



Winnetka Caucus Council Executive Committee

Minutes

Meeting Date: 2024-06-27

Meeting Location: Winnetka Library (Lloyd Room)

Meeting Title: Executive Committing Planning and Coordination Meeting

Attendees:

- Peter Eck
- Stanton Anderson
- Kathy Hamburger
- [Laura Freechack](#)
- Alex Ross
- Patrick Conway
- Ian Larkin
- ~~[Betsy Owens](#)~~
- ~~Doug Sutton~~
- ~~Jan Bawden~~

Chairman Eck called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. All standing committee Chairs were polled for their survey progress. Parade support details were reviewed and it was agreed that Peter would include a call-out in his next WCC email.

Plans were finalized for the upcoming Farmer's Market booth: signage will be ready, and at the least Peter and Kathy would be able to man the booth. A discussion on additional booths was tabled for the moment.

The Slating Committee Chairs had previously requested each governing board chair submit a review of the skills and tasks of its members in order to better inform the slating committees' eventual selections. It was agreed that with the Village President position opening up, the Village Slating Committee Chair should obtain a similar document from the Village Council.

The EC finalized 2024 survey dates and agreed the survey would be launched on September 5th and remain in the field for the following two weeks.

The EC continues to structure and templatize the slating process, and verify various candidate filing dates.

Parks Committee Chair, Alex Ross shared concerns about the timing of the slating and survey-platform formation process. He asked if the various slating committees could interview people as applications come in rather than waiting for September. It was agreed that they could start

interviewing early, but cautioned that questions should be submitted to the candidates and shared with the public in advance. He then asked if the EC was finalizing a general template for committee interviews which can then be adjusted to account for the committee. To which Chairman Eck responded that yes, the template could be posted to the website, included in newsletters, etc. – “but we need to nail this down.”

He further relayed that the Parks Committee voted to commit to creating a platform this year if survey results warrant it. As background, the Bylaws call for a platform every other year, unless new information or new issues arise. The EC approved.

The EC discussed length and number of survey questions and finalized dates for the survey. It was agreed that by July 19th the Committees would submit preliminary questions for review and structuring of the end-to-end survey.

The EC also reviewed key dates for Candidate call-outs, candidate interviews and submissions, and posting candidates and platforms. It discussed the candidate application, screening, and slating process. It also discussed how nominations work, who to solicit and how to apply. All applicants from the past 3 years shall be invited. The Chair and Vice Chair will prepare a list. Peter will create a google form with updated Conflict of Interest section; Jan will PDF the all-positions application. Both will be offered on the website and newsletter.

The EC reviewed how to evaluate incumbents and the voting process.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM due to Library closing.

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