

Nov 4, 2025 | 📅 MLCA Board Meeting

Attendees: Becky R Geneva Locke joedan@hitelandproperties.com ~~Edward A. Black~~
Tina Klismith Bobby Rinehart jasminejwest@gmail.com Chris Gibbons John Hunter
Cassie Vogel Kotter

Host: Cassie Vogel Kotter (9035 W 2nd Ave)

- Welcome
 - Introductions - new visitor, Brian Kell, potentially interested in joining board
- Regular Business (15 min)
 - Treasurer / Member Report - Geneva
 - 74 memberships - down from prior years, still catching up from rainy picnic
 - Need to continue to brainstorm how to get more involvement
 - 3 newsletters have gone out, but have not been invoiced yet. Need to follow up. Chris to see if he does have them.
 - Picnic \$400 under budget
 - Halloween celebration looking like right around the planned \$500
 - Association is in a healthy financial position
 - End-of-Year Celebration -
 - Tue December 2nd 7:00pm
 - Dinner + White Elephant
 - January Meeting - Tuesday January 13th, 7:00pm
- Events Review & Updates (20 min)
 - Annual Meeting review
 - Start / Stop / Keep
 - Amount of material on the agenda was great
 - The EAB presentation was great and well-received
 - Zoning discussion was civil and productive
 - Opportunity to advertise better to get more attendance
 - Yard signs...at least in our own yard, or in "sign ambassador" yards (partner with South of 6th)
 - Halloween Block Party review
 - Photos! [Google Drive Link](#)
 - Start / Stop / Keep
 - Great success! 100's of people
 - Need a monitor for the bouncy castle
 - Need a porta potty
 - The neighborhood chipped in for a lot of candy...could help provide this next year

- Need more help for set-up - more pre-planning
 - Could consider expanding further towards the park to allow people to spread out
 - In general, it's a big lift for the block, and not everyone was excited about it - how do we navigate this?
 - Closing off the street was a big win - traffic safety
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- Events Planning
 - Tree Lighting
 - 11/30, 5pm
 - Lights update - Chris
 - Got the lights back from the previous company - Thanks Jenn
 - Ordered more and they look the same
 - Joedan renting a lift and stringing lights...tentative plan is for 11/15
 - Do we want to do them at the school again?
 - Lots of pushback from neighborhood about doing the lighting event at the school
 - We did fund the electrical box on the SLE sign...
 - If we put them up, we could at least include a sign saying MLCA provided them
 - This would be a nice to have, not a need to have
 - Entertainment / program discussion
 - Still need to find a choir (\$100 donation)
 - Look into CCU
 - Bobby/Becky to try and reach out to Lakewood HS
 - Back up plan, just play music
 - Do we want a Santa Claus?
 - Include/emphasize more the canned food drive this year
 - Raffle off a gift card to incentivize the canned food drive
 - Not doing cookie exchange - will just buy cookies
 - Number tbd depending on what choir is coming, if any
 - Cassie to bring canopy and lights
 - Cassie has two 6-ft tables
 - Joedan has more canopies and tables as back-up
 - Becky to bring table cloths
 - Group to inventory signs and report back
- Civic Committee
 - Update on zoning
 - Map amendments passed on Oct-13
 - Full zoning changes are complete and now in effect (Chris believes)
 - Jeffco Action Center land
 - Lawsuit against city and councilors received an injunction against the land purchase proceeding

- Other
 - Lakewood starting a “Community Champions” program, Joedan and Jasmine invited to an event from Trevor (Grants contact), Cassie to reach out from MLCA to try and get more info
 - Still need to address Mission Statement - add to future meeting
 - Need to discuss officers for the current year (technically terms ended 9/30)
 - Cassie would like to step back from VP - would still like to help with communications
 - Geneva willing to keep treasurer and membership
 - Becky and Cassie to tag team newsletter
 - Joedan as President, and John as VP
 - Need to involve Ed
 - Vote in December
 - Geneva would like to standardize how expenses are reported
 - Direct text message to Geneva is best
 - Could explore a student liaison with CCU
 - Let CCU community know about events
 - Potentially recruit volunteers for events
 - Get volunteer hours...
 - Is there a new Jenna? - no, the position was eliminated