

LCA General Membership Meeting  
September 21, 2007  
7:30 pm  
Yeshiva School

***Call to order: 7:30 pm***

B. Warren opened the meeting, welcoming the LCA guest speaker:  
Officer Katie Hall, MCPD

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The next meeting will be nominations for the 2008 LCA officers. Individuals who wish to vote at the November 12 election meeting must be “members in good standing” by October 1.

***I. Minutes of the May 21, 2007 General Membership Meeting***

Minutes of the May 21, 2007 General Membership Meeting were summarized and approved.

***II. Special presentation: Guest speaker Officer Katie Hall, MCPD***

Officer Hall provided a brief background of her service, a general description of the status of crime in the LCA area (George-2 beat), discussed some basic measures to prevent burglary of homes and cars, and answered questions from residents.

Officer Hall works the George-2 beat that includes the Linden neighborhood. She has been with the police for 5 yrs and working in this area for 4 years. She noted that the area is relatively quiet with few crimes including an occasional robbery on Georgia Avenue. The largest crime issue is auto theft or burglary targeting GPS systems and other items left in view. She recommended that nothing be left in the vehicle in plain sight and to keep the vehicle registration in resident’s wallet. All personal items should be locked in the glove box or trunk.

Officer Hall distributed several handouts including (i) reporting suspicious behavior and (ii) burglary prevention. She noted that it is very important to call the police to report suspicious behavior, as that is a large part of the prevention battle. To prevent burglary, use common sense, cut back bushes that obscure views of the house, use exterior lighting, and generally keep the property visible. She also brought a property list handout and recommended that residents make a listing of their possessions (especially electronics etc. including the serial numbers). In the event of theft, this would be of great value to the police in identifying stolen property.

Officer Hall took the following questions from residents:

Q: Have there been any additional incidents on the FGP Bridge?

A: There have been a few calls for individuals hanging out. However, there have been no additional muggings. The MCPD continues to do foot patrols on the bridge.

Q: What is the staffing in the SS precinct:

A: The academy has just graduated. The George-2 beat is not short. There are 4 officers on each shift. Overall the district is short a few officers, however the officers from the beat areas do intermingle (7 officers at any given time).

Q: What is the definition of the George-2 beat?

A: From Georgia Avenue to Plyers Mill Road; left from Georgia to Blair High School/4 corners; right to Seminary/Capitol View/Leafy.

Q: How many calls do you receive per shift?

A: Not that many. It does depend. Calls can range from a “cat in the tree” all the way to violent crimes, a broken vehicle, etc. The number varies: 3 one day, 0 the next.

Q: Will you be ticketed if you parked in the driveway but are blocking the sidewalk?

A: Yes. This depends on the officer and usually would occur if there was a call to the police.

Q: What are the noise ordinances?

A: Residents should call if there is noise after 11 pm and before 7 am.

Officer Hall concluded and residents thanked her for her presentation and answers.

### ***III LCA general business***

#### ***FG Pedestrian Bridge***

Several residents stated that they received a flier from the County noting the issues identified, a sample picture of the call box that was expected to be installed, and a statement that video surveillance was financially prohibitive. As to video cameras, this will be a line item in the CIP budget and that LCA needs to continue to request funding for this.

Several other residents contributed comments suggesting that a positive view of the bridge be promoted since it does, at present, have a negative reputation both inside and outside our area. Several people noted that that bridge is used routinely.

#### ***Linden Lane drainage Project***

The Linden Lane project includes storm water drains, curbs on both sides and a new sidewalk on the North side in place of the asphalt walk. Bids for the project have been received and construction generally begins 2-3 months after. The community will be notified by the construction division according to Michael Mitchell, DPWT.

#### ***Mixing Bowl***

A facility study is being done at this time. There will be a public hearing in the fall where the results of the analysis will be presented and the community can provide feedback. A revised plan would be expected in the spring and bid out as a CIP project.

Councilperson Valerie Ervin had visited the Linden neighborhood where the mixing bowl was a featured stop. She committed to having this project meet the new road code that includes emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle access as well as traffic flow.

#### ***Montgomery Hills Park***

Priorities for the park have been rearranged. The park equipment will not be replaced this fiscal year while repaving of the courts has been pushed back. The equipment is expected this calendar year.

### ***LCA Annual Picnic***

The annual LCA picnic will be September 29. There will be a moon bounce, thanks to P. Olivetti's efforts, as well as other entertainment, surprises, greyhounds, bake off, etc. B. Nash will once again man the grill and there will be plenty of food. The entire Linden neighborhood is invited to join in. S. Dickson is chairing the picnic committee and requested volunteers for setup and cleanup.

### ***Montgomery Hills CBD Project***

The project includes banners, streetlights, and landscaping as well as the concrete work already completed. The remainder of the project is still in progress and it is expected that banners and lights should be installed by spring.

### ***Road Resurfacing***

Many resident expressed displeasure at the condition and quality of the resurfacing. While some roads were repaved in the conventional manner (i.e.: Warren St.) others were done using spray slurry. It was noted that this type of slurry was not going to be used past this year since there had been many complaints about the quality and the durability was very suspect. Other residents noted that speaking to inspectors during the process did not result in any follow up action by DPWT.

### ***Birchmere is out and Live Nation is in***

Previously the county had been negotiating with Birchmere to open a venue in downtown SS in the old Penny's building. That has not been productive and the County is now issuing a letter of intent with Live Nation, an entertainment company that manages the Cellar Door in Georgetown. It is expected that there will be a 750-1000 seat facility with all types of music entertainment. AFI will partner.

### ***Other:***

#### ***Fall cleanup announcement***

A fall cleanup effort was scheduled for the morning of the picnic, September 29. Individuals participating should contact K. Madsen.

#### ***Neighborhood yard sale***

Volunteers to organize a neighborhood yard sale are needed. Interested persons should contact F. Cooper.

#### ***Next meeting***

The next General Membership Meeting will be October 22 at which nominations for the next 2008 slate of LCA officers would be taken. Residents must be "members in good standing" by October 1 in order to participate in the process and to vote in the November elections.

***Adjourn 9:15 pm***