

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



February 1, 2022 7:00 – 9:00pm

Stuart Room, Gorton Center

Caucus Committee Meeting called to order: 7:06pm David Hunt, Vice President. A quorum was in attendance.

President's Report – Dave Hunt, Vice President

Dave Hunt gave the President's Report, covering the following topics:

- Highlighted the success of the Caucus Annual Meeting and the hard work of the Committee members to staff and run the event.
- Dave gave an overview of the evening's agenda for the Ward 1 Caucus Committee (CC) interview for Kent Novit, and two interviews for the Legal Committee, Derek Johnson and Art Mertes.

Ward 1 Caucus Committee Interview

- Susan Sailor Daly, Ward 1 Chair, outlined the open position for a CC member for Ward 1 and spoke briefly about Kent Novit and the Ward 1 interviewing process before bringing Novit to the Caucus for a vote.
- Kent Novit provided an introduction on his personal and professional background, sharing his extensive volunteering experiences at various LF institutions, including being a prior Ward 1 alderman, former 67 school board member, and zoning committee member. The Caucus Committee then interviewed Kent, deliberated and voted to confirm him as a Ward 1 member. Kent then joined the meeting for the two Legal Committee interviews.

Legal Committee Interviews

Kristin Vallaly, Ward 2 Chair

- Kristin, gave a brief background of the evening's two candidates for Legal Committee, Derek Johnson and Art Mertes.

Derek Johnson

- Derek shared his professional background as in-house counsel attorney. He also shared his time on the Lake Forest CC serving as Ward 2 chair, as well as working on the revision of the CC bylaws. Johnson expressed his interest in continuing to serve the City in a capacity that he is good at and has the time to invest.

Art Mertes

- Mr. Mertes talked about his background in corporate law, his interest in serving the City of Lake Forest, and what he did to prepare for the interview. He expressed his perspectives on the ethics and interests of the Legal Committee and answered questions from the CC.

Deliberation

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- The CC deliberated and voted to advance Art Mertes.

General Business – David Hunt, Vice President

- Dave Hunt, VP put forward some housekeeping items during the brief period waiting for the second candidate to arrive. He proposed a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/4/22, 1/18/22, and 1/25/22 meetings. The motion was approved by Gordon Lamphere and Kristen Vallaly.
- Hunt reminded the CC that petitions to officially get candidates on the ballot must be collected by the end of February. Each person should try to get 10 signatures from registered voters in their ward. Lauren Hara, Treasurer, can notarize the petitions at the last meeting in February.
- Don Adams reminded the CC to have all the candidate info to him by 2/14/22 for printing in the Caucus Connection. Also reminded CC to subscribe and like posts on the LFCC Facebook page.

Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting is scheduled for 2/15. Dave Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00. Joe Oriti approved, with Rives Morris seconding.

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia McCullough, Secretary