

Minutes of Mid-Lakewood Civic Association Board Meeting

July 29, 2021

Meeting held at the new Cottage Park

Attending

Robert Baker

Carol Cook

Chris Gibbons

John Hunter

Tina Klismith (new board member)

Jeslin Shahrezaei

Absent

Catherine Deschamps-Potter

Matt Teeuwen

Welcome to Tina, our new board member!

Treasurer's Report

John reported a balance of \$3,176.83 as of 6/30/21. He said we currently have around 70 paid members.

Planning for Annual Meeting

The plan/hope is to hold the meeting outside in late September or early October (before ballots are mailed). Jeslin will contact Matt so he can ask his church if their courtyard is available for either September 21 or October 5. We also need to know if the courtyard has lights.

Notice about the annual meeting will be communicated via the paper newsletter, an email blast, and a post on Nextdoor.

This is the agenda for the meeting as of now (not necessarily in order):

- Candidate Forum

Each candidate will have X minutes to introduce themselves. Robert proposed giving the candidates up to three questions, or areas that are of concern to the neighborhood, for the candidates to address as they see fit. Then the forum will be open for questions from the audience, moderated by Robert.

- Election of MLCA Board of Directors

Everyone in attendance tonight agreed to be on the slate for next year. Catherine and Matt should let Robert know their intentions. There may be a new member — Rachel? — that could join the board at the election.

- Update on CCU situation (current update is below)

Newsletter

Content is due to Chris by August 12. Distribution is to happen on and around the weekend of August 28.

Matt had suggested, in an email, we survey the neighborhood asking what areas they want this association to focus on going forward. Most thought this was a good idea. We discussed that notice of an online survey (such as Survey Monkey) could go in the newsletter.

(Note: This action item about the survey, was not delegated at this meeting. Matt, perhaps you could take this on? If not, anyone else? I (Carol) can *help* with the questions and with looking at the results.)

Newsletter Distribution

Jeslin stated we need about 10 more people to help distribute the newsletters. All board members are to look for/recruit volunteers to help with the newsletter distribution.

Update on CCU

CCU has sued the city for the zoning code that was approved by Lakewood City Council on April 12. They claim this restriction is discriminatory and a Temporary Restraining Order was granted, keeping the city from enforcing the ordinance.

Robert is unhappy with the appearance of the lack of support from the City Attorney — she never acknowledged receiving historical information from him about this situation, going back to 2003. Also, it appears the city didn't argue against the TRO. Robert has talked with our current council reps, Charley and Ramey, and with Travis Parker, head of planning at Lakewood. He's also discussed this with an outside attorney who has dealt with Lakewood in the past.

He feels no one at the city — not the mayor, the city attorney, the city manager, planning department— is interested in defending the zoning that was passed by city council.

MOTION: Robert may speak on behalf of the MLCA BOD when he communicates with the city asking them to sincerely and thoroughly defend the zoning that they, the city, passed/reinstated in April.

Motion was made by Jeslin, seconded by John, passed unanimously by voice vote.

We are encouraged to send our personal opinions to the city via Lakewood Speaks and/or email, to the entire council, and appropriate city staff as we see fit.

Next Meeting

September 9, 7 pm, place TBD (will we be able to meet in person?).

Submitted by Carol Cook