

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



December 7, 2021 7:00 – 9:00pm

Stuart Room, Gorton Center

Caucus Committee Meeting called to order: 7:04pm 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 11/30 to be approved, Chris Casey made motion, Kris Newman seconded.
- Kim updated the group on Pete Janson's decision to resign from Caucus and not go forward with the appeal process. Agenda reflects this change in the evening's meeting, with two interviews for Parks and Recreation, and one interview for a Ward 2 candidate to fill vacancy. Kim outlined the new timeline for candidate interviews, CC back on track to end the year on target.
- Kim gave a general overview of the Parks and Recreation board, and their vacancies. 3 open spots to find candidates for. One spot is currently vacant and needs to be filled ASAP.

Parks and Recreation Board Interviews

- Kristin Vallaly , Ward 2 Chair, introduced the two candidates, Mark Gorman and Alan Cichon, and gave a brief introduction of each and their interests in P&R. The Caucus Committee then interviewed these candidates.
- Mark Gorman provided an introduction of his personal and professional expertise, highlighting his extensive background in finance and operations. Mark shared his deep appreciation for the city and all its amenities, including those that fall under Parks and Rec. He outlined how he prepared for the meeting, as well as communicated his viewpoint on current issues facing this committee, in addition to pointing to foreseeable future needs and challenges for the department. He shared his thoughtful approach to dealing with sensitive community issues and how to bring together different opinions and groups.
- Alan Cichon introduced himself to the Caucus Committee and provided a detailed professional and personal background. His volunteer experience in travel baseball provided an opportunity for Alan to experience a working partnership with P&R operations and interface with city staff. He offered thoughts on existing facilities and operations and shared his interest in participating in a master plan for the future issues that P&R faces. Alan was passionate in adding value to the city, appreciative of the board's collaborative process and interested in being a productive volunteer/board member who wants to serve.
- After the interview, the Committee deliberated and voted in majority to advance Mark Gorman. The vote count was conducted and verified by Cynthia McCullough, Secretary and Stephanie Cook, Fundraising Chair.

Ward 2 Interviews

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- Kristin Vallaly introduced Garth Pearson. Garth introduced himself, highlighting his background in marketing and market research. Interested in getting involved and finding effective ways to reach out to more people to educate about the Caucus. The Committee asked Garth questions, deliberated and voted by a majority to fill a Ward 2 seat. Voting was tabulated by Stephanie Cook and Cynthia McCullough.

Stephanie Cook, Fundraising Chair Update

- Stephanie updated the Committee the annual 2022 fundraiser will be at the Ferrari Lake Forest dealership on 2/4/2021. Expressed interest in finding a few larger auction items such as golf outings. Looking for people to volunteer the night of. Please save the date on personal calendars. Fundraising committee is meeting via zoom the following am, 12/8.

Closing – Kim Pfahl

- Kim reminded the Caucus Committee of the next meeting on 12/14. Meeting will include two candidates for Legal.

Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kristin Vallaly to adjourn the meeting, Mary Jane Friedrich seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia McCullough, Secretary