

June 24, 2021 LCA Board Minutes

Board Members In attendance: Sally Drucker, Nancy Morris, Tom Siracusa, Donna Gallery, Kathy Jordan, Larry Sachs, Erik Heitman, Paul Shea, Jill Dale, Kelly Dotson, Eudice Fogel, David Free

Guests in attendance: Isabella Lee (staff from Congressman Mike Quigley's office)  
Nada Riley

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Drucker at 7:33p.

The minutes of the May 27 2021 were approved after a motion to approve was made by Jill and seconded by Paul. The interim minutes from June 17, 2021 were also approved after a motion by Kathy that was seconded by Tom.

Updates: Sally made a statement to the board (which is attached to the minutes) in an attempt to clear the air and put aside any tension re: the Dickens Greenway survey and voting and board statements. The board is assured of transparency and collaboration by the president and officers of the board.

Treasurers report: David Free

Dave reports little financial activity in the past month, the only outlay was a payment to Christy Weber for work at Fire Station Park. The accounts total as of today is \$45, 432.52

Insurance inquiry: Dave reports that he continues to work with agency to find a suitable policy that would allow LCA to insure "The Traveler" if it is purchased and then displayed in a CDOT park. He has a few more inquiries out that require response to him, but his feeling is that this isn't going to happen, or if available the cost would be prohibitive.

Committee Reports:

Planning and Zoning: No updates, no meeting was held, no actions needed

Parks: Erik reported that the parks committee did not meet this month, but that there is ongoing activity by volunteers in Lincoln Central and Fire Station Parks. He again thanks all volunteers for their efforts. Sally made motion to have the board release funds of \$549.00 for improvements to FSP for soil nutrients and more perennials. Kelly made the motion to approve, seconded by Jill and the vote carried for approval.

Arts and Culture: Donna Gallery made the obvious observation that if we cannot get insurance for the statue, then the city will not approve the easement in the CDOT park for display, therefore we cannot go on with purchase. She will continue to communicate with the artist to let him know the standing. We should have all the information by next months meeting. Donna put forward an idea for a "photo contest" to involve the neighbors in an activity sponsored by LCA that would focus on the neighborhood. This idea was enthusiastically endorsed by the board. Donna will work on a more detailed outline for this "contest" and present to board next meeting, Jill made it clear that we needed to wait on new website to be operational in order to post the photos etc.

Community Relations: Nada was not present at the time of report, Sally started the conversation by reporting on the June 4 safety walk sponsored by Alderman. Jill related to the group that the response to the safety articles in last newsletter (authored by Larry) was impressive. She received several emails with very strong opinions and advice for the LCA board. Discussion among members began. It was felt that a survey re: safety concerns of the

neighbors should be crafted, the results tabulated, and then shared with neighbors via the newsletter and with Alderman. Larry suggested that we also share our results with the 18th district personnel as well. At the end of our discussions it seems that a survey should be crafted, taken shared via meeting(s) and perhaps a safety walk of neighborhood could occur after the above had been done.

Membership and Communications: Jill reports "lots of action" by this committee. She summarized the results of the Dickens Greenway Survey (results posted on our google documents link) End result was 29% for DG project, 66% against. She reported that the June newsletter generated more response than any previous and there were multiple comments re: the safety concerns of the neighborhood. The July newsletter is in progress, Ideas are welcomed. Jill gave a membership update and discussed how the renewals are targeted in differing was for recent expirations vs lapsed memberships. She will send the link to the google drive LCA pages to us each once again. She encouraged us to post minutes, ideas, etc there for all to see in one place.

Events: Eudice reports that she is hoping that fall events will happen. As of this time no dates are named for Evening in the Garden or the Howler at Bauler.

New Business: Sally opened discussion re: having future LCA board meetings in person and if so , what would the venue be. Some members are out of town in July and may still need remote action. It seems the board was interested in meeting in person. Sally will communicate the venue before next meeting.

There being no further new business, Kelly made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jill , a vote to adjourn was unanimous