

**Concordia Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting MINUTES
August 1st, 2023**

Web: <https://meet.google.com/jwb-ivfb-mcv>
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Board members in attendance:

Chair – Astrid Furstner	Present
SW 1 - Open	
SW 2 - Megan Gobble	Present
Treasurer and East 2 - Heather Pashley	Absent
East 2 - Open	
NW 1 - Ike Harris	Present
NW 2 - Matt Roberts	Present
At Large 1 - Robert Bowles	Present
At Large 2 - Patricia McMahon	Absent
At Large 3 - John McSherry	Present
At Large 4 - Rich Burton	Absent
At Large 5 - Michelle Fitzgerald	Absent
Vice Chair and At Large 6 - Brittany van Der Sale	Present

Recording Secretary: Michelle Davies

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dina (Media Team Lead) Gordon Riggs (Concordia News Designer), Matt Boyd, Eric Fensler, Patty McMann, Sam Walsh, Justin Lopez, Kate P*, Luciana*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

Astrid Furstner called the meeting to order at 18.35 and a quorum was established. Board attendance included: 7/12 filled positions.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

MOTION: Robert Bowles moved to approve the amended August meeting agenda. Ike Harris seconded.

MOTION PASSED by a majority vote; 0 abstained; 0 opposed.

MOTION: John McSherry moved to approve the June Board Meeting minutes with the corrections noted included. Brittany van Der Sale seconded.

MOTION PASSED by a majority vote; two abstentions.

MOTION: Matt Roberts moved to postpone review of the July minutes until the September Board meeting. Robert Bowles seconded.

MOTION PASSED by a majority vote; 0 abstained; 0 opposed.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS:

1. **Ad hoc committee** re: Community Room Wifi options: Leave on outstanding business for review. All agreed.
2. **36 and Lombard:** now assigned to the LUTC team. All agreed.
1. **Grievance Committee – Closed Executive Session:** Astrid to contact the State Attorney.

NEW ITEMS:

1. **Treasurer Transition:** The Board requires a new Treasurer. This will be reviewed at the September meeting. Duties to include booking and data entry. 2-3 hours per month. Unpaid position and not required to be a Board member. Recommendations can be made to Astrid (as Chair) and she will appoint this position. The Board agreed to run an advert for this position in the newspaper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Finance Committee:** No report this month. Astrid has spoken with Heather, all bills are up to date. Income not confirmed. A report is required from the Finance Committee.
2. **Land Use Transportation Committee:** An update was shared from Rich Burton. Prescott speeding issue is in progress with speed readers being installed. An article will be included in the next newspaper publication re: open lots that are to be filled with housing.
3. **Media Team:** A recommendation was shared by Leigh to help sell more advertising space in the newspaper. It was agreed to trial small medium large ads with a one year commitment. If month to month you would be in a different price field. The Board agreed to trial new personal ads available for \$20 i.e. congratulations on graduation.

MOTION: John McSherry moved to approve the first two recommendations to trial Leigh's idea for running ad space for two months, including a trial of new \$20 ad space for a two line personal ad. Michelle Fitzgerald seconded. All in favor of the two month trial, 0 abstentions.

1. **Social Committee:**
 - a. A report re: Facebook was shared by Dina. The Media Team met on July 25 in person. Discussions focussed on August and September newspaper planning including a photo feature on Last Thursday. A feature on the new skate park and a column on building community are being considered. Three volunteers each month are needed to help deliver extra newspapers to businesses. Patti, Megan and Michelle all volunteered to help next month and will agree on a delivery route with Gordon. Astrid and Dina to discuss the writing of the Social column for August.
 - b. A report re: Instagram was shared by Brittany via email.
 - c. A report re: Community Room usage was shared by Megan via email.
 - d. Yard sale: An update is needed from Michelle F.
 - a. Concerts at the Park 2023 (Matt Boyd's participation)
 - b. Calendar updates needed for any activities.

c. Report re Pride Celebration.

1. **Safety and Liveability** Ike Harris is the Committee Chair for Safety and Liveability. Megan Gobble is working on the safety kit information.

The meeting was adjourned by Astrid Furstner at ?

Respectfully submitted

/s/ Michelle Davies

Michelle Davies, Recording Secretary