

Mid-Lakewood Association Meeting Minutes: January 23, 2024

Held in-person at the Hunter residence

Attending

- Ed Black
- Chris Gibbons
- JoeDan Hite
- John Hunter
- Tina Klinsmith
- Cassie Vogel Kotter
- Kristi Reeves

Regrets

- Carol Cook

I. Treasurer Report:

1. The starting balance of 2023 was: \$2,605.25. Our revenue was \$4489.00. We spent \$5689.00 (including a pending check to the tree lighting company for \$1350). Our current bank balance will be \$1406 once the check to the tree lighting company is cleared.
 - a. We still have an outstanding balance for printing newsletters ~\$900
2. Our starting balance for 2024 will be close to \$500.
 - a. This includes several \$575 of dues payments already made by 20 residents towards the 2024 year.
3. Reminder that John is stepping down as treasurer this year. Cassie will start assisting with treasury duties until a new treasurer is nominated since she is somewhat familiar with the funelmaker system. Tina will continue to monitor the paypal account.
 - **Action Steps:** Chris will set up a PO Box for checks to be mailed to and will also work with the bank on setting up camera deposits for checks
 - **Action Steps:** Look into Zelle or some other type of digital payment system. Feedback from the community that funelmaker has too many clicks and an option other than paypal would be nice.

II. Leadership Positions:

1. At the meeting on October 5th the community voted to retain the following positions:
 - a. President: Chris Gibbons
 - b. Vice President: Cassie Kotter
 - c. Treasurer: John Hunter
2. John Hunter will be stepping down as treasurer.
3. We need to fill the following positions:
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Membership/CRM
 - d. Digital payments manager
 - e. Newsletter
 - f. CCU Mediator – John Hunter

III. Event Dates

1. Board meetings: **1st Tuesday each month. Next Meeting is Feb 6th.**
2. Movie at SLE/Park: **May 31st**
 - **Action Steps:** Cassie will talk to PTA about borrowing the movie screen and see if PTA will co-host the event so that the \$25/hr facilities fee can be waved
3. Garage Sale: **June 7-9th**
 - **Action Steps:** Karin Kallander would like to buy signs for this with her company logo on them.
 - **Action Steps:** Wipe off the old dates of our current signs
 - **Action Steps:** Do we want to make a map this year?
4. Community Bike Ride: **June 15th** with rain check date of **June 22nd**
 - **Action Steps:** Cassie will talk with South of 6th about co-running the bike ride again this year. Talk to Pedago about renting a fleet of e-bikes to try.
 - **Action Steps:** Cassie will talk to the City of Lakewood Sustainability office about making yard signs to better advertize this year.
5. Picnic: **Aug 25th**
6. Annual meeting: **TBD** Last week Sept- first week of Oct
 - **Action Steps:** Chris will ask LUUC which date will work for this
7. Tree Lighting: **Dec 1st**
 - **Action Steps:** Find signs to credit MLCA for the light displays
8. Newsletter content deadlines: **Mar 3rd, Jul 7th, Oct 10th**
9. Summer Food Trucks returning details TBD

IV. Lakewood Comprehensive Plan

1. Kristi Reeves from South of 6th Sustainability joined us to discuss co-hosting a quick (20 minutes), city-led, discussion about the Lakewood Comprehensive Plan. Kristi has contacted LUUC to see if we can host this on **Feb 22nd**
2. Our contact with the city, Christy, said that this has usually been incorporated into other neighborhood business, so if we want to talk with the community about anything else for MLCA or South of 6th, this is a great opportunity.

V. CCU Update

1. It was recently announced that the city won the court appeal with CCU.
 - a. Robert Baker will stepping away from keeping CCU accountable and wants to pass on some of his information and suggestions for moving forward
 - **Action Steps:** John and Chris will meet with Robert and brief the rest of the board on his suggestions for the role of MLCA in the mediation between our residents and CCU

VI. Neighborhood Participation Program Grants

1. We are still waiting for the Lakewood Parks department to contact us regarding the grills and chess table
 - **Action Steps:** Ed will contact the parks department. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. He will ask them about installing propane grills instead of charcoal (easier maintenance, can still use during fire ban, less fire risk of hot coals not disposed of properly)
1. We should apply for another grant this year:
 - a. Art sculpture in one of the parks or in the median on Carr and Alameda?
 - b. Swings at cottage park?
 - c. Plant flowers and put a welcome sign in the median on Carr and Alameda
 - d. Benches on perimeter of Meadowlark park

VII. New Ideas for 2024

1. Movie in the park (or at SLE). We will see if SLE PTA can loan us their screen for May 31
2. Art walk - Similar to The Glens Neighborhood Art Walk
3. Community Dance – SLE blacktop, combine with food trucks.
 - Note that Jeffco charges \$25/hr for using their facilities
4. Kite Day – Addenbrooke park
5. Community Coffee
6. Paid advertising on signs or in newsletter

VIII. Notes for Next Meeting

1. Review long term action items
2. Update on help a neighbor program
3. South of 6th Events: 2/22 lakewood comprehensive plan, 3/30 seed swap, 4/22 litter clean up