

Sep 9, 2025 | [MLCA Board Meeting](#)

Attendees: [Becky R Geneva Locke joedan@hitelandproperties.com](#) [Edward A. Black Tina Klismith Bobby Rinehart-jasminejwest@gmail.com](#) [Chris Gibbons MLCA Board](#) [John Hunter Cassie Vogel Kotter](#)

Administrative Updates

- PO Box number corrected to 260022 for future communications
- Current bank balance is \$2,800 with more grants expected
 - \$1,500 in grants anticipated (Picnic, Tree Lighting, and Halloween grants)
 - Received an unexpected \$515 donation from [Circular Builds](#)
- Annual meeting scheduled for October 2nd
- November meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 4th at 7pm (Election Day)

Summer Picnic Recap

- Despite rain, the picnic was a success!
- The picnic stayed under budget at approximately \$1,000
- Face painters cost \$120 instead of budgeted \$550, saving \$430
- Unused items to be returned (Target gift cards, raffle toys)
- Portable toilet was used and should be considered for future events
- Bobby is willing to provide Beer & Root Beer in the future

Halloween Event Planning

- Street closure planned for 2nd Avenue (5-9 PM on October 31st)
- Several residents have agreed to participate and host activities
- Planned features include:
 - Fire pits and heat sources
 - Luminaries for pathway lighting
 - Hot chocolate station
 - Tables for candy distribution along the street
- MLCA membership table to be set up at the event

Holiday Tree Lighting

- JoeDan offered to install lights using personal equipment instead of hiring service
 - Will save approximately \$750 in installation costs
 - Needs to retrieve lights from previous provider
- Need to create or purchase a tree topper

- Membership table will be set up at this event as well
- We need more Hot Chocolate & Cookies
- (From Cassie's Notes) We'll need to consider what we can do since the SLE Choir is not available

Membership Concerns

- Currently only 59 paid members out of 1,400 households in the neighborhood
- Need to improve membership recruitment strategies
- Opportunities to increase membership:
 - Tables at Halloween event and tree lighting
 - Adding a sticker to the newsletter

Civic Committee Discussion

- Extensive discussion about zoning changes in Lakewood
 - New code allows duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes in single-family zones
 - Reduced parking requirements near transit
 - Increased density allowances
- Discussion about MLCA's role in taking positions on civic issues
- Board will revisit the association's mission statement at a future meeting
- Consider how we/if we offer a place for neighbors to inform and invite each other to participate in civic community
- Speed bump petition for 9000 West 5th between Dover Circle and Dudley
 - Deadline is October 3rd
 - Margaret Ash (margaret.ash9241@gmail.com) is organizing the petition

Action Items

- [Geneva Locke](#) Add correct PO Box number to next newsletter
- Send email to members about new PO Box
- [Geneva Locke](#) & [Chris Gibbons](#) Return unused picnic items (Target gift cards and raffle toys)
- joedan@hitelandproperties.com Collect remaining signatures for Halloween street closure
- Contact neighbors about Halloween event setup
- [Chris Gibbons](#) Pursue arborist presenter for annual meeting
- [Chris Gibbons](#) Contact tree lighting service to retrieve lights
- jasminejwest@gmail.com Send thank you cards to picnic volunteers
- Reconsider MLCA mission statement at November meeting
- beckylee712@mac.com ~~Create a Halloween Event Plan~~