

Caucus Committee General Meeting Minutes



August 27, 2024
Gorton Center, Stuart Room

Caucus Committee meeting called to order: Joe Oriti, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, called the meeting of the Lake Forest Caucus Committee to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was in attendance. Mr. Oriti welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of minutes: As the first order of business, Mr. Oriti raised the matter of approval of the minutes of the Committee meeting of August 20, 2024. Mr. Oriti asked for comments. There being none, on motion by Tyler Lisenby and seconded by Peggy Siebert, the minutes were approved by acclamation as presented without dissent.

Presentations by Mayor and City Manager: Mr. Oriti invited Stanford “Randy” Tack, Mayor of Lake Forest, to join the meeting and address the Committee. Mayor Tack began by expressing his appreciation for the work the Committee does. He then noted that he believes the Lake Forest council, boards and commissions are now operating at a high level and presented his views about the qualities helpful in serving effectively on those bodies. He then spoke about various completed, ongoing and planned projects and other undertakings by the City. Committee members then addressed questions on various matters to Mayor Tack, to which he responded. At the conclusion of the Committee’s questions, Mr. Oriti thanked Mayor Tack for his comments, and Mayor Tack left the meeting.

Mr. Oriti then invited Jason Wicha, City Manager of Lake Forest. to join the meeting. Mr. Wicha thanked the Committee for the work it does, which he indicated contributes greatly to the City. He then spoke briefly on various City matters. Mr. Wicha then responded to questions from the Committee members, after which Mr. Oriti thanked him for his presentation. Mr. Wicha then left the meeting.

Other Matters: Mr. Oriti then noted that there was insufficient time left for the “boot camp” training that was to be presented to the new members of the Committee and said that other arrangements would be made for the training. Mr. Oriti then asked each member of the Committee to introduce himself or herself briefly for the sake of helping all Committee members to know each other better, and Committee members then made their introductions.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Mr. Oriti called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Jason Akemann, seconded by Annie Liddle and approved by acclamation by the Committee without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dale Tauke, Secretary