

NDCC City Committee Minutes

April 13, 2023

Call to Order

Derek Thibeault, Chair - 7:05PM

Presentations

Ward 4 Special Election

Julian Sutcliffe - DVCC

- 3 Saturdays canvassing to date
- 5 Saturdays Left - 12-3, canvassing flexibility possible
- 500 doors - 90 conversations canvassed so far
- Good conversations, lack of awareness about special election
- 477 ballots cast in 2022
- Looking to grow turnout across Ward 4
- 44% of Democrats voted in 2022
- 57% of Republicans voted in 2022
- Postcards being written by Kent Street Coalition
- Working on bi-lingual palm card
- Bi-lingual mailings also planned
- Volunteers can show up to canvass without registering
- Nashua Teacher Union endorsed Marc, calling Ward 4 members
- Phone banking available on Mobilize or contact Julian: julian@nhhousedems.org
- HS Dems would be interested in phone banking
- Post reminders to NashuaDems Facebook group
- Chair Thibeault will send weekly reminder email
- Approved for digital advertising on Facebook

NH Dems Update

Hunter Porter, Chair Nashua HS Dems

- HS clubs across the state helping in areas like voter drives
- Nashua South Dems has most members in NH
- HS Dems also help with visibility
- Invited elected officials to NH Dems meeting
- nhhsd.org - NH HS Dems

Senate Report

Sen. Cindy Rosenwald

- Dental benefit started April 1
- Many people losing medicaid eligibility - state trying to reach out to people for reconfirmation of status
- Senate pushing to continue Medicaid expansion
- House sent Senate a reasonable budget
- Senate may cut state employee pay raise and labor improvements in senate budget
- Senate voted against abortion rights bills
- Senate voted against landfill protection bill
- Senate received non-partisan cannabis bill from House
 - liquor commission in charge
 - license commercial retail shops
 - medical dispensaries could be dual-licensed
 - current bill predicts \$2B whole ale receipts
 - 30% to paydown pension deficit
 - 10% prevention + mental health
 - 50% to reduce SWEPT
 - 12.5% wholesale tax

House Report

Rep. Laura Telerski

- Great win with bi-partisan budget
- Eliminated most licensure restrictions from Gov budget
- Enhancements from Gov budget:
 - increased medicare rates by \$30M
 - Pension improvements
- Floor amendment wins:
 - Eliminated \$1.4M for Northern Border Alliance
 - Elimination unannounced border checkpoints
- Accelerated phase out of Interest & Dividend tax remains in budg

City Updates

Char Derek Thibeaut, Alderman Ward 8

- Excitement over Nashua Center for the Arts opening
- Asphalt Plant application from Newport Construction off Temple St - commentary by Rep. Mike Pederson
 - Traffic is a concern and corresponding diesel pollution
 - Company owns another Asphalt plant in Westford, was fought for 10 years in court, not near any residential communities
 - Represented by Prolman, with numerous experts

- Strong testimony from HS Students to Planning Board
- 2 Public hearings to date, next meeting planned for May
- Mohawk Tannery Status
 - Initial bills passed to start approval process
 - City-wide event to notify public and answer questions
 - Presentation available on YouTube
 - Ward 4 concern: solution is environmental solution is not permanent
 - Little public participation in public hearings, getting public participation is difficult

Other Announcements

Christal Lloyd

- April is “Donate Life Month”
- Christal is a 4-time tissue recipient

Upcoming Events

- Earth Day: Nashua Sustainability Fair, Nashua Library:
<https://nashualibrary.org/attend/sustainability-fair/>
- June 18: Ash St. Ward 4 Block Party
- June 24: Nashua Pride Festival, NDCC representation planned:
<https://www.nashuanh.gov/1217/Nashua-Pride-Festival>
- Greater Nashua NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner:
<https://www.nashuanaacp.org/freedomfunddinner2023naacpnashua>
- Mayoral Race Filing starts 6/12; Others 8/29

Committee Reports

Candidate Recruitment

Derek Thibeault

- Identifying candidates for November

Fundraising

Christal Lloyd

- Looking for help from membership

Communications

Jim Ravan

- Presentation on new web site and provider
- Looking for feedback on website features from members
- Noah Telerski volunteered for committee

Election Management

Susan Elberger

- Helping candidates to get elected
- Looking for member volunteers
- Josh Query and Olivia Martin were hired in the past for this role

Executive Board Report

- Storage Facility being closed and contents stored by board members
- Executive Board meeting held Monday, April 10
- Intent of Public Meetings for presentations, meeting candidates, build membership

New Business

- Feedback to make Executive Board meeting public, recognizing need to limit public input

Adjourned

8:57PM