



Board of Directors Meeting Notes
January 18, 2024

Board Member Attendees: Jason Adams, Carolyn Bentley, Fred Calatrello, Dan Cotter, Jonathan Greever, Dan Imfeld, Kate O'Neil, Seronica Powell, Jenny Rodriguez, Deb Smith, Tom Tosuksri, Darren Triplett and Julie Dahlhausen (Interim Executive Director)

1. Meeting Called to Order (6:32 p.m.)
2. Approve November minutes:
 - a. Dan Cotter motioned to approve the November meeting notes, Fred Calatrello seconded, all approved.
3. Discussion Item: Audit Presentation and Q&A
 - a. Nicholas Jordan presented the audit (available in everyone's information packet for this meeting) and took questions. Some conversation was had about Tremont West's available cash and potential future investment opportunities.
 - b. Dan Imfeld requested a motion to approve this years audit. Deb Smith motioned to approve, Jason Adams seconded, all approved.
4. Discussion Item: Board Succession
 - a. Tom Tosuksri talked about the 5 board members rolling off the board this year and asked if anyone knew they wanted to run again. Or if anyone knew they were interested in running for board president. The responses were as follows:
 - i. Tom is planning on running again.
 - ii. Jenny Rodriguez is not planning on running again and presented her resignation as of this month.
 - iii. Seronica Powell is planning on running again but is not eligible for another term as board president.
 - iv. Darren Triplett is not running for another term.
5. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Cleveland Foundation Fellow:
 - i. The Cleveland Foundation has invited Tremont West to apply for a grant that will cover the salary and some overhead for one employee for a year. Julie Dahlhausen is going to submit an application for a marketing person.
 - b. 2024 Taste of Tremont:
 - i. Spindrift Management met with Julie to talk about past years and what to carryover and what to add. Will Hollingsworth has expressed interest in participating and MetroHealth is sponsoring again this year as the last

year of their current contract.

- c. Economic Development Discussion: Community Input Process 2024
 - i. Julie, Seronica and Donna Grigonis met with Director Huang and Councilman Kerry McCormack to discuss ways in which the neighborhoods communication with the city in relation to new construction projects can be improved. Julie provided a list of takeaways from that meeting including:
 1. Design review is at the end of the process and it makes more sense for input to happen earlier in the process.
 2. These are public meetings not public hearings so the members are not required to include public comment.
 3. CPC agreed to recommend developers talk to block clubs for input. They are going to create a FAQ cheat sheet to provide guidance on when and where to provide input.
 4. Discussion was had about the value of CoUrbanize as a way of collecting community input. Jenny talked about her experience with CoUrbanize when she was chair of the Irishtown Bend block club.
 5. Director Huang expressed the opinion that only projects at or above 20 units warrant in depth discussion. Julie thinks it should be more like 4, 5, or 6 units as the minimum.
 6. Deb asked if there could be a set of written guidelines or suggestions for builders & developers. Seronica talked about a set of written guidelines for the public.
 7. Both Julie and Seronica talked about this as a first meeting and the beginning of the conversation with the city about community input. Director Huang was not willing to talk about specific projects during this initial conversation.
 - d. The Cleveland Cliffs Foundation donation:
 - i. The Foundation donated \$7,500 for Tremont West's home repair program. This doubles the budget for the program and is in response to a grant request some months ago.
 - e. Holiday Food Drive:
 - i. The food drive collected a total of \$23,560 which was an increase of more than \$1,000 over last year but just shy of the \$25,000 goal. Awards will be given to the block club that donated the greatest combination of funds and goods and the block club with the highest per capita participation.
- 6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance:
 - i. The above referenced audit was the main subject for today's meeting. Dan Imfeld delayed conversation about current financials until next month

because so much time was spent on the audit.

- ii. Dan encouraged participation in the finance committee especially with Darren not running for the board again. Meetings are currently held one Monday a month at 5:30 or 6 p.m.
 - b. Economic Development:
 - i. This months meeting was cancelled because there were no items on the agenda.
 - c. Safety:
 - i. Dan Cotter presented that there was no meeting in January but there would be in February.
 - d. Governance:
 - i. Tom talked about the board evaluations. The committee is finalizing the board and executive director evaluations currently. The committee is also beginning annual meeting and elections planning.
 - e. Fundraising:
 - i. Kate O'Neil said there was no meeting this month but conversation has started about Taste of Tremont and reviving the Tremont Trek. Meetings will start in February.
7. New Business:
- a. Deb announced that she is performing at Forest City Brewery at 7 p.m. Tuesday and encouraged everyone to attend.
 - b. Discussion was had about the former Fahrenheit space being split into several businesses including Cilantro Tanqueria and a few others. The Taqueria is expecting to be open for business in March and fully operational by Taste of Tremont.
 - c. Calendar invites have gone out about the Sangfroid Kick Off Meeting happening 2.13.24 between 4-6:30 p.m. at Forest City Brewery.
8. Old Business:
- a. None presented
9. The Meeting was Adjourned (7:44 p.m.)
Fred motioned to adjourn, Kate seconded, all approved.