

April 28, 2022 Lincoln Central Board Meeting Minutes
In person meeting held at Belmont Village

Board members in attendance: Debra Dobbs, Paul Shea, Jill Dale, Nancy Morris, Erik Heitman, Sally Drucker, Tom Siracusa, Jacob Ringer, Eudice Fogel

Guests in attendance: Donna Thompson, Jerry Swarzman

Call to Order: President Sally Drucker called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Review of Minutes of last meeting: Nancy made motion for approval of minutes as written which was seconded by Paul and approved by voice vote.

Treasurers Report: LCA is still needing to fill the position of treasurer. Sally and Erik are working with IRS towards the resolution of the loss of the 501c3, with the help of Rep. Quigleys office. Given the transition period no formal report was given. It was mentioned that STRIPE, which is a payment app on LCA new website is working and there have been direct deposits of new membership fees directly into our account.

Committee Reports:

Planning and zoning: Anne Moore, chair, was not in attendance however Debra Dobbs is a member of committee and gave an overview of the work the committee has done with developers of the Royal George site. She feels the changes in plans due do the committees input have been very positive. The committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday at the Marquee Lounge FYI.

Parks and Beautification: Erik reports that local Girl Scouts are volunteering both in Lincoln Central and FSP. LC park will see the Girl Scouts working on butterfly garden Sunday's at 4pm. Laura and Nada have organized a work day at FSP for 5-14-22 from 12 to 3pm. They have also crafted a flyer calling for volunteers which will be included in the next newsletter. Girl Scouts will be in FSP on June 4. Erik and Sally will meet with members of Old Town Triangle Association this Sunday at 3pm to discuss the rejuvenation of Ogden Mall Park at the Park.

Community Affairs: Neither Nada or Larry could attend this evening but general discussion took place led by Sally. LCA continues to have a meeting monthly with Alderman's office re: public safety and other concerns. The next meeting will be May 6 and Larry will report back on the content of meeting. There was discussion of the news that more neighbors (south of high school) are banding together and hiring private security for their neighborhood. This was reported on next door and Bloc Club Chicago. It was felt by the group that LCA need not make a statement for or against this action. Jill thanked Larry for his contributions to the news letter on Public Safety issues.

Communications: Jill related that the website has been up and running since 3-29-22. This occurred without fanfare to work out any kinks before the official launch. Even though it wasn't official we apparently got two new members via the site who paid dues on StrIPE . It seems the site had 165 visits by people who just found it on their own. The official launch of the website will be in April 30 newsletter. The hope is that the website can integrate membership rolls with newsletter and interaction can be seamless.

Sally had crafted a new "sponsorship package" for local businesses to interact with LCA and events and newsletter. She proposed that the sponsorship be active for one full year, rather than per event. This idea was enthusiastically endorsed by the board during discussion.

Membership: Jacob is hoping to find a time that LCA can perform some door to door canvassing within our boundaries to inform and recruit new neighbors into membership. He is hoping to create an automated solution for membership renewal.

Engagement subcommittee : Ann had sent a copy of the map created for LCA by artist and asked for board input. Several members suggested that the map have more of the “look” of the new LCA logo and branding. This information will be passed to Ann to see if it is possible to do without incurring significant expense. There was discussion of what could be done with the LCA “MAP” for neighbors to utilize, such as tote bags or stickers etc. All discussion of the map trended favorably.

Events: Eudice spoke about an LCA collaboration with Carnival grocery to be held July 16. Carnival is funding the event. Eudice is helping the carnival staff by providing vendor names and ideas. LCA will host a membership booth. Evening in the Garden will be held 9-10-22. Jerry made a proposal to LCA that LCA co-sponsor with BPAC a “Barndance” to be held at Bauler Park on 10-1-22. He proposed that LCA share expense equally with BPAC. At this time there is no estimation of what that shared expense would be to LCA. The event would be from 5:30 to 9pm, with the first part of the evening being kid friendly and the latter part adults only. He envisions fall decorations and strings of lights and a “caller” to be the expenses. He will get back to the board in the next two months with more specific costs and plans. He also announced that BPAC is sponsoring a concert in the park on Aug 7, 2022. The 5th Star Band will be performing.

Governance: report will be given at our next meeting.

There being no new business, Nancy made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Jill and meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

The May meeting will be held via ZOOM on May 26 6:30pm. (Memorial Day weekend)*