

## Mid-Lakewood Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting, September 10, 2024

Meeting held in person at the Gibbons Residence, 7:00pm

### In Attendance:

- Ed Black
- Chris Gibbons, President
- Joedan Hite
- Geneva Locke, Treasurer
- Becky Rinehart
- Bobby Rinehart, Secretary
- Cassie Vogel Kotter, Vice President, Membership Coordinator
- Jasmine West

### Regular Business

- *Membership Report*
  - Updates from the picnic have been added to the roster
  - There is some remaining confusion about people who think they have paid not showing up on list; likely due to having multiple systems in the past; Board to continue to look into this
  - Current roster is around 100 member, we ended 2023 with approximately 140 members
- *Treasurer Report*
  - Still processing reimbursements for picnic expenses, so budget picture remains slightly fuzzy
    - Will have an updated report after everything clears
    - Budget of \$1,900, expenses looking like they're right on budget
      - Special thanks to Jasmine who got a \$500 grant for the face painter –discussion around how we could take better advantage of this next year/for future events
  - Working through some minor discrepancy between our book keeping and the 1st Bank in terms of revenue YTD
    - Full audit is in progress
  - Tree lighting is 50% paid
    - Ed has secured a \$500 grant for this (Thanks Ed!), but we don't get the funds until after the event
    - Cassie will do a second grant for tree lighting event
  - Bank balance is at about \$2,854
    - Estimating we'll have an EOY balance of about \$500, beginning balance was about \$950

- *Recruiting additional members*
  - Have promotional/recruitment materials available at the annual meeting
  - Cassie to send out email reminder about the annual meeting and plug membership
  - Chris intends to make some phone calls to folks who have been members in the past

### **Discussion of Past Events**

- *Picnic*
  - We had about 250 attendees
    - Could do a general drawing next year to get an accurate head count
  - What went well?
    - Layout with moving the tables out from under the canopy was great
    - PA system was great, but could have been louder
    - Bounce house, chalk art were both great
    - The dragon boat was great –The Board is very appreciative of Devon for this and will send a Thank You note.
    - Bringing personal grills worked better and saved money
  - What should we change?
    - Had some left-over hamburgers (bought 200), need more hotdogs (bought 80)
    - Need a vegetarian option
    - Need to provide plates/silverware/cups/napkins
      - South of 6th brought some (maybe 100), but not nearly enough
      - Not many people brought their own
    - We had plenty of water, could add lemonade
    - Consider adding a keg of beer
      - Need to check regulations...Addenbrooke has a \$100 alcohol permit
      - Bobby has several local brewery connections and can take care of this next year if we choose to go this route
    - Dance floor? Somebody requested this. In the street?
    - Band? DJ? Juke Box?
    - Sign-in table was a bit hectic, primarily because the iPad failed
      - Put some thought into how to streamline this for next year
      - Simplifying the online payment option would be very helpful
    - Dunk booth?
    - Need to include announcement about senior parking in the newsletter
    - Could do some decorations
      - balloons across street
- *Coffee with a Cop*
  - Attendance was light, but it was the first year
  - Should keep this an event again next year

- *Civic Committee*
  - John no in attendance, so no update provided
  - Chris to forward email from John re: last civic committee meeting as several board members were not included by John

### Upcoming Events

- *NewsletterContent*
  - South of 6th events - see card they just sent out
  - Tree lighting
  - Membership Plug
  - Other Lakewood events
    - Tree lighting
    - Other?
  - Have three advertisers (all realtors)
    - Cassie to reach out to What If Theater to see if they'd like to buy an add (Bobby able to help with this if needed)
  - Include a plug/call for interest for a remodeled house tour
  - Organize a Holiday Light competition
    - Google entry form, followed by Google voting form with a defined period for it to be open
      - As a back-up, Board members could judge (but then would not be eligible to enter)
    - This could replace the kite flying day?
    - Can we pull this off in time?
      - Decision: Let's pursue for inclusion in the newsletter and we can pull the plug (pun intended) at the last minute if it's not coming together
- *Annual Meeting*
  - Correct date is 10/3
  - Church confirmed
  - House District 30 candidates confirmed
    - Need to prepare 3 questions; Brainstorming on issues:
      - Climate change
      - Homeless situation
      - EV tax (or other revenue) plans
      - Economic Development
      - Housing
      - Immigration
    - Chris to draft questions and circulate via email to revise and finalize
  - Bylaw amendment
    - Increase number of board positions to "up to 11"
    - Cassie to make proposed revisions to be voted on at Annual Meeting
  - To keep the meeting a reasonable length, this is likely enough agenda items

- Bring better snacks this time
  - Popcorn
  - Cookies
  - Plan for 50
  - Jasmine to make a Costco run
  - Need 5-gal jug of water
- *Tree Lighting*
  - Keep the same tree?
    - There are better trees, but the electrical is an issue
    - Need to run it by the tree lighting company
    - Do we want a Tree Topper?
      - What? Snowflake? Owl?; important to be neutral
      - Needs to be very secure in the wind
      - Agreement that this is a good idea, but needs more thought
  - Choir is confirmed
  - Try to get a Santa?
  - Drinks and snacks to be figured out later

**Other New Business:**

- At least one resident raised concerns about lack of wheelchair ramp at Meadowlark Park
  - Bobby to get in touch Jim Haselgren from the City
  - Cassie to send out website where such requests can be submitted as back-up
- Discussed the idea of an Art Walk
  - Glens doing one this weekend
  - Evergreen has one coming up
  - Something we should consider?
    - Can we handle another event?
    - Artists do most of the work - we just make the flier
    - Engage Lakewood Arts?
- ***Next meeting: November 12, 7:00pm, location tbd***