

Luxmanor Citizens Association
October General Membership Meeting Notes
10/26/17

1. Call to order and approval of agenda 7: 10 PM

Motion made and approved unanimously

2. Approval of May General Meeting Minutes

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3. Burman Berger, LCA Treasurer gave a budget update

He also requested that those who haven't paid dues please do so as soon as possible. He explained that we need to spend money wisely to benefit the community. He gave examples of how the LCA spends money to benefit the community such as the traffic enforcement used to make a periodic presence in the community. There have not been any school grant requests yet, but he heard some will be in soon. The money is still in the budget for each school. They are trying to keep costs down as much as possible and printing less when possible. He was asked when they will approve the audit. They noted it will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

4. Sheri Weiss introduced a guest speaker, N'kosi Yearwood, Community Planner for MC, White Flint 2 Sector Plan. He discussed how White Flint 1 has been approved since 2010 with 3 distinct phases. Now they are working on the approval for White Flint 2. He mentioned there is a Pepco substation that has been purchased on Nebel Street for Pepco to have extra power.

He was asked why the Board of Education did not see the need for a 7th elementary school at the time when land was being allocated. He said that was not his decision. He was also asked about a need for a traffic study and he said there will be one done. He reviewed the plans and noted they will be online as well.

5. Seth Adams, Director of Construction for Montgomery County Public Schools, Luxmanor ES and Tilden MS/Rock Terrace School spoke about development in our area. He reviewed both projects at Luxmanor and Tilden/Rock Terrace and showed pictures of the approved designs. Luxmanor will move out June 2018 and reopen January 2020. Tilden will have 1200 students and Rock Terrace 100 students in the new building. Luxmanor will have a 750 student capacity. Woodward will be open as a new high school, but the timeline is not definite.

He was asked about sidewalks near Tilden/Rock Spring and he said they have been in conversations with the Department of Transportation. Mr. Adams was also asked about communication and was requested to give the LCA updates to send to the community. In addition, Mr. Adams was asked about why there is not another elementary school in the CIP. He said they didn't deem it necessary at this time and they will revisit it in the future.

6. Tina Rouse, Program Manager, Friends of Cabin John Creek, RainScapes spoke about a new program to save people money and save the environment. RainScapes is a small local nonprofit watershed protection group that investigates water that drains into Cabin John Creek. Anything that happens in the greater Luxmanor community can be washed into the creek and cause disruption of the ecosystem so they will evaluate it for free. Their mission is the health and beauty of Cabin John Creek. The Storm Water Program gets grants from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. There are 3 parts to the grant: A. Survey what you know, B. Report issues and clean up the creek. C. Survey at the end to see what you learned about the program. Ms. Rouse explained there are rebates if you do an appropriate project of your property that is approved by this organization. They will ask you to sign up for an assessment and you can see if you qualify for the program.

7. Nurit Coombe, LCA Welcome and Social Chair spoke about upcoming activities. She spoke about the books and brunch in May and she needs a house. She spoke about the Halloween hot dog stand sponsored by the LCA. She said they are doing a Treasure Hunt in May and she needs volunteers. She talked about the movie night and noted some sponsors, after sponsors it still cost \$1500 for the LCA.

8. Update on the Alef Bet Montessori School on 6125 Tuckerman Lane by both Michael Strauss from the Concerned Neighbors Group and by Ellie Lichtash, Executive Director. Mr. Strauss spoke about specific updates (no hearing date was set, construction permits were issues, their goals are 90 students). At this point, the school may not exceed 33 unless a traffic study is done. There is a new after school program until 6 PM being proposed that may take students by bus to this location. He was worried about the impact of traffic on Tuckerman, especially with the aftercare adding a new dimension.

The Alef Bet Attorney from LEB replied that they will begin with 33 students. They want to “get a feel for the traffic” before having a traffic study. He explained they will keep the same footprint, but add an additional story to the building. There will be a circular driveway for the drop off. He mentioned that the aftercare program has not been finalized yet.

9. New Business

Abbe gave an update on the Henson House. The question becomes the character of the site. She gave a brief overview of the Henson House.

LCA Sign that was removed upset several people in the community. The LCA paid for the sign and there is a permit according to Debbie Orsak. The owner has placed trees in the place of the sign. The question becomes if the trees are on public property or his property? Also, if the LCA has a permit for the sign, why is the owner not required to put it up again immediately? Sharon Plotnick said she will investigate this issue with the Board. In addition, Debbie Orsak said she will send a copy of the permit showing that the LCA has permission to put up the sign and it should return to its original location.

10. Adjournment 9 PM

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Berger, Acting Recording Secretary