

## **LPCA Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Kathleen McSweeney. Attendees introduced themselves, and Kathleen thanked all who assisted with the recent Halloween events, including the parade, bonfire, donuts and cider.

Minutes were approved, and will be posted on groups.io in the future (as well as the website).

Bill Anhut gave a Treasurer's update: The newsletter finances, the largest source of expense/revenue for the LPCA, are in good shape. Changes were made by the newsletter editors that reduced production costs and advertising revenue is projected to cover the costs.

Bill also reviewed some issues of concern with the LPCC finances. Covid reduced rental revenue, while many expenses remained flat, causing a shortfall. The BOG expects the financials to improve for 2023. The groups discussed adding a discussion about a building endowment to LPCC meeting. Bill had introduced idea of donated land (easement with Northern VA Conservation Trust), but this conflicts with how our deed is written, rendering an endowment of little value since the land is already considered a park. There may still be a possibility but he is not too hopeful.

Victoria noted that we have little presence on Facebook and Instagram. Some of the information of the website conflicts with information of social meeting. She is willing to work with the communications team to update and energize our social media platforms.

The tree snag issue will be discussed at January LPCC meeting and voted on shortly thereafter. The BOG has created process (attached) which needs to be advertised to meet Dec 18 deadline. Kathleen will address the timeline with Jeannette Wick, with the hope that discussion/vote can be extended to encourage participation. Additional issues for consideration: Natural vs lacquered. What is the end goal, providing natural environment for animals, artistic expression, etc.? Bench made from one snag could be another option.

Kathleen gave an overview of the Arlington Civic Federation. Lyon Park currently has less robust membership than in past. There are upcoming votes on two resolutions concerning the decision-making processes at the county level (looking to improve community's confidence) and task force in governance and election reform decisions. She is looking for two additional people to join. Lauren Daly volunteered to join.

Natalie Roy is forming a Membership Committee, tasked with encouraging participation with the LPCA and creating welcome baskets for newcomers. She is getting good response and hopes to include local items in the baskets.

New business: there has been discussion about how to better define Ashton Heights benefits for donors to the Lyon Park Community House. This will be added to the January LPCC agenda.

Meeting was adjourned.