



Board of Directors Meeting Notes
October 20, 2022

Board Member Attendees: Seronica Powell, Kate O'Neil, Tom Tosuksri, Jonathan Greever, Jenny Rodriguez, Fred Calatrello, Dan Cotter, John Jackson, Carolyn Bentley, Deborah Smith, Jaime Declat, Rich Sosenko, Jason Petroff (ex-officio) and Cory Riordan (Executive Director)

1. Meeting Called to Order (6:33 p.m.)
2. Approved October minutes:
 - a. Jason Petroff motioned to approve and Fred Calatrello seconded. The vote passed with Darren Triplett abstaining because he was absent last month.
3. Discussion/Action Item: Open Board Seat
 - a. Jason presented his reasons for wanting to become a full member of the board and then excused himself to allow the board to discuss his and the other applicant's nomination. The board went into executive session and Cory Riordan excused himself. Fred motioned, Deb seconded, and Jason was voted in as a member of the board. The board voted to come out of executive session and Cory and Jason returned to the meeting. Jason resigned as ex officio in order to take on his new role.
4. Discussion Item: Celebrate Tremont Wrap Up Discussion
 - a. Income: \$54,560 (as of 10.20.22) plus \$5k in product donation Sweet Peet has agreed to supply the Tremont Gardeners with annually moving forward. This number is current as of this meeting but has not yet been finalized.
 - b. Expenses: \$12,596 (as of 10.20.22) Forest City Brewery and some smaller expenses have not yet been paid so this number is not yet final.
 - c. The board discussed the food, the band, the sponsors... what should be kept and what should be changed for the next time.
5. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Townhouse code letter: the letter was sent to the administration and Joyce Pan Huang from the City Planning Department responded asking for a meeting the second week in November to talk about what the concerns are and how to respond to the board.
 - b. ARPA Funds: \$30M for affordable housing development. Tremont West is

putting together a \$3-4M request to build affordable housing on land bank lots.

- c. Retail changes in the neighborhood: Donna Grigonis is working with a number of retail businesses who are interested in moving in. We have more retail to work with than in the past and more changes coming. Tremont West is on top of the changes happening. Some of this is still post-Covid shakeout and normal changes to the neighborhood.
 - d. Metroparks levy: Jaime Deplet motioned to support including putting a yard sign in front of the Tremont West offices, Jason seconded, motioned passed unanimously
6. Committee Reports:
- a. Finance Committee: The audit is expected to be delivered by the November meeting. It has to be done by the end of December which is probably a more realistic deadline. Jaime motioned to approve the numbers, Dan Cotter seconded. Motion approved unanimously
 - b. Economic Development Committee: 2 items were presented- a parking lot for Clark Bar and a W10th new construction home. Both were approved.
 - c. Safety Committee: Several topics were covered at the last meeting including:
 - i. Tree foliage covering stop signs. Dan put together a list of what trees need trimmed
 - ii. New signs outlining the hours for Clark Field because noise is getting out of hand
 - iii. Lincoln Park bulbs that need replaced. The city is putting together a plan.
 - d. Governance Committee: The committee is planning the board retreat and talking about locations and policy updates before that takes place. The retreat will likely be in December or January.
7. The Meeting was Adjourned (7:46 p.m.)
- a. Tom Tosuksri motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kate O'Neil seconded. Vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.