

## November 18, 2021 LCA Board Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance : Kathy Jordan, Nancy Morris, Paul Shea, Jill Dale, Eudice Fogel, Kelly Dotson, Donna gallery, Tom Siracusa, Larry Sachs, Erik Heitman, David Free, Lee Merovitz

guests in attendance: Alderman Michelle Smith, Jerry Swarzman, Nada Riley, Eric Wallenius and Murphy McKay from Alderman's office , Isabella Lee ( Rep. Quigley's office staff). Laura Meyers

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Vice President Erik Heitman. Erik made a brief announcement that LCA President Sally Drucker has taken a leave of absence from leadership for the foreseeable future and he will act as board leader until such time as Sally can return.

### Welcome Guests:

Alderman Smith gave a short talk re: 43rd ward activity. She spoke about new business development along Lincoln avenue near to Lincoln Commons. She says her office continues to support the creation of fine dining, live performance, and other tourism activities in the ward. She alluded to an arts program that will activate empty storefronts into light art venues . Her office is pursuing the creation of a "winter festival" of some sort to occur in Jan and Feb. She noted that infrastructure work for 5 G communications is happening in the ward. She also reported on addressing tripping hazards within the ward with sidewalk and curb repairs being done. She thanked the Community Affairs committee for all the hard work on the safety survey and commented on the good communication between her office and the 18th district CPD. Alderman Smith spoke about a new program that will eventually replace CAPS called Chicago neighborhood Policing initiative. This program is a part of police reform and will involve neighborhoods by electing neighborhood coordinators. The 18th district will be the first on the north side to roll out this program, thus we will need good dedicated volunteers from our neighborhood. This initiative is expected to roll out in March 22.

Isabella Lee from Mike Quigley's office spoke about the remapping of Illinois congressional districts, the infrastructure bill and the Build Back Better bill before congress. She states Illinois will greatly benefit from expanded child tax credit and universal preK.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Kathy Jordan made a motion seconded by Kelly for the minutes to be approved. Voice vote approved the motion.

Treasurers Report: Dave sent a written report to board prior to meeting. The net profit from Howler at Bauler event was \$3382.00. Bank balance for LCA is \$49,502.94. Jill made a motion that the treasurer reimburse out of pocket expenses made by individual board members in preparation for the event. Paul seconded motion, voice vote approved motion.

### Committee Reports:

Planning and Zoning: No report, no meeting held

Parks: Erik, no meeting held, reiterated that improvements to FSP are forthcoming

Arts and Culture: Donna Gallery, expressed that the committee was looking forward to 2022 as possibly a time when LCA can collaborate in person with our businesses and art venues etc.

Community Affairs: Nada Riley reported that Lincoln School held a vaccination clinic 11/12 and gave 415 vaccinations that single day. She reported on the ward walk held 11/13 with 8

neighbors involved, along with the help of the chamber of commerce. There were 60 requests for service made based on the findings.

Membership and Communication: Jill reported that the web site design is “almost” ready , they are currently working on a portal for e-commerce on the web site. She brought us up to date on the work her committee did for promoting Howler, and making sure the businesses that sponsored the event get their benefit by having an ad in our newsletter. She also spoke about promoting the tree lighting. Larry Sachs, a member of the committee, pointed out that chairing this committee and being in charge of both membership and communication is quite an onerous position and suggested we think about splitting this committee into two separate. There was discussion in the group, and it was decided to look at this in Jan., after the new board is seated. LCA President appoints the committee chairs and can form new committees.

Events: Eudice is relieved to report that Howler was a smashing success. The head count was at least 924 at the gate. All the entertainment was well received, all the food candy and drink was consumed. She is looking forward to next spring after an active fall season for events.

New business: Oz park tree lighting is set for Dec 4 at 5pm

The nomination committee is still in need of 3 nominees to the board- please forward ideas to Anne Moore.

We discussed the likelihood of the community wide open meeting in Jan 22 will be held in person at Belmont Village. More information to come later.

There being no further new business before the board, Paul Shea made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Free, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Submitted 11/22/21 Nancy Morris secretary LCA