

BOARD FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

MEET: Time 6:00 1/05/2021

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Where: Remote and Virtual via Zoom

Present: Elisabeth Mickenberg, Helen Rock, Jim Rader, Lenore Broughton, Martha Gile, Ariana Cano, Michelle Lefkowitz, Kate Baldwin, Larry Granillo, Annie Schneider

Absent: Charles Cashatt, Youth Member Rebecca Cunningham

Also Present: Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk

Meeting called to order by Chair Lis

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Meeting Length: The meeting length was set for 1 hour.

Minutes: Jim Rader made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Michelle Lefkowitz. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: N/A

Approval of Applications: Amy Bovee reported December: New Registrations 122, Transfer out of Town 71, Purged 41.

Michelle Lefkowitz mad a motion to accept the numbers as presented, seconded by Martha Gile. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Voter Challenge: Amy Bovee reported that the City Clerk's Office had completed their review of ballots that were returned as undeliverable for the General Election. They made a complete list of all ballots, and then removed anyone who had updated their address since the mailing went out, and anyone who had voted in the General Election. This left 2,061 voters to be challenged. Jim Rader made a motion, seconded by Michelle Lefkowitz, to challenge 2,061 voters. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report

Amy Bovee reported that the City Clerk's Office is planning to automatically mail ballots to all registered voters for the March Election pending Legislative approval.

Prepare for Mach Election:

Helen Rock shared that she had requested information about the number of voters whose ballots were deemed defective ballots in the General Election compared with the State Primary. During the State Primary nearly 5% of ballots were defective with the main reason being that voters forgot to sign the ballot. During the General Election, the number was less than 1% with the largest reason being that

people forgot to put their ballot in the certificate envelope. The Board discussed that there had been a lot of outreach about this issue between the two elections that seems to have worked. Amy Bovee also noted that there was an instruction slip added to the mailing envelope for the General Election which also seemed to have helped.

The Board had a discussion about how Challenged voters are dealt with at the polling place. Many Board members ended up taking on this task during the November Election. Board members agreed that they were able to handle this work and it made sense to do so as needed.

Annie Schneider requested an update on Translation projects and resources. Amy Bovee reported that translated sample ballots would be available again, and that a voter FAQ with information about how to vote by mail had been created by November. She reported that the City is hoping to refresh that document before the March Election. Ariana Cano reported that they are working to hold informational events through the NPAs and utilize a zoom tool that would allow attendees to listen to election information in their preferred language. They are discussing ways to advertise these events to community members to be sure they are reaching people who would benefit from this information.

The Board discussed the upcoming March Election. Lis Mickenberg suggested that they keep the same ward assignments. She said she would work to assign volunteers to help. Helen Rock suggested working with high school students.

On a motion by Michelle Lefkowitz, seconded by Jim Rader, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk