



**SoWe Lead Board Meeting
Agenda**

February 28th, 2022 5:30 PM
Zoom

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the January 24th, 2022 Minutes
3. Directors Report
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Community Safety Committee – MDJ Response Letter
 - b. Neighborhood Connections – Block Party Planning
 - c. Parks and Public Realm – Pocket Park and Mural Discussion
5. Presentation by Boys and Girls Club of Lancaster
6. Other Items from the Committee

Next Meeting: March 28, 2022 5:30 pm via Zoom



**SoWe Lead Board Meeting
Minutes**

January 24th, 2022 5:30 PM
Zoom

Attendees: Peter Barber, Ashley Burkett-Glensor, Bianca Cordova, Allyson Davis, Rachel Eck-Campbell, Dick Hecker, Ole Hongvanthong, Carole Kirchner, Willonda McCloud, Martha Montes, Christina Ortega, Luis Ortega, Emerson Sampaio, Karen Schloer, Jeff Tischer, Craig Walt, Jordan Wormley, Shelby Wormley

Absent: Gene Duncan (excused), Mustafa Nuur, Alex Vasquez

Staff Present: Mike Osango, Jake Thorsen

Call to Order

Martha Montes called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

1. Public Comment

Lochard Calixte, new council member with the Lancaster City introduced himself to the board. Mr. Calixte is interested in learning more about the neighborhood and what the needs of the community are. The board invited Mr. Calixte to continue to attend meetings and thanked him for coming.

2. Presentation From PA Guild of Craftsmen

Erika Juran from the Pa Guild of Craftsmen presented to the SoWe board. Ms. Juran stated the Guild is seeking to build its membership and connect with Lancaster City neighborhoods. Emerson Sampaio offered to connect Ms. Juran to the Public Arts Community Board and the Pace Program. Jake Thorsen agreed to share Ms. Juran's contact information with the board following the meeting.

3. Welcome from Chairperson: Martha Montes

Martha Montes welcomed the board and discussed priorities for the 2022 year. Ms. Montes stated that she will look to build meeting and event attendance and participation from the board in her term as Chair.

4. Approval of the December 13th Meeting Minutes

Carole Kirchner made a motion to approve the December 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Willonda McCloud seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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5. New Business

a. Confirmation of At-Large Executive Committee Members

Emerson Sampaio made a motion to confirm at-large executive committee members as presented. Carole Kirchner seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jeff Tischer and Christina Ortega were approved as at-large members of the executive committee.

b. Confirmation of Committee Chairs

Jake Thorsen noted that the Education and Neighborhood Connections chair seats are open. The board reviewed the committee chair positions. Committee Chair positions are appointed by the Chairperson.

Emerson Sampaio discussed the board should seek to engage new Americans. Marie King-Linares stated the YMCA is a good organization to connect with to discuss. Karen Schloer agreed to provide contact information to the YMCA.

6. Directors Report

Jake Thorsen provided the directors report to the board. Mr. Thorsen stated community survey results are expected in February of 2022. SoWe received a \$200,000 donation in December of 2021 from an anonymous family foundation.

7. Other items from board members

The board discussed the former Roltosky Recycling Center site. Rachel Eck-Campbell stated that the parks committee is advocating for the site to be demolished and incorporated into Culliton Park. The city plans to conduct a master parks plan where a plan for this site will be considered. Karen Schloer stated that the Club has parks usage and needs data that could influence plans.

Marie King-Linares announced, San Juan Reentry Is doing a "Eat and Meet" for volunteers and the families of people who were incarcerated 1/28 at 4pm San Juan Plaza.

8. Adjournment

Willonda McCloud made a motion to adjourn, Jeff Tischer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm



Directors Report:

Community Survey Update:

SoWe received the first draft of the results from the community survey. Results were promising, they showed neighbors were engaged and took pride in their neighborhood. There was a strong interest from renters to purchase homes in the neighborhood. The highest rated concerns focused on housing affordability and safety. Final report is expected the first week of March. It will include results and trends from community survey and compare the data to the 2016 survey.

Communicating SoWe Survey Results:

SoWe staff is developing a strategy to communicate results to the larger community. This will include public presentations of the data and sharing information electronically via website, social, and email. We hope this continues to build community trust and promote engagement to set priorities for the renewal grant.

Tenfold CEO Transition:

Mike McKenna, Tenfold CEO, announced his resignation to the board and the community in February. Communication of the announcement was shared with partners including the SoWe board. The Tenfold Board appointed Shelby Nauman as CEO. The transition will occur at the end of May. The Tenfold team is excited to continue the great work under new leadership. SoWe will continue to remain a priority for the organization.

SoWe Community Safety Committee

February 8, 2022

1:30 PM

Zoom Video Conference Meeting

Committee Members: Dave Aichele, Wes Farmer, Mary Glazier, Dick Hecker, Walt Legenstein, Tim Miller, Martha Montes, Mike Osango, Karen Schloer, Sgt. Sumrall, Audrey Skilton, Jake Thorsen, Hon. Adam Witkonis,

1. Magisterial District Judge Redistricting Proposal – Judge Witkonis

Committee reviewed of proposed MDJ redistricting proposal. There is an open comment period open till Wednesday 2/16. Committee agreed to draft a letter to reject the proposed changes to the SW district because proposal seeks to create a lower caseload for SW district



but does so by breaking up an existing neighborhood and removing the right to be tried by a judge that was elected by the district residents

2. Police Internal Process Interview Report Out

Dick Hecker reported that he was interviewed by a consultant hired by the Police Department who was reviewing their internal affairs and citizen complaint policies.

3. Police Data Report

Dr. Glazier provided an up to date report on crime in the community. Dr. Glazier stated that she expects to have homicide data to share next month.

