

LCA July 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Board members virtually in attendance are: Sally Drucker, Eudice Fogel, Kathy Jordan, Jill Dale, Tom Siracusa, Kelly Dotson, Dave Free, Lee Merovitz, Donna Gallery, Erik Heitman, Larry Sachs, Paul Shea, Nancy Morris

Guests in attendance : Nada Riley, Laura Myers, Jerry Swarzman

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order by President Sally Drucker at 6:33pm. Sally anticipates that we might be meeting in person by August meeting.

Review of Minutes from June meeting: a motion was made by Kathy Jordan to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Jill Dale and the motion passed by vote of board.

Treasurers report: David reports that the first payment was made to website developer and also for our liability insurance coverage. The specifics amounts of transactions can be found in the submitted inclusive report.

Dave is also continuing to look for an appropriately sized storage unit to store LCA owned property. Jill made a motion to approve spending no more than 125\$ monthly on unit (once Dave identifies the best candidate), the motion was seconded by Jill and the vote to move forward on this was passed by majority vote.

Dave also reported on his latest interactions with the IRS in regard to the tax ID number/LCA issue. He has had a conversation with a live person at last and continues with the paperwork to get this resolved.

Lastly, Dave reports that despite numerous inquiries with a number of insurance agencies (in a time span of over a year) that he has not found anyone who will write us a policy to insure sculpture owned by LCA but placed on public property. He feels there is no point to continue to ask other agencies for this coverage and we should consider that this cannot be obtained.

Planning/Zoning: no meeting held, no report

Parks and Beautification: Erik continues conversation with alderman office re: the "approved" installation of light and electricity to FSP, he relayed that alderman says tentative installation will be in fall 2021. FSP gardens received application of nutrients in July. August 3 there will be a special meeting at Ogden Park to discuss improvements. There was discussion re: the continued problem of youth congregating at FSP using alcohol and drugs, as well as defacement of park with graffiti and vandalism. At this time we can only recommend calling CPD. Erik has received a request (forwarded to him via Ann Moore from Dana Ringer of BPAC), asking LCA to donate \$450 to underwrite a movie in Bauler Park on Friday 9/17/21. There was a robust discussion of this issue. Erik will get more information before a vote on this next month.

Arts and Culture: Donna reports that theaters in LCA boundary are still not open and that a few have had management changes. She related that the photo competition idea that she put forth last month did not seem to have much support board level and given that she is not going to move forward on this idea at this time. Jill would like to revisit this idea in 2-3 months when website is up and running at capacity.

Donna made a motion stating - given our inability to find insurance coverage to meet CDOT requirements that LCA inform the sculptor that we cannot move forward to purchase. The motion was seconded by Nancy and carried. Paul Shea made a motion, seconded by Jill, for inclusion in the minutes to "thank the Dotsons for their generosity" in volunteering to sponsor LCA purchase of the Traveler. There was unanimous support for this statement.

Community Affairs- Nada reported that she attended the virtual CAPS meeting, (virtual attendance by community apparently was lackluster) and she hopes that after LCA sends the community safety survey CAPS attendance and interest may increase. Nada also relayed an incident at FSP involving more defamation of park property as well as LCA garden property, she made formal report and forwarded to CAPS. Nada made a motion, seconded by Kelly that we move forward with safety survey and to share the results with 18th district and Alderman Smith. The motion carried.

Membership and Communication: Jill shared more of the lengthy process re: LCA logo and branding while working with our website designer. 12 of 14 board members responded to the survey her committee sent out. There was good discussion among the members re: the Logo design, suggestions were made and Jill will meet again with the designer and ask for changes and send a new survey to board members.

The committee has made recommendations to membership dues as follows:

Family membership should increase from 40\$ to 50\$

Individual remains at 30\$

Senior should increase from 10\$ to 20\$

Business/Organization membership should increase from 75\$ to 100\$

Annual Benefactor- donation from 100\$ to 499\$

Lifetime continues at 500\$

Remove patron and senior couple types of membership.

Jill made a formal motion to implement this change in cost of membership, motion seconded by Tom and carried.

The LCA newsletter was sent July 17 and thus far has a 50% open rate. (A very good sign)

Jill reported that printed renewal notices were sent to some lapsed members and that online renewals are being received.

Events : Eudice reports that Evening in the Garden has been "scheduled" for 9/17/21 from 5-7pm. Her committee is also recommending that the event sponsorship letter be condensed. Sally wants LCA to be ready to reach out to local businesses for sponsorship and if any board members have a relationship with a business to contact her to help make an introduction.

There being no further business a motion was made by Nancy, seconded by Tom, for adjournment - the motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by Nancy Morris July 28, 2021