

LCA Board Meeting November 17, 2022. (Held virtually via zoom)

Board members in attendance Erik Heitman, Nancy Morris, Eudice Fogel, Jill Thompson, Dennis Hack, Pau Shea, Tom Siracusa, Jacob Ringer, Brian Kasal Larry Sachs

Visitors in attendance: Nada Riley, Laura Meyers

Call to Order: President Eric Heitman called meeting to order at 6:34 pm
Review / Approval of minutes: Paul made motion for approval, seconded by Jill and approved without dissent.

Treasurers Report: Brian is getting up to speed with Treasurers position. The total of the three accounts is \$53,432. There are currently three accounts because one account is segregated from the main accounts (operating and money market) because it contains donations especially earmarked by the donor for parks. There was approximately \$2300 cash deposited from Howler, more from Venmo and PayPal. We expect a more detailed accounting at the next meeting when the expenses from Howler have been paid and all the incoming monies from donation and sponsorship have been deposited.

Committee Reports:

Events: Eudice was profusely thanked by the board for executing the biggest and likely best received Howler to date. She had sent a detailed report to the board prior to this meeting. the report included the costs for insurance, permits, portable toilets, and paid performers/artists. her committee counted over 1,000 persons in attendance.

Zoning: Anne Moore not in attendance, committee did not meet

Parks: Erik_ committee did not meet this month. Nada reports that FSP has been readied for winter. She is expecting one further bill from the contractor for end of the season work at FSP. There was some discussion re: Ogden Mall Park. It is expected to be the big upcoming project for committee during the next year.

Community Affairs: Larry and Nada. They attended the meeting with alderman's office and other neighborhood community groups. Alderman is promoting increased use of the 311 app. that office has access to the data from 311 and can stay abreast of concerns from local citizens and give feedback to community at large re: concerns sent to 311. Alderman is promoting community and neighborhood organizations such as LCA, Old Town Triangle, wrightwood neighbors etc as the way to be "in the loop" of what is happening locally. Old town Triangle is going to mount a major membership drive and to that effect has hired a consultant. we hope that OTT will share the results of a survey that asks citizens "why join or why choose not to join" neighborhood associations.

Communications: Jill has sent a detailed report to board prior to this meeting. Most of the work of the committee for the past few months has centered on events. She notes that traffics on the website spikes prior to events. She reports that instagram traffic is increasing She is currently promoting the Dec 3 Oz Park Tree Lighting as our last event of the year. She will post an article in newsletter re: board member recruitment as well as publicize the annual LCA meeting. (It is hoped that the annual meeting can be held in person)

New Business:

Jacob proposes that LCA participate in sponsoring or at least having a presence in the Aldermanic debates or "forums" that should occur in the spring.

Annual meeting: This meeting should occur Jan 26 Thursday. We hope to hold it in person. Erik will speak with Belmont Village about hosting. We hope to engage more community if the meeting is held in person (health issues permitting). Eric discussed need to form nominating committee for new board members. There was discussion re: who was up for re-election and whose terms were expiring. Jill and Eudice are up for re-election and want to continue in their position. There is another open slot due to Sally's resignation from the board. After discussion Erik appointed the nominating committee - chair will be Dennis, Paul and Jacob have agreed to be the two board members mandated to be on committee along with the chair. Erik will reach out to 3 LCA members to also serve on the board.

There was discussion about the formation of a new committee : Sponsorship. We expect this to happen after the new board members and officers are seated.

December meeting: There was discussion re: having or canceling the Dec meeting as it would be scheduled during the holiday week. Brian made motion to cancel December meeting, seconded by Eudice. There was discussion that we likely needed a meeting - short and virtual perhaps before the general membership meeting. Paul made a motion that we schedule a virtual meeting on Dec 15, seconded by Dennis. There were two votes held. The vote to cancel December meeting was defeated and the vote to hold virtual meeting on Dec 15 was in agreement.

Adjournment: There being no further new business, Eudice made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Tom, votes in favor were unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted Nancy Morris, Nov 26, 2022