

April 27, 2023 - LCA Board Meeting Minutes - Via Zoom

Minutes by Paul Shea

Board Members in attendance (Jill presiding):

Jill Dale, Paul Shea, Tom Siracusa, Nancy Morris, Chris Paradowicz, Debra Dobbs, Michael Patterson, Eudice Fogel, Bran Kasal

Absent: Erik Heitman, Dennis Hack

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

Meeting called to order 6:33 pm.

Minutes from March 2023 – Board Meeting – Jerry asked for an amendment – to add suggestion from discussion on Membership benefits. Paul will add to previous minutes and recirculate for approval at next meeting.

Treasurer's report

Verbal Report.

Brian is ready to refile our status as a corporation and then to update it to reinstate our 501c3 status with help from Congressman Quigley's office. Erik, Jill and Brian to meet to ensure our auto-communications in response to membership / sponsorship signups are consistent with current status. Brian reminded Chairs to prepare budgets for 2023 to be reviewed and approved. Format and deadline to be established.

Storage Area account switched from David Free's personal account to LCA account.

Committee Reports with assigned Chairs for 2023

Opportunity for all Board members to identify and join committees that they would like to join. Reach out to Chairs directly.

Planning & Zoning – Anne Moore - Written report submitted this month. Able to meet in person for the first time in a long while! Brainstormed ideas to build into formal response to Brian Hopkins and Developers regarding what the Community wants in development of 1633 N Halsted (former Royal George).

- Building Height <= 60"
- Meaningful on-site, at-grade green space
- Contextual materials in façade
- On-site affordable housing
- 50% parking

Potential tenant for former Stanley's Kitchen on Lincoln. Reviewing proposal.

Parks & Beautification – Nada Riley – email report this month.

Requested \$600 for Lincoln Central Park budget. Paul made Motion to approve, Jacob seconded.

Approved unanimously. Meeting on Sunday to place stones, mulch, etc.

Great participation for Earth Day cleanup at Ella Jenkins Park.

Looking to work with OTTA regarding development of Ogden Park.

Community Affairs – Nada Riley - email report this month. Meets 2nd Thursday of the month.

18th District Council would like to join future LCA meeting. Larry to reach out.

Nada to investigate “situational awareness” seminar – possibly at Belmont Village.

Planning for Ward Walk – thinking about best way to promote and best date to execute. Can use it to build visibility in Community and further relationship with Alderman and his office.

Nada also suggested a possible “Safety Walk” separate from Ward Walk.

Communications – Jill Dale - Full Report submitted. Includes statistics on Website visits, Newsletter openings, Membership etc. April Newsletter out this Friday.

Jacob will send the approved 6 months of Scheduled Events from Bauler Park.

Membership – Jacob Ringer – No written report this month. Would like to recommend a door to door campaign this summer. Jacob would like to have a membership drive in May.

Events – Eudice Fogel - Submitted written report. Dates for 3 events being confirmed;

- Block Party w/ Carnival – July 15 – Awaiting details from new Carnival contact. Reach out to mid-North on this?
- Evening in the Garden – ? coordinate w/Debra regarding Burling Block Party.
- Howler at Bauler confirmed for 10/28.

Arts & Culture – open

Sponsorship (new) - open

Other Business

Erik suggested an LCA Board team building session last meeting but not discussed.

Debra moved to adjourn the meeting; Eudice seconded. Meeting Adjourned – 7:25 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 25