4. Ambassadors report

Dave Aichele provided a report on Ambassador work in the neighborhood.

5. Other Items from committee members

Martha Montes reported people were attempting to break into cars on St. Joseph St. Incident was reported to police and camera footage turned over

Sgt. Sumrall has not seen an increase in fentanyl cases or overdoses but believes it is still widely in circulation. He stated that overdoses cases have been on the rise nationally

Dick Hecker reported cars continue to park on sidewalk and is a widespread community concern. Sgt Sumrall will follow up and ensure patrol is enforcing.

Economic Opportunity Committee

February 16, 2022 9:00 AM

Zoom Meeting

Agenda:

Peter Barber, Christina DiCola, Ashley Glensor, Ole Hongvanthong, Jake Thorsen,
Jeremy Young

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1. Welcomes/introduction

The committee welcomed and introduced themselves to Ashley Glensor, programs and marketing specialist for chamber of commerce, resident of SoWe and new board member

2. Draft Committee Strat Plan

The Committee reviewed the draft goals and matrix for the economic opportunity committee. The committee will review goals remaining goals at the March meeting

3. Snowflakes

Peter Barber plans to remove snowflakes next week while the weather is warmer. Date is pending and dependent on when ladders and trucks are available. The committee discuss the sustainability of Snowflakes as many of them are burnt out at this point. Quick estimate to replace lights for poles is \$10,000. The committee has to decide whether this is an investment they would like to pursue and fundraise for.

Neighborhood Connections Committee

2/21/2022

6pm

Zoom

Attendees:

Marie King-Linares, Rosalind Dickinson, Jake Thorsen, Stu Meltzer, Isiah Perry, Martha Montes

Minutes:

1. Goals for 2022

Committee discussed and agreed on the following goals for 2022.

- a. Communicating results of SoWe Survey
- b. Relaunch SoWe Block Party and National Night Out
- c. Build Committee Membership
- d. Building neighborhood connections with new neighbors
- e. Relaunch Welcome Packet to new neighbors
- f. Voter Registration –
- g. Develop an annual event calendar



2. Block Party Discussion

The group agreed to create an events sub-committee to focus on the block party as well as support additional SoWe events. Isiah, Marie, and Stu all volunteered to join the committee. SoWe will share opportunity on the Facebook page as well as with the board to seek additional volunteers.

Staff agreed to create a doodle poll to find a meeting time prior to the next neighborhood connections committee meeting.

Suggestions for block party activities include Arts and crafts, youth engagement – basketball, voter registration, New Neighbor greeting table, music, food, yoga (aim to empower), Police and Fire, Price or other elementary schools, dance studios, celebrate community diversity – connect with Church World Service, YMCA. Create a neighborhood map and global map where residents can pin where they are from and where they live.

Block party will be June 25th, 2022

Housing Committee

February 17, 2022

8:30 am

Zoom

Allyson Davis, Jeremy Hayes, Dick Hecker, Luis Ortega, Jake Thorsen, Mark Weaver

Agenda:

1. Introducing Jeremy Hayes, Tenfold Housing Rights and Resources Center Director

Director of Tenfold's Housing Rights and Resources Center. Center works on fair housing issues, tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities in Lancaster, York, Adams county. Goal of the center is to connect with landlord, tenants, and community to understand rights and responsibilities. The center also manages the Fair Housing Intake Line: (717) 358-9372, 811 Program, Community Equity Rental Fund (CREF).

HRRC has two upcoming events in SoWe

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Tenfold Rental Advantage Course 2/19 9-3, St. Francis Room of St. Joseph Church

Tenfold/SoWe Landlord Engagement Session 2/23 10 am, St. Francis Room of St. Joseph Church

2. MDJ Redistricting Proposal

The committee discussed the MDJ Redistricting proposal and SoWe's response.

3. Housing Development Pipeline initial review

Committee reviewed housing developments occurring in and around the neighborhood.

Parks and Public Realm Committee

February 16, 2022

4:30 pm

Zoom

Attendees: Christa Shore, Mike Osango, AJ Eckman, Rachel Eck Campbell, Lori Pagan, Dan Siewart

1. Pocket Park

a) planting diagram and budget/funding. The committee discussed the planting diagram prepared by Emily Brioch of the Chesapeake Bay Alliance. Most plants will be native species and will provide food and habitat for insects and bees in an urban setting. Hellebores may be removed due to concerns about neighborhood dogs eating them. The committee also looked at the design diagram provided by Garrett Book. Christa believes that funding is provided for the plantings already, she will confirm.

b) Dates for planting and clean ups. The committee has set the following dates for the clean up and planting at the pocket park: April 15 (10 am park clean up), April 22 (9 am, clean up and park planting), May 6th (9 am, clean up and intensive watering). Volunteers would be needed for all three events. Compost would be welcome for slight amending of soil at the planting site.

c) art at Pocket park--part of Art Pop. Discussed below.



d) Contact someone at city to assist with watering post planting. Rachel and Mike will investigate contacting someone at city to see if pocket park can be added to watering rotation, especially to help plantings become well established. Mike and Rachel will also look into sourcing a bench or seating for the pocket park.

2. Park Programming

A) Art Pop proposal. The Parks committee recommends proceeding with Salina's proposal to do Art Pop programming at the new Pocket Park and Culliton Park for spring/summer/fall 2022. The committee would like to read the proposal in detail and discuss dates for painting, etc, to make sure the new plantings at the pocket park have a chance to be well established before there is heavy foot traffic in the pocket park.

B) Science Factory proposal. The committee recommends proceeding with Science Factory Saturday workshops for K-8 students (similar to last year's program). The committee will pick a date over email for the Easter Egg Hunt.

Other items like tree planting sites and clean crew updates will be conducted over email by committee as the committee ran out of discussion time.