

TWDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 21st, 2019
South Branch Library

Attendees: Kate Carden, Cory Riordan, Ann Marie Riley, Joe Adler, Dan Cotter, Casey Ward, Jaime Declet, Rich Sosenko, Gusty Molnar, Chris Roy, Lyn McLaughlin-Murray, Joe Chura, Carolyn Bentley, Mendo Velloff, Dan Leamon, Sister Corita Ambro and Bob Duda.

1. Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by Kate Cardena
2. January meeting minute and consent agenda were reviewed. Lynn motioned to approve minutes, Jaime seconded and the board approved unanimously.
3. Kate Carden thanked Sister Corita for attending our TWDC Board meeting, and read the Board Resolution recognizing the contributions that Sister Corita has made to the Tremont neighborhood and community members for the past 45 years. Kate gave Sr. Corita a framed photo of her and Father Joe, which was signed by TWDC employees and board members. Sister Corita shared several of her memories from her work at Saint Augustine, all which further illuminate her good works and are an example of extraordinary community building.
4. Lynn reviewed the financials for the period of 10/1/2018-12/31/2018. Lynn addressed the timing of funding cycles and asked for any comments or questions on our financial reports. Jaime motioned to approve the financials and Dan seconded, and the financials were unanimously approved.
5. Cory reviewed the Redline Greenway proposed development. To further understand the development on this property, Cory review the Duck Island Plan. The Duck Island Plan was developed by a variety of stakeholders in the community including neighbors, business owners, city planners and Tremont West representatives. The Duck Island Plan was developed and approved by this group of stakeholders and has been used to inform decision making on development in Duck Island. The Duck Island Plan sets out guidelines for that area of Tremont and includes recommendations density, zoning, green space and housing typology. Cory plans to meet with the Duck Island Block Club chairs and review the Duck Island Plan along with the RTA Site Development Process. With the information on the Duck Island Plan and the RTA Site Development Process, Joe Adler motioned for TWDC to support the RTA Site Development Process and Joe Chura seconded. The board unanimously passed the resolution.
6. Kate provided an overview of the Special Improvement District in Tremont that was attempted in 2017. The SID overview included a review of the map area to be considered, fees to be collected, election of a board and the eventual vote. Cory stated that he would provide additional materials to the Board members for their review. Kate and Cory stated that in our March meeting, we would be looking to form an ad hoc committee of the TWDC Board for the Special Improvement District. We will be looking for a Chair or Co-Chairs, as well as committee members. In the interim, Cory, Gusty and Ann Marie will be convening a meeting with Ashley Shaw from Ohio City to learn more about their successes and challenges with their SID.

7. Our annual meeting was reviewed and will be held on Thursday, May 16th. Our meeting will include our general election of five Board seats and the Board President. Joe Adler and Lerval are working on a schedule to get out to all block club meetings to recruit new board candidates and new TWDC members.
8. Cory reviewed his Executive Director's report and highlighted the following:
 - The Safety and Security CDBG grant is approved, and we have a contract with the Downtown Cleveland Alliance. There will be four hour shifts on a daily basis that will be shared between the Flats, Tremont and northern Ohio City.
 - Real estate projects:
 - 11 Fairfield has filed for permits with the City and expects a groundbreaking in the spring.
 - The Tappan, a 90 unit apartment building across from Wagner Awning, has passed the Lincoln Heights Block Club and was passed by the TWDC ED committee unanimously.
 - Electric Gardens, a proposed apartment project behind Bergen Village, was discussed. The area went through a community process that proposed a 35 foot multi-family district. City Planning had knowledge of the developer and choose not to introduce zoning legislation, as it did not conform to the development project under consideration. Electric Gardens is presenting the plan to Central Tremont Block Club. Councilman McCormack remains interested in the community process and wants to see the neighborhood involved in feedback on the development.
 - As part of the Tremont Integration Plan, TWDC has been working with Destination Cleveland to bring new wayfinding signage to our neighborhood. There are nine locations in Tremont that have been identified.
 - TWDC has acquired the property located at 3298 Scranton Road from the county land bank. TWDC will be putting together a plan for the renovation and rental of this duplex.
9. New Business
 - Joe Adler from Governance Committee shared that the nominating committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 26th at TWDC offices. If anyone has nominees, please reach out to Joe so that they can be contacted.
 - Lynn Murray updated the board on the schedule and completion dates for the Flats Forward Metroparks Trail.
 - Cory added that Spin Drift Management has been hired to manage Taste of Tremont.
 - Cory informed the Board that Bob Hocepl is the new Farmers Market manager. Bob has successfully managed several businesses, including two in the West Side Market, and we have hopes of an expanded farmer's market this spring and summer.
11. Joe Adler motioned to adjourn, Jaime seconded and the board unanimously approved to adjourn.