogs and a good time. Smokin' LCA parties (of the grilled variety)!
- Officer Oliver Janney, MCPD: The off-duty police officer gig is almost concluded. Officer Janney reports a DECREASED number of traffic violation complaints in the neighborhood, as per his experience on these off-duty sites through time since starting this operation last Spring, 2016 at high-risk designated locations. School bus drivers have requested continued police presence (Off-Duty Officer presence) and report an improvement in traffic safety issues at bus stops. Need to conduct an evaluation of this 2016 program plus a financial audit. If the LCA Exec. Board decides to re-start the Off-Duty Police Officer program for Spring, 2017 and Fall, 2017, the Exec. Board will need to renew the Workers Comp. policy, which is up for renewal on 4/17. The audit and evaluation needs to be concluded and recommendations made prior to this date.
- WSSC: Tilden Road has major WSSC pipes along this road: 60-70 yr. pipes, 48"-60". History of problems with these WSSC large pipes in neighborhood, i.e., bursting, leaking, repairs with associated disruptions in traffic and neighborhood. Starting early 2017, WSSC has scheduled their robots here for monitoring old pipes, for evaluations of these monitoring informatics via computers, and ultimately, planning for improvement of these pipes up to 2019. This represents a 2 yr. WSSC presence and effort along Tilden Lane. This project will impact traffic flow. This WSSC project has implications for neighboring schools, i.e. Luxmanor ES (school traffic including school busses), and the Tilden MS/Rock Terrace Co-location construction plans.
- Luxline: Committee Chair, Eric Manchester. Reports that Ads are available for purchase now. Mini-ads are available only to neighbors as of now. Look for this on-line e-letter mid-month, every month.

Meeting minutes for June, 2016 approved

Budget: Burman Berger

\$24,965.64 Cash
\$55,848.02 Checking
-350.00 Security Deposit
\$80,888.75 TOTAL ASSETS

- In process of applying for "non-profit status" for LCA
- Potential liability for not filing taxes in past years by previous LCA Exec. Boards
- Responding to a request for outside Audits by a member of the community at the October, 2016 General Meeting of the LCA: Expecting that a full Audit of the LCA by an outside

accountant would cost the LCA 2K — 2.5K — 3K, a motion was passed to approve this request for this information.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Traffic: Potholes of concern reported in community, i.e., Cushman Rd.
- Safety: Recently reported via MCPD reports of 1 burglary and 1 attempted burglary (daytime)

Friends of White Flint / WMATA Letter:

- Metro wants to reduce service on several Metro stations, such as White Flint station due to revenue losses (Metro) and safe tracking expenses. This won't shut down White Flint station: current proposal is supporting decreasing services of # stops at peak and non-peak times (increasing Headway* times to 18 minutes (*between tail of Metro train and head of next Metro train) suggested at times.
- Plan of response by LCA Executive Board: Send a letter to WMATA on LCA Letterhead using much of same language used in Friends of White Flint letter. Discussion followed re: concerns and implications of decreased Metro service of a Metro station in close proximity to neighborhood. Plan is to draft this letter, circulate to LCA Exec. Board for editorial input and approval and submit it by next LCA Exec. Board Meeting, Dec. 5, 2016

SCHOOLS / Superintendent's Report / Letter to BOE:

- MCPS Superintendent made recommendations based on Roundtable Discussion Group recommendations
- LCA Executive Board decided to draft our own letter of testimony to MCPS BOE (Draft letter must be circulated for editorial changes and approval by the Exec. Board and submitted to the BOE BY Nov. 13, 2016
- Essentially, these Superintendent's recommendations include:
- Luxmanor ES: 1.5 - 2 yrs.: move out next year to holding school. Old wing: renovation site; additional space added. Projected size of Luxmanor ES is 900 student population. This size of an E.S. not recommended by State of Maryland. Approximately 20 years ago, Luxmanor E.S. was the smallest ES in MCPS. Holding school will be on Grosvenor Lane. Portables will be used as well.
- Tilden Co-located School: Timeline: Starting design in 2017. Break ground 2017-2018. Construction 2018-2019. Up and running: 2020.
- Walter Johnson HS: Over capacity of student population at WJ near 120% of capacity now. Projected student population expected to be 3600 students. This rapid growth of school sizes will likely be detrimental to: environment, existing infrastructure, traffic, transportation, safety, quality of life in Luxmanor community, and quality of education for students.

New Business:

- Approved to continue to pay \$65.00: Civic Federation
- ListServ: Discussion of ListServ current situation and options for alternative ListServ membership groups led by Eric Manchester. Currently 399 individual subscribers. Google Group ListServ: limitation for non-gmail account individuals; Facebook Group ListServ: limitation of 30 views per post x 50 people; Alternative ListServ maillist.com: yearly fee; 30 day free trial