

2023 LCA Board Meeting minutes for 7/27/23 @ Belmont Village

Board Members in Attendance: Erik Heitman, Larry Sachs, Eudice Fogel, Dennis Hack, Brian Kasal, Tom Siracusa, Jill Dale, Debra Dobson, Michael Patterson, Chris Paradowicz

Missing: Paul Shea, Jacob Ringer, Nancy Morris, Ann Moore

Guests In Attendance: Nada Riley

Meeting called to order: 6:40pm

Minutes from June 2023 Board meeting: Eudice motioned; Jill seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

Planning and Zoning:

- The hours of operations for the business at Sedgewick, Armitage and Lincoln are up for review. More discussion on the proposed hours of operations is needed. They are looking for late night hours. There is a proposed meeting at the site. Currently LCA's position is that we don't support up zoning.
- More info will be made available on Tuesday 8/1 at the property previously occupied by Stanley's.
- Zoning report is attached.

Parks & Beautification:

- Fire Station Park: No updates.

Upcoming Events:

- Ella Jenkins: There is an event planned at Ella Jenkin's Park to celebrate Ella Jenkin's birthday Sunday 8/6 12:30-2:30 pm. Ella may be in attendance. We have donations and the Church of 3 crosses will provide drinks.
- Ogden Mall- Event at Ogden Mall on 8/2 5:30-7:30 pm. Jill will disseminate information on this event.

Community Affairs

- Nada met with the new Commander of the 18th district. He is open to walking the neighborhood. She is working to get something on the books.
- Larry has recently met with the alderman and McKay to go over proposed ideas to provide the new Deputy Mayor for Community Safety. The ideas remain consistent with the administration values and Goals.
- Additions to the Newsletter were provided regarding Alley way housing identification.
- Community Affairs report is attached.

Communication:

- Web traffic is up. There was a spike prior to the summer block party.
- The July Newsletter will be sent out on or around 7/31/23.
- Community Affairs report is attached.

Financial/ Treasurer's report:

- We didn't raise funds in the beginning of the year.
- We are currently working on a budget for 2023. All subcommittees provided a budget.
- New budget for 2024 will be kicked off in October 2023
- From the recent event, \$220 in cash was raised. Venmo, Zella and Paypay payments need to be release, however we need bank info to release funds back to the bank.
- 501C-: No update. May look at re-filing
- Financial Report is attached.

Events:

- Carnival
 - Block party was successful and well represented.
 - Half of the funds raised are due to Mid North.
 - Thanks you notes were written
- Evening in the Garden 9/17/23.
 - We need vendors for this.
 - Angry octopus agreed to attend Looking at Cedar Palace and Roots. Email any other suggestions to Eudice.
 - There is a potluck table. Board Members are asked to bring a dish to share.
- Howler at Bauer: Planned for October.
 - Considering a "break even or better" event. Looking to see if we can get \$25-\$50 gift certificates from local businesses. There is a google Docs site for the businesses
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- Events report is attached.

New Business:

- The old John Barleycorn location appears to be turning into a new business called "Bad Apple".
- Dicken's greenway: Indications are that the greenways may be shelved.
- Questions came up about the dispensary on Lincoln and Wrightwood. The LCA has no position and the location is outside of the LCA boundaries.
- Discussions were had on the current "Mansion" tax. LCA would like the Alderman's position on this.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15pm: Motioned by Eudice, Dennis Seconded