

Board members in attendance: Sally Drucker, Paul Shea, Andrew Maslan, Jill Dale, Jacob Ringer, Eudice Fogel, Dennis Hack, Tom Siracusa, Erik Heitman

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

Introductions – Lauren Hollasch (Director of Sales & Marketing, Belmont Village) – Lauren shared her excitement for Belmont Village to host LCA’s first in-person meeting after Covid. Lauren indicated Belmont Village would love to host meetings in the future, including committee meetings.

Call to Order – Sally Drucker called the meeting to order at 6:47PM

Review & Approval of February Minutes – Jill Dale made a motion to approve / Eudice Fogel seconded Motion passes unanimously

Treasurer’s Report

- Jacob Ringer reported that the Association lost its 501c3 status – Jacob, David Free and Sally Drucker are working with Congressman Quigley to reinstate our 501c3 status
- Jacob shared his desire for the LCA to reboot fiscally w/large membership drive over summer after legal status is fixed and new website is launched
- In response to a question about collections while lacking 501c3 status, Jacob explained that the Associations status would be retroactively reinstated once we’ve proven LCA is current with taxes.
- Jacob is looking for committee budget proposals - has some – not complete (contact Jacob for list of committee budgets)

Committee Reports

- Planning & Zoning – Eudice Fogel gave a synopsis of the committee report
 - A recap was given on Spirit Hub presentation – the P&Z Committee sent letter to Alderman recommending approval
 - American Pantry (Punt & Plume) on Willow will be subject of next P&Z meeting – Check P&Z Committee Report
- Parks and Beautification – An update on the status of area parks was presented by Erik Heitman, Nada Riley and Laura Meyer.
 - Erik Heitman reported that Girl Scouts from Abraham Lincoln Elementary School (ALES) will be volunteering in Lincoln Central Park to construct a butterfly habitat/garden.
 - Nada Riley and Laura reported that (as of Monday, 3/21) - Lights are being installed at Fire Station Park (FSP)
 - Underground electrical for lighting will be installed by boring in lieu of trenching, which will minimize disruption of the gardens.
 - Regarding the FSP maintenance contract – After reviewing the Christy Webber proposal, Nada and Laura obtained 2nd proposal from Salvador Landscaping
 - Nada and Laura would like to go with Salvador Landscaping
 - \$1,000 delta between proposals

- Sally will call Christy Webber to inform them of the decision to go with another service provider
 - Nada, Laura, and Kathy have been participating in community garden
 - Sally recommends looking at openlands.org for resources
 - Compost structure will be removed – Jerry
 - Lock was removed to accommodate construction work in FSP
 - Regarding FSP sculpture, Jerry Swarzman suggested that after our 501c3 status is resolved, we could suggest to the artist that he donate the sculpture as a tax write-off
- Community Affairs – Nada Riley and Jacob Ringer provided the following update:
 - Nada said she will be scheduling a Ward walk in May – Jill will advertise the Ward Walk in the newsletter.
 - Jacob said he thought Ward Walk is a good way to grow membership
 - Jacob said he would like to get voter rolls for area and go door-to-door to promote LCA
 - Jacob discussed the new Ward map vote in June.
- Communications – Jill Dale provided the following update:
 - Website is almost ready to launch
 - New electronic payment was selected
 - Website rollout will coincide with rollout of new branding
 - Newsletter will go out at end of month
 - Newsletter ideas: community news (i.e. new businesses, community/park events, President’s Letter)
 - Jacob Ringer reported that the Bauler Park Advisory Council will be introducing new rules for Pickleball at Bauler Park
 - Membership / Engagement Subcommittee
 - Jill Dale is looking for feedback on the neighborhood map
 - Jill requested comments by end of week
 - Jacob is looking for volunteers to help revamp the membership Excel spreadsheet
- Events – Eudice Fogel provided the following update:
 - Eudice was pleased to share that Carnival Foods would like to host a street party for the neighborhood, providing food and drinks, with all proceeds going to the LCA
 - Would likely be at Fire Station Park (July 16th)
 - Eudice said LCA and Carnival are still working through details
 - A Zoom meeting will be scheduled with Ballyhoo Hospitality
 - Dennis Hack asked to assist with Ballyhoo meeting
 - Looking at late August/September for “evening in the garden”
 - Caroling in December was suggested as a Winter event
 - Jerry Swarzman said he would like to host a Barn Dance in Bauler Park, offering the following background on the benefits of barn dancing:
 - 60-70 barn dancers in Chicagoland
 - Wonderful way to mix & mingle
 - Not square dancing

- Easy to Learn
- Jerry suggested the Barn Dance could be an LCA fundraiser
- Regarding Bauler Park, Jacob says Bauler Park Advisory Committee is trying to have autonomy and strengthening their brand
 - All agreed that we need to work out relationship and boundaries between LCA and Bauler & Oz Park Advisory Committees
- Governance – Not discussed

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28th, at Belmont Village, 700 W. Fullerton Avenue

Move to Adjourn – There being no further new business before the board a motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Hack, seconded by Jill Dale, and approved unanimously.

Submitted March 30, 2022, by Erik Heitman, Vice-President