

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



October 26, 2021 7:00 – 9:00pm

Stuart Room, Gorton Center

Caucus Committee Meeting called to order: 7:06pm Kim Pfahl, President. A quorum was in attendance.

President's Report – Kim Pfahl

Kim Pfahl gave the President's Report, covering the following topics:

- Approval of the minutes from the Committee's General Meeting on September 28, 2021 and October 19, 2021. Kristin Vallaly made a motion to approve; Gordon Lamphere seconded; minutes unanimously approved by the Caucus Committee.
- General Business: Kim gave a general overview of the evening's agenda and then discussed the resignation of Bill Patterson, Ward 2 Chair due to professional obligations and extensive travel. Ward 2 nominated Kristin Vallaly for a yes/no vote to Ward 2 Chair.

Plan Commission Interviews

- Gordon Lamphere, Ward 3 Chair, described the function of the Plan Commission, sharing the needs of the boards as described to him from the board chair. He shared a brief background on the two candidates. The Caucus Committee interviewed Charles Kohlmeyer and Steve Lamontagne.
- Charles Kohlmeyer provided a personal and professional background highlighting the volunteer positions he has held in Lake Forest. The Caucus Committee then interviewed Charles regarding his qualifications and experience.
- Steve Lamontagne was introduced to the Caucus Committee and provided an introduction and background of his professional experience in commercial development. He shared his past participation on other committees, as well as his vision for the future of the city.
- After the interview, the Committee deliberated and Kim Pfahl made a motion to vote, David Hunt seconded. The Committee voted in majority to advance Steve Lamontagne. The vote count was conducted and verified by Chris Benes, Internal Communications Chair and Stephanie Cook, Fundraising Chair.

Ward 2 Chair Interview

- Kristin Vallaly was interviewed for replacement for Bill Patterson's Ward 2 Chair post. A vote was conducted after interviewing Kristin, administered by Chris Benes and Stephanie Cook. The Caucus Committee advanced Kristin to Ward 2 Chair unanimously.

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Stephanie Cook, Fundraising Chair Update

- Stephanie updated the Committee that the first meeting had taken place via Zoom, the targeted event date is February 4, 2022. Looking at venues and exploring themes. Hope to have a solid date by the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned - Kim Pfahl Close

- Kim reminded the Caucus Committee of the next meeting on 11/16. Plan to interview Ward 1 Alderman candidates. Following meeting plan to interview Parks and Rec candidates.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Yvonne Dering to adjourn the meeting, Phil Arouca seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia McCullough, Secretary