

Mid-Lakewood Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for Annual Board Meeting, October 3, 2024, 7:00pm

Meeting held at the Lakewood United Church of Christ, 100 Carr St., Lakewood, CO 80226

Attendance:

- *Board Members in Attendance*
 - Chris Gibbons, President
 - Geneva Locke, Treasurer
 - Bobby Rinehart, Secretary
 - Cassie Vogel Kotter, Vice President, Membership Coordinator
 - Jasmine West
- *CO State House District 30 Candidates in Attendance*
 - Ramey Johnson
 - Rebekah Stewart
- Approximately 30 residents were in attendance in addition to Board Members and District 30 candidates

Treasurer's Report

- Substantially through the budget year; revenues and expenses are largely on track
 - Currently projecting to come in approximately \$200 under planned revenue
 - 111 paid memberships to, goal was 150, slightly down from previous years
 - Note that online payments are now enabled, but the majority elect to pay by cash or check
 - Approximately 250 households have been members in the past three years; board is working on getting the word out
 - We hand out in excess of 1,000 newsletters, so it is (and always has been) an small percentage of household that elect to be members
 - MLCA did receive a 2nd grant from City of Lakewood
 - Newsletter advertisements are helping bring in more revenue
 - Expenses are tracking very close to budget
 - Chris negotiated a lower price for tree lighting – Thanks Chris!
- Community Discussion Following Treasurer's Report
 - Regarding lower membership, residents raised concerns that they are noticing more rentals and even Air BnB/VRBO (even though these are not permitted by law)
 - Question regarding IRS status of MLCA: MLCA is not (and cannot legally be) a 501(c) organization
 - Comment from residents that it was encouraging to see many young families at the summer bbq
 - Comment from the audience - resident has lived in Lakewood since 2018 and has never heard of MLCA

- Question about whether anything is happening at the school that impacts MLCA
 - School is doing great, Principal is well-respected and many families are optioning in
 - School is working to improve traffic and parking
 - Feedback is welcome on this issue
- Question about whether the school or even the church would be willing to help us advertise
 - We partner on events such as the movie night, we'll have a booth at the Fall festival

Amendments to MLCA Bylaws

- Bylaws are available for review on the MLCA website (www.mlca.webador.com), and five printed copies were available for review at the meeting
- Proposed changes summarized as:
 - Changing “he” to “they” throughout the document
 - Changing allowable maximum number of board members from 9 to 11
 - At last Year’s Annual Meeting, residents approved a change of the MLCA boundaries, and the bylaws are being amended to reflect that change
- Motion to approve as summarized made and seconded by residents in attendance
 - Discussion:
 - Is the number capped? The proposed amendment would increase the cap to 11 with quorum still based on simple majority
- Vote was called and Motion passed with 20 Affirmative, 0 opposed, and 0 Abstaining

Approval of MLCA Board Members

- Recognition of current year’s Board Members (in attendance and unable to attend):
 - Ed Black
 - Chris Gibbons, President
 - Joedan Hite
 - John Hunter
 - Tina Klismith
 - Geneva Locke, Treasurer
 - Becky Rinehart
 - Bobby Rinehart, Secretary
 - Cassie Vogel Kotter, Vice President, Membership Coordinator
 - Jasmine West
- Motion made and seconded by residents in attendance to approve current board members to continue to serve
 - Discussion: Request for additional nominations from residents in attendance; none received
 - Vote was called and Motion passed by unanimous voice vote

Candidate Forum (CO House District 30)

- Candidates made Opening Remarks, responded to four prepared questions (including providing rebuttals), and responded to questions from the residents in attendance (including providing rebuttals)
- Time was kept by the Board and each candidate was given equal time to speak/rebut