

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



January 23, 2024

Gorton Center, Stuart Room

Caucus Committee meeting called to order: Chris Benes, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, called the meeting of the Lake Forest Caucus Committee to order at 7:04 p.m. A quorum was in attendance.

Opening remarks: Mr. Benes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes: As the first order of business, Mr. Benes raised the matter of approval of the Committee meeting minutes of January 9, 2024. Mr. Benes asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Peggy Siebert and seconded by Wyn Cain, the January 9. minutes were approved by acclamation as presented.

Review of candidates for open Ward Representative positions: Mr. Benes then said that the second order of business was review by the Committee of candidates for Ward Representative positions that were open due to resignations by the prior holders. The candidates were Scott Nehls for Ward 2 and Linda Harmer and Kelly Park for Ward 3. Each candidate in turn came into the meeting room, presented his or her background, qualifications, interest in serving as Ward Representative and other matters, responded to questions from the Committee and then left the meeting room. The Committee members then discussed each of the candidates. At the conclusion of the discussion, on motion by Michael O'Neill and seconded by Larry Obermeyer, the appointment of each candidate was approved by the Committee. The candidates then joined the meeting with the understanding that due to their having just been appointed to serve, they would not vote on matters presented at the meeting.

Review of candidate for Building Review Board: As the next order of business Mr. Benes noted that the Committee would interview Sarah Lamphere for a position on the Building Review Board.

At Mr. Benes' request, Regina Etherton, Chair of Ward 4, then invited Ms. Lamphere into the meeting room. Ms. Lamphere introduced herself to the Committee and noted her relevant background and experience. Committee members addressed various questions to Ms. Lamphere, to which she responded. At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Benes thanked Ms. Lamphere, and Ms. Lamphere left the meeting room. The Committee members proceeded to share and discuss their observations about Ms. Lamphere and her qualifications. At the conclusion of discussion, on motion by Nathan Kelly and seconded by Mr. Benes, the Committee voted to approve Ms. Lamphere as the Caucus' endorsed candidate for the Lake Forest Building Review Board.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Benes called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by S. Aneeqa Aqeel, seconded by Ms. Cain and approved by acclamation by the Committee. The meeting concluded at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary