

TWDC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
August 15th, 2019

Board members present: Rich Sosenko, Carolyn Bentley, Casey Ward, Joe Adler, Kate Carden, Ann Marie Riley, Brad Hauber, Chris Roy, Seronica Powell, LerVal Elva and Joe Chura
Staff present: Cory Riordan

1. Kate Carden called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm
2. July meeting minutes and consent agenda reviewed by Board Members.
 - Seronica motioned to approve the minutes and consent agenda and Casey seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved, with Joe Adler abstaining as he was not able to attend our last meeting.
3. Land Trust Board Resolution
 - Cory reviewed the Resolution for the Land Trust Model. The resolution puts forth a statement that Tremont West Development supports the long term goal of retaining Tremont as a vibrant, mixed use and mixed income neighborhood. In addition, the resolution states that the TWDC Board authorizes the development of a Land Trust. Finally, the resolution states that the Land Trust will be planned in partnership with Ohio City, Incorporated.
 - After a review of the land trust, Joe Chura motioned to approve the resolution in support of a land trust model and development for TWDC and OCI, and Joe Adler seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved.
4. Update on Village Capital Corp. Loan Application
 - Cory updated the board on our Village Capital Loan. At this time, all requested documentation has been submitted to VCC and we hope to have approval of the loan by September.
5. Executive Director Report
 - Tremont-Ohio City Collaboration
 - Cory is working with Ohio City to complete an agreement to manage the property on Fairview Gardens, a low-income housing building with 40 units, owned by OCI. This agreement would allow TWDC to have a full time property manager between the property owned and operated by TWDC and Fairview Gardens. If approved, this agreement may begin as early as September 2019.
 - Land Trust
 - Cory continues to work with OCI on a long-term plan for our Land Trust. Our land trust would have the goal of creating affordable housing in our neighborhoods for generations.

- To reach the goals of the land trust, Cory and OCI representatives have had several meeting with the Department of Community Development.
- SID
 - Maria Sharp, our Americorp VISTA, has produced a variety of documents on the SID that will assist us in approaching businesses in the future. At this time, it is clear from a meeting with the City that a feasible goal to implement the SID would be in the year 2021. Much of the work for the approval for the SID would be done in 2020.
- Taste of Tremont
 - Cory reviewed financial report on Taste of Tremont held in our neighborhood last month. We had a successful event and a profit of \$25,000 from Taste of Tremont, which is an increase over time when we had a profit of \$7,000 in 2012. Taste was the Councilmatic event for the year, and we expected significant savings. However, while we saved \$10,000 from the Council's contributions, we also had a reduction in registration and beer sales.
- Arts in August
 - Cory reviewed the schedule for Arts in August, which provide performance art events in Lincoln Park during the weekends in August. Events include theatre, dance and music and are sponsored by a variety of businesses and our councilman. Michelle Davis is coordinating the events and volunteers are welcome to attend events to show their support and assist in distributing brochures.
- Celebrate Tremont – Duck Island Grooves
 - Our TWDC Board supported fundraiser is on Friday, September 13th from 7-11 pm at Forest City Brewery. The event is in a new space this year, with a live band and food provided by catering done by Fresh Fork. Board members are asked to buy their tickets, donate to our wine/liquor pull and reach out to any potential sponsors.
- Arts and Cultural Festival

6. New Business

- New Building Codes
 - New building codes went into effect in the City of Cleveland on July 3, 2019. The new code includes changes to area and height, but also includes a townhouse code. The townhouse code allows a project to be approved through the City Planning Department.
 - Our plan is to 1) have a speaker from the City at Economic Development in September to explain the new codes, 2) Cory and Joe will present the new code at our next Board meeting, and 3) determine how we can educate our block club members and neighbors on the new codes.

- Finance Meeting
 - Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 18th at 6 pm at TWDC offices
 - All Board Member are welcome to attend
 - LOOP and Tax Abatement Legislation
 - City of Cleveland has hired a consultant to work on both LOOP and Tax Abatement legislation. The consultant will complete an assessment on the effects of tax abatement, and work with the City and stakeholders to consider options for legislation.
 - TWDC is participating in the process, and assisted in the interview and selection of a consultant.
 - Cory will be requesting a public meeting on possible legislation.
7. Joe Adler motioned to adjourn, Seronica seconded the motion and the board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:25 pm.