

# NDCC City Committee Minutes

May 11, 2023

## Call to Order

Derek Thibeault, Chair - 7:02 PM

## Secretary Report

Will Darby made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as posted to the NDCC website. Approved by a voice vote.

## Chairman's Greeting

Derek Thibeault welcomed the group and noted the Ward 4 Special Election for State Representative on May 16.

Derek Thibeault made a motion to suspend the rules. Approved on a Voice Vote.

Derek Thibeault introduced Mayor Donchess, who stated his candidacy for the upcoming Mayoral race, and asked for the support of the audience in completing the petitions for his candidacy.

## Introductions

Everyone in the room introduced themselves.

## Presentations

### NHDP Black African American Caucus

Melanie Levesque not in attendance.

### Nashua Pride Festival

Derek Thiibeault

- June 24, 2023
- NDCC registered, will have a booth at the library
  - NDCC looking for volunteers
  - Derek Thibeault will send out signup email
- City and State delegation planning to walk with NDCC in parade

## Ward 4 Special Election

Rep. Laura Telerski

- Nashua Firefighters endorsed Marc Plamondon earlier in the week
- Julian Sutcliffe coordinating canvassing
- Structured canvassing planned for Saturday and Monday
- Phone banking planned for Friday, advertised on Mobilize
- Visibility at the polls on Tuesday - 2 people have registered to date
- Special election in Enfield
  - August 15 primary, if needed, otherwise general
  - October 3 general election, otherwise
- Northwood / Nottingham special election
  - Approved on Wednesday

## Senate Updates

Sen. Cindy Rosenwald

- Marijuana bill defeated in Senate on Weds, 9 of 10 Dems voted for it, 1 Republican
- Several bi-partisan criminal justice bills defeated
- Senate continues to work on the budget, they have revised revenue estimates

## House Updates

Rep. Christal Lloyd, Rep. Laura Telerski

- Reauthorization of Medicaid expansion had 'No Recommendation' out of committee
- "Parental Bill of Rights" on the House calendar for May 18

## City Updates

Alderman Derek Thibeault

- City budget process has begun
  - Mayor Donchess has worked with departments to trim budget request prior to presenting to Alderman
  - Budget includes 3-4% increase, primarily due to salaries because of significant inflation
- City's IT systems were attacked by hackers
- City decision on KaiPods deferred by School Board
- School district redistricting underway
  - [Nashua School Redistricting Page](#)
  - Attendance at redistricting meetings is best option to voice concerns
- Next Planning Board hearing for proposed asphalt plant scheduled for June 18.

# Committee Updates

## Candidate Recruitment Committee

Derek Thibeault

- Democrats have candidates for most races
- Seeking candidates forwards 1, 9 and Board of Education
  - Potential candidates identifies for Ward 9
- Derek Thibeault met with 603Forward to help identify candidates
  - Laura Telerski also met with 603Forward
  - 603Forward encourages network building
  - Community meeting planning is being worked
- Pride festival presents opportunity to promote open races
- Derek Thibeault also planning to meet with Young Democrats and Run For Something

## Fundraising Committee

Christal Lloyd

- Starting to coordinate phone fundraiser for the spring
- Summer BBQ planning is underway
  - Targeting mid-July: 8th, 15 or 29
- An NAACP fundraising event also planned for early July
- BBQ will include backyard games for kids
- Planning to talk to High School Democrats about helping with setup
- Planning to advertise BBQ at the Pride Parade and McIntyre-Shaheen dinner
- Gala was held in early October last year, intend to start planning for this in early July
- Joanne St. John expressed an interest to help with Fundraising

Christal Lloyd made a motion to hold the summer BBQ on July 15 with a rain date of July 16 at Rep. Laura Telerski's home

Motion passed on a voice vote

## Communications Committee

Jim Ravan

- Noah Telerski and Rep. Cary Spier joined the Communications Committee
- Committee is soliciting input on what needs to be communicated from other committees
- New web site development is underway
- Current web site still operational

## Election Management Committee

Susan Elberger

- Currently recruiting people with local election experience
- Planning to engage with Young Democrats
- JoAnne St John indicated she has a connection with the Latino community
- Libby Masek offered to help with election engagement

# New Business

## Executive Board Meetings

Derek Thibeault

- NDCC Executive Board Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each Month
- Meetings will be conducted over Zoom
- Everyone is welcome, but attendees must be registered Democrats
- Exec. Board Meetings are working meetings and public feedback is welcomed via email or at City Committee meetings

Derek Thibeault stated the NDCC is seeking State Delegates for each ward. The State Delegates attend the NH Democratic State Convention. Contact Derek Thibeault if interested.

The BIPOC community did not receive spanish-language literature for the Ward 4 Special Election. A spanish-language option should also be considered for the new web site.

- Libby Masek indicated an association with a translation business for Spanish and Portuguese (the 3rd most common language in the city).
- Beneficial to have spanish speakers in Wards 4 and 7 in positions such as Ward Clerk

## Announcements

The 350NH Youth Rally planned for Saturday at noon in front of City Hall protesting proposed asphalt plant and supporting a transition away from fossil fuel infrastructure.

Moms Demand Action Rally planned for Saturday at 10AM on Library Hill.

## Adjourn

Susan Elberger made a motion to adjourn, passed on a voice vote.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:34PM