The prior twelve months (June 2019 through May 2020) have been very active for the TWDC Economic Development Committee. The EDC met 10 times, including three times virtually in response to the Covid-19 crisis. The Committee reviewed and advised on approximately 40 projects which fall broadly into the categories in the table below.

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<td>Single family homes</td>
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<td>Activity in all Tremont block clubs, majority in Duck Island</td>
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<td>Townhomes</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>Three developments of 5, 5 and 8 units</td>
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<td>Minor projects</td>
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<td>Electric Gardens Apartments, The Lincoln Apartments, Professor Ave. mixed use development, MetroHealth Transformation Apartments(^1), Scranton Carriage Works, USA Gas redevelopment</td>
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\(^1\)Adjacent to TWDC service area

As the table demonstrates, the majority of the projects proposed are residential homes and townhomes which is consistent with recent years. The table also illustrates, however, the continued and more recent trend of apartment building planning and development in Tremont. Currently there are approximately 500 apartment units either under construction or on the drawing boards for Tremont.

In addition to the physical development projects, the EDC also had a hand in several initiatives not specific to development projects. These include ongoing conversations on a proposed Special Improvement District (SID) for a portion of Tremont, advice on the creation of the Near West Land Trust and navigating changes to the City’s zoning and townhouse codes. The code changes are of particular concern because they potentially threaten Tremont’s long-standing opportunities for community engagement around development projects. TWDC and the EDC have been actively working to maintain residents’ voices in what happens in our neighborhoods.

Tremont’s current robust construction activity demonstrates the fruits of prior years’ EDC activity. Major projects under construction include the final stage of the Towpath Trail, the Tappan Apartments and the apartments at 7th and Jefferson. In addition, construction of the 130-unit Electric Gardens Apartments – development spurred by the Towpath Trail – is already underway.

The EDC strives to build consensus around the sometimes-conflicting interests and concerns of those seeking to invest & build here and the neighbors and residents most impacted. That is sometimes a heavy lift. But this committee understands that while buildings, businesses and development are critically important, the true measure of a neighborhood’s quality and durability is the engagement of the community of the people in it. To that end the EDC welcomes and encourages your participation in our work. EDC meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm, please attend a meeting or better yet join the committee. If interested feel to contact TWDC or the committee chairs at the email addresses below.

Thank you to the EDC members for your hard work and commitment, to the TWDC staff for your support, and to you the TWDC membership.

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The TWDC Arts Committee has had a busy 12 months.

In July 2019, Cleveland’s first outdoor Art + History Museum was unveiled at the southeast corner of Professor and College Avenues. More than 40 images—weatherproof, digital reproductions of old Tremont (water colors, oils, collages, line-art and old postcards) are now on permanent 24/7 display. Later in 2019, dusk-to-dawn lighting was installed, courtesy of FirstEnergy. In April 2020, 11 more pieces joined the display. Entitled “Contemporary Views of Tremont,” the new section comprises digitally-reproduced renderings of Tremont street scenes (e.g., Lincoln Park, Christmas Story House, area churches) by local artists such as Tim Herron, Glenn Murray and Brian Pierce.

An extensive new website—the Tremont History Project—was recently completed and will be added to TWDC’s “Experience Tremont” as soon as reviews and refinements are done. The new site features hundreds of photos, articles, maps and oral histories of the Tremont neighborhood.

In 2019 Walkabout Tremont drew thousands of people to Tremont for art, dining, imbibing, shopping and entertainment the second Friday of every month throughout the year. Showcasing the wonders of ecclesiastical art, St. John Cantius and Sts. Peter & Paul churches opened their doors to visitors. Scores of Walkabout “performers”—from adorable alpacas and adoptable dogs to merry musicians to bubble blowers, bassoonists and belly dancers—lit up the second Friday in Tremont during warmer months (May – October).
Our Annual Celebrate Tremont Fundraiser was held on Friday, September 13\textsuperscript{th}. This year our fundraiser was called Duck Island Grooves Celebrate Tremont, and we moved to our event to Forest City Brewery in Duck Island. Our event highlighted Forest City Brewery and their craft brew and a Duck Island cocktail, dinner from Cleveland Farm Team (Fresh Fork Market and Ohio City Provision) and live music from the Ark Band and our DJ SquareBiz.

Tickets to the event were $100 each and sideboards, 50/50 raffles, and silent and basket raffles helped to raise funds for Tremont West Development Corporation. This event is important to our neighborhood as this benefit raises unrestricted funds that are used to support our community organizing and block clubs, Arts in August, Farmer’s Market, Arts and Cultural Festival, Near West Recreation and enhancements for the Towpath Trail in Tremont.

Much thanks to our committee members, which includes: Jill Lackey, our Event Planner, Kate Carden, Alexandra Datillo, Michelle Davis, Jaime Declet, LerVal Elva, Lynn Friedel, Adrienne Gray, Dick Gray, Brad Hauber, Dan Leamon, Lynn McLaughlin-Murray, Morgan Passek, Ann Marie Riley, Cory Riordan and Tom Tosuksri.

And special thanks to Forest City Brewery and all of our sponsors including St Augustine Parish, Fabo Architecture, Visible Voice, Integrity, OHR Rents, MCM Company, Solo Development, Councilman Kerry McCormack, Cleveland Bricks, Sustainable Community Associates, The Bentley Group at Howard Hanna, Ted & Co at Howard Hanna, John and Karen Moss, Meritech, Tom and Anita Cook, Berges Home Performance, Horton Harper Architects, Gosvenor Apartments, Chelsea Manor, Smythe Property Advisors, Councilman Tony Brancatelli, North Coast Event Services, CHN Housing Partners, Civic Builders, Chad and Lauren Hartup, WXZ, Neighborhood Family Practice, Colony, Next Day Signs & Graphics, Prosper for Purpose, Evie Lou and Minnie Zeigler.
Good evening, I am Lynn McLaughlin Murray and I have the pleasure to serve as the treasurer of Tremont West. It is my pleasure to present the financial for Tremont West for the 2019 fiscal year.

We had a clean audit by our outside auditor with no reservations. Our memorandums of understanding with Ohio City Inc. have allowed us to share staff and to do more while controlling our fixed costs.

We have seen increased revenue from various sources that are allowing us to have discretionary funds to support neighborhood initiatives.

Tremont West has continued to have a strong asset to liabilities ratio, has maintained a very low ration of fundraising expenses to program income. This means that the money we bring in from all sources goes into the neighborhood in the form of the programs we see every year.

In this difficult fiscal time, we are planning how to maintain the high level of programming that the neighborhood wants while keeping our fixed costs low. We are blessed to have an excellent staff which goes above and beyond their responsibilities and bring passion to the organization. Without all the help of our funders, donors, volunteers and staff, we could not be as successful as we are. Thank you for all your support for Tremont West and our great neighborhood.

Hello All. I am Seronica Powell the Co-Chair of the Finance committee on the board of Tremont West Development Corporation. We appreciate all the community support that we received during 2019. As we go forward in 2020, we are looking forward to the continued support of our funders, donors, volunteers and the staff. It is because of you that we had a successful financial year and together we can and will have a successful 2020. Thank you!