

Minutes of Mid-Lakewood Civic Association Board Meeting

September 14, 2021

Held, in-person, in Carol Cook's backyard

Attending

Robert Baker
Carol Cook
John Hunter
Tina Klismith
Jeslin Shahrezaei
Matt Teeuwen

Absent

Chris Gibbons

Treasurer's Report

John reported a balance of \$3,131 as of 8/31/21. He has eight or so additional memberships to deposit and with that income, minus the expenses of the newsletter paid out, the to-date balance is around \$3,000.

CCU/City Lawsuit

Robert brought us up to date on CCU's actions (moving students in then out then back in again into houses not zoned for student living; also, purchasing additional homes in the neighborhood). Earlier, he had sent the board an article from 2016 describing a case in which a neighborhood group on Green Mountain successfully intervened in a lawsuit involving the city. Robert thinks MLCA should file a similar motion in the CCU/City lawsuit.

Discussion followed about whether the city/neighborhood has a chance of prevailing in the lawsuit. We then focused on the specific issue at hand, whether MLCA should "intervene" in the lawsuit in order to provide important and relevant background information to the court that the city does not appear to be providing.

MOTION, proposed by Carol Cook and seconded by John Hunter: The Mid-Lakewood Civic Association should file a Motion to Intervene in said lawsuit, and incur the \$192 filing fee. CARRIED 5-1

Further discussion was held on whether Lenore Herskovitz, long-time neighborhood resident and current tenant of CCU, who is greatly affected by CCU housing students in homes they own, should be a co-petitioner in our Motion to Intervene.

MOTION, proposed by Robert Baker, seconded by John Hunter: Add Lenore Herskovitz to MLCA's Motion to Intervene. REJECTED 4-2

Newsletter Distribution

Tina has taken on the coordination of the newsletter distribution. She described how she improved the map given to the distributors by adding street names; had the printer bundle the newsletters into the various amounts needed; and dropped

extra copies at neighborhood businesses such as Village Roaster and Sunrise Sunset to increase newsletter exposure and distribution.

Jeslin, rightfully, wanted to explicitly recognize Tina's work on this task. Way to go, Tina!

Tree Lighting

Tina has been in contact with the company that puts the lights on the tree. They will/should schedule this to be done some time in October and she will follow up with them.

—> By October 29, the board will decide if there will be a tree lighting event (with music and refreshments) on November 28, depending on the then-status of the pandemic in our community.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting is September 18, 2 pm, at Lakewood United Church Of Christ. The agenda: Election of MLCA Board of Directors and Introduction of Ward 1 City Council Candidates (Jeslin Shahrezaei and Cathy Kentner). The candidates will have 3 minutes to introduce themselves, then they will address the questions MLCA BOD asked of them. After, the meeting audience will be able to ask questions of the candidates. Robert will moderate the Q&A.

The agenda will be put on a poster board, by Jeslin, in lieu of providing paper copies for attendees.

Matt has a key to the church and will be there at 1 pm to set up tables and chairs outside (on the front lawn, along 1st Ave, where there is ample space and shade). He welcomes others to come early to help, if available.

Next Meeting

Our next in-person (we hope) meeting will be January 11, 2022. If there is a need to meet before then to discuss and maybe plan for the tree lighting event, it will be done via email or Zoom.

Matt requested that the agenda for the January meeting include time to discuss what else MLCA could and/or should be doing for the neighborhood.

Jeslin left the meeting at this point so the remaining board members could discuss and approve the questions to the council candidates. Robert will see that the candidates get the questions before the annual meeting.

Minutes submitted by Carol Cook, Secretary