

Mid Lakewood Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

Held in-person at the Lakewood United Church of Christ

Attending

- Chris Gibbons
- Carol Cook
- Cassie Vogel Kotter
- Ed Black
- JoeDan Hite
- John Hunter
- 5 members of the community (apologies for any misspellings): Jim Gurley, Michelle Kraus, Glenda Sinks, Carolyn Begman, Lenore Herskovitz

Regrets

- Matt Teeuwen
- Tina Klismith

Treasurer's Report

- John reported that the MLCA account balance is approximately \$2,700.
- Chris noted that in the past our membership trends have ranged from 100-140 households.
- John said the typical annual budget has ranged from \$2500 - \$4000. Our bank account held ~\$4000 during COVID when MLCA was not hosting any events.

Goals for this year

- Chris discussed how last year was a year of recovery as we attempted to bring back our membership post-covid as we dropped down to approximately 20 members during that time.

- This is a year of growth. We want to increase our membership numbers, increase the number and type of events, and grow our community.

Member Topics

- Lenore discussed the Lakewood Parking Survey and mentioned that it did not leave a place for public comment. She indicated that the questions were worded such that the true nature of the parking problem near CCU and particularly on Cody St. is diminished by the type of answers allowed.
- Carolyn Begman, who is on the board of the Westford Condos, brought up the issues with the current CCU construction. It is disruptive to their parking lots, with trucks blocking entry and causing pot holes. She mentioned that there are plans by CCU to make an entrance to the Armstrong center on Garrison St. which will cause traffic problems.
- John Hunter revealed plans that CCU has to install a baseball diamond and soccer field near Lakewood park. Residents fear this will also cause traffic problems.
- Jim Garly mentioned the noise from the CCU events center.
- Several members, including Lenore and Jim, are concerned that City Council, the Lakewood planning commission, and other government agencies are distancing themselves from residents, passing legislature that is detrimental to our community. Lenore has offered to keep the community abridged of ongoing government meetings and topics that impact our neighborhood. Cassie will survey the community for residents who are interested in learning more about this and coordinate with Lenore to get her information disseminated.
- Michele Krauss noted that Cottage Park does not have any swings which would be most welcome by the children in the community. The Board will keep this at the top of our list for future park improvement grants.
- Glenda Sinks asked if we can have more signs advertising the garage sale.

Vice President Vacancy

- In March, Carol Cook resigned as vice president but will remain on the board.
- Cassie nominated Matt Teeuwen and said she would take over his secretary position following a vote. JoeDan Hite nominated Cassie Kotter as vice president.
- Members in attendance voted Cassie Kotter as vice president.

Upcoming Events

- South Lakewood Elementary Celebration of Belonging and Garden Opening – May 11 4pm-6pm
 - Cassie and Ed will hold a booth with flyers for upcoming events, our newsletter, coloring sheets, and lawn games.
- Community Bike Ride
 - Cassie will work with Bike Jeffco planning a bike route and generating a release of liability waiver

- Cassie will ask Schwab Cycles and Eazy E bikes for donations or if they would like to host a vendor table
- South of 6th Sustainability is bringing bicycle bells to pass out to riders
- JoeDan Hite will get stickers printed for the event
- Cassie and JoeDan will ride at the front and back of the group to ensure safe crossing of intersections.
- Cassie is approaching Dick's sporting goods for a gift card donation as a door prize. IF they don't donate, John Hunter approved purchasing a \$25 gift card
- Ed suggested asking the CCU college of adult graduate studies for water bottles
- Garage Sale – June 9-10
 - Carol has old signs
 - JoeDan will get new signs using a company Chris knows of
 - Suggestions were made to place signs at 1st and Wadsworth, 1st and Garrison, 1st and Carr, Alameda and Carr, Alameda and Garrison and 6th and Garrison.
- Saturday May 6, the sustainable neighborhood network is hosting an electronic recycling at Morse Park 9-11
- Saturday May 6, South of 6th sustainability is hosting a composting workshop
- Deadline for dues is 6/9. John will purchase 2 gift cards to Village Roasters and 2 gift cards to First Watch for the raffle. He will ask them to donate the gift cards before purchasing.

Other events we did not have time to discuss

Add these to the agenda for the meeting on June 6 (at Cassie's house)

- Litter and Lawn games – June 15 6:30pm at Lakewood Park – A South of 6th Sustainability event
- Food Truck Tuesdays 6/11, 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22
- Summer Picnic – August 27
- Tree Lighting – November 26
- Newsletter Content Deadlines – July 7 and October 10

Community Garden Events open to the public

- June 3rd – Movie at SLE Lorax? Wall-E? Other nature/garden-themed pg films?
- July __ - Music and lawn games. Local bands will play and BYO picnic
- August 19th? – Garden appetizer party and lawn games
- August __ - South of 6th Sustainability Garden Tour
- Sept 29th? – Corn Moon Garden PJ party. Hot cocoa, bedtime stories, and putting our gardens “to bed”
- Oct __ - Pumpkin carving?

Other Ideas not discussed

New ideas for MLCA to explore in 2023 were discussed and are as follows:

- Creating new signs / banners for the Summer Picnic and Tree Lighting events
- Enhancements for the Summer Picnic
- An ad hoc group or subcommittee to address neighborhood concerns regarding CCU
- Expansion of the MLCA boundaries to include the NE corner of the neighborhood to match the geographic boundaries of South of Sixth
- A review of the MLCA bylaws

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on June 6th at 7:00 pm. Cassie will host.

Minutes submitted by Cassie Kotter, Vice President