

TWDC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2019

Board members present: Kate Carden, Lynn McLaughlin-Murray, LerVal Elva, Jaime Delet, Chris Roy, Carolyn Bentley, Rich Sosenko, Josh Wright, Brad Hauber, Seronica Powell, Adrienne Linnick, Mendo Veloff

Staff: Cory Riordan

1. Kate called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm
2. June meeting minutes. Chris motioned to approve the June minutes, Jaime seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Review and vote to approve TWDC financials through May 31, 2019
 - Lynn reviewed CDBG funding and the funding cycles, and its effect on the financials. Lynn also explained how TWDC acts as a fiscal agent for community groups, and how those restricted funds can be used and the line items related on our financials. Lynn went on to explain 2406 financials and the separate financials for this LLC. Our 2406 LLC is a for profit corporation that holds our real estate that has a mission to provide affordable housing in our community.
 - Jaime motioned to approve our financials through May 31, 2019, Chris approved and the board members unanimously approved.
4. Review and vote to approve TWDC Fiscal Year 2020
 - Cory reviewed the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020, which ends on June 30, 2020. Cory explained the formatting of the budget proposal, which includes the actual results through May 2019, an annualized actual results, the audited financials for both 2406 and TWDC, and then a next year budget. The FY 2020 budget has three columns that include a high, medium and low expectations to insure that TWDC can meet our financial responsibilities for the next year.
 - Jaime motioned to approve the 2020 Fiscal Year budget, Seronica seconded and the board unanimously approved.
5. Taste of Tremont
 - This event will be the Ward 3 councilmatic event. This designation will result in the city providing much of the security, sanitation, etc, which is likely to save us \$25,000 on this event.
 - MetroHealth continues to be our presenting sponsor.
 - Spin Drift Management are the event planners this year. Amy Pappas will stay on as a transition, as she has been our event planner for several years.

- Board members have signed up for all of the volunteer spots that are being requested. Several community members have also signed up.

6. Celebrate Tremont

- Kate updated the membership on our annual fundraiser, Duck Island Grooves, our Celebrate Tremont Fundraiser. The event will be on Friday, September 13th at Forest City Brewery from 7 – 11 pm.
- Board members are asked to contact any potential sponsors or donors. Cory and Jill have sponsor and donor letters if anyone needs one sent to a potential supporter.
- Board members are asked to donate a bottle of wine or liquor for a “pull” as a board sponsored event.
- Board members are asked to buy a ticket or two – and look forward to enjoying a fun great!

7. Executive Director Report

- Village Capitol - Loan is being finalized.
- Tremont-Ohio City Collaboration – Cleveland Foundation grants has been submitted and will be reviewed in early August.
- Tremont Montessori – Board of Education decisions on the fate of Tremont Montessori has been postponed until the fall. The BOE asked for additional time to see if discussions with the state would add additional funding and to understand how the High School facilities discussions could impact the K-8 discussion. The Board has changed the emerging recommendation from closing Tremont school and relocating the Montessori program to rebuilding a school in Tremont with a Montessori curriculum. However, the BOE added additional schools to the construction recommendations without additional funding.
- Living Well in Lincoln Park – Cory had much thanks for Adrienne Linnick and Mike Koski in their contributions to the Living Well event in Lincoln Park. This is a free event at Lincoln Park in Tremont for family-friendly fun, free food, and bike & helmet giveaways. The event highlights safety, security and wellness in our neighborhoods.
- Tremont Speaks – Participatory budgeting for neighborhood safety projects has launched with the first meetings planned. Arcelor Mittal funded the project and have a grant from them for \$7,500.
- Arts in August – Cory reviewed the participating artists, and asked for board volunteers to assist at each event.
- RTA Routes – RTA is in discussion to change bus routes and save funds with a new schedule. Khalid has put together recommended route changes for frequency and coverage per the RTA planning that is in process. Several board members suggested that Tremont West submit a resolution to the RTA on our position on the cost reductions, and route proposals that we think best serve our neighborhood.

- Tremont Sideyard – Cleveland Metroparks will be installing a children’s natural play area in the sideyard per the advocacy of many neighborhood residents. A map of the new Tremont Sideyard was also reviewed.

8. New Business

- Economic Development
 - 603 Herschel Ct – a single family home, was reviewed along with the variances. The project was presented by the owner Brian Devine. The committee reviewed the project, and supported the variances.
 - Electric Gardens – the developer has not yet submitted documents that are necessary to be used in legislation for the site-specific zoning, so we have no final vote on the project.
- Arts Committee
 - History Fence is up and looks great!
 - Chris is working with CEI to be able to provide dusk to dawn lighting at the site.
- Safety Committee
 - Living Well was a successful event. This committee plans to return to issue on quality of life and safety in the community at their next meeting.
- Consent Agenda
 - Kate asked for feedback on continuing with our consent agenda. Most board members supported the practice of approving a consent agenda. Committee chairs are asked to submit summaries on their committees beginning with our next monthly board meeting to be able to present a consent agenda at our next and subsequent meetings.
- Healthy Food Initiative – Cory will be sending a letter to TreCon notify and confirm that they are delinquent on their payments to us related to the grant to bring a grocery store to Tremont. Due to cost overruns and related financing, the grocery store proposed on W 14th is no longer in a planning stage and no other options are being presented. Therefore, TWDC will be seeking repayment of the grant funds to bring a grocery to the neighborhood. These funds will be redeployed or returned to the funder.
- Cleveland Public Library – 150 Year Anniversary
 - Celebration will be on Saturday, July 27th. Trolleys will be circulating between libraries and neighborhoods. Events will be planned – please check out cpl.org and there is a CPL 150 page with all information.

9. Executive Session – Kate called an executive session, and ex-officio members left the meeting.

10. Adjourn – Lynn motioned to adjourn, Seronica seconded and the board unanimously approved at 8:06 pm.