

TWDC Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2019 at 6:30pm
Jefferson Library

Board Members Present: Kate Carden, Chris Roy, Lynn McLaughlin Murray, Joe Adler, Jaime Declat, Rich Sosenko, Ann Marie Riley, Seronica Powell, Gusty Molnar, Dan Cotter, Adrienne Linnick

Ex-Officio Board Members: Carolyn Bentley

Executive Director: Cory Riordan

Kate called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

Kate informed the Board Members that Brad Hauber has been accepted into and will be attending Leadership Cleveland so he will be missing the next four meetings.

Lynn motioned to approve the board and committee meeting minutes, Jaime seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved, with the exception of one abstention by Adrienne Linnick as she was not in attendance at November Board meeting.

Kate informed the Board that our Economic Development meeting will be on February 13th with a recommendation that the meeting be at South Library on Scranton. A larger crowd is expected due to the project in North of Literary and The Tappan.

DISCUSSION ITEM: Lincoln Heights Block Club By-laws/Inclusivity Resolution Follow-up

Kate Carden and Cory Riordan updated the board on the Lincoln Heights Block Club bylaws and The Tappan, a project currently in review in the Lincoln Height neighborhood.

Henry Senyak, Chair of the Lincoln Heights Block Club attended our last board meeting and brought a couple of members with him to discuss a possible change in their bylaws. There was a general discussion on the bylaws, the inclusivity resolution and the steps that would need to take place to update the bylaws. The board is supportive of Lincoln Heights taking the necessary time to update their bylaws to be consistent with our inclusivity resolution. Henry has reported that he will be reaching out to all voting members to attend their March block club to vote on bylaws that will update the voting requirements in Lincoln Heights to no longer include home ownership as a requirement.

Lincoln Heights is also considering support of The Tappan project on Scranton Road. Cory has met with the developer, Josh Rosen, and Henry Senyak, Chair of Lincoln Heights on this project. In addition, Josh Rosen attended our Executive Committee meeting earlier this month. The concerns that have been noted in these conversations include that Josh Rosen is interested in having Lincoln Heights be more inclusive in their bylaws, and allow for renters that become members to vote on property issues. The Executive Committee confirmed our interest in supporting block clubs that are inclusive to all persons regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and income and/or property ownership status.

Josh Rosen has agreed to present The Tappan project to Lincoln Heights block club on January 14th and then again in February 2019 to seek a vote of support for the block club. In the January meeting, Henry Senyak requested that Josh Rosen agree to the following 1) pay for

Historic District signs on Scranton, and 2) pay into a fund for home improvements for residents in the Scranton area. These requests are being considered by Josh Rosen at this time.

ACTION ITEM: Board Resolution Acknowledging Sister Corita

Cory Riordan and Kate Carden discussed the retirement of Sister Corita from Saint Augustine Church and Hunger Center. We discussed the significant impact that Sister has had in our community and the gratitude that Tremont and the larger city has for her work. It was suggested that our board should invite her for a celebration of her work at our next board meeting.

Cory suggested that we agree to a resolution in appreciate of Sister's work in our community for over 35 years. Joe Chura motioned to move forward with a resolution in appreciation of Sister Corita and her work in the neighborhood, Dan Cotter seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Cory will invite Sister Corita to our Board meeting in February.

New Business/Discussion

Lerval Elva discussed that as our Chair of our Governance Committee, she will be emailing both Director and Board Evaluations to all board members. Lerval requests a two week turnaround so that we can complete the evaluation process and review at our March Board meeting.

There was a request on an update on the Homeland Security Camera funds. Cory continues to negotiate for the camera funds, including Tremont being an early implementer of the cameras. At this time, the City has not given the final approvals for this project to be implemented.

There was a discussion on Block Club chair education. We discussed that we would survey block club chairs in the Spring to see if there was interest in an education day. By Spring, our new chairs should be in place at all block clubs.

Jaime motioned to adjourn, Dan Cotter seconded and we unanimously adjourned at 8:00 pm.