



Board of Directors Meeting Notes
March 21, 2024

Board Member Attendees: Jason Adams, Carolyn Bentley, Fred Calatrello, Jaime Declet, Jonathan Greever, Dan Imfeld, John Jackson, Kate O'Neill, Seronica Powell, Deb Smith, Rich Sosenko, Tom Tosuksri, Darren Triplett and Julie Dahlhausen (Interim ED)

1. Meeting Called to Order (6:33 p.m.)
2. Approve February minutes:
 - a. Jonathan Greever motioned to approve the February meeting notes, Jaime Declet seconded, all approved.
3. Discussion Item: Sangfroid Strategy/ Strategic Planning Process Presentation and Q&A
 - a. Sangfroid presented their plan to explore if there are ways to leverage an organization that already exists, Near West Partnership, to benefit both Ohio City and Tremont.
 - b. They discussed their timeline for community, board, staff... engagement through this process.
 - c. They also talked about what goals they've seen come up so far with both organizations. And what areas they have found so far that the organizations could partner on. Their plan is to spend April and May having conversations and then to present recommendations for next steps mid-June.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance:
 - i. Dan Imfeld presented the plan to catch up on approving December, January and February all together at the April meeting.
 - b. Economic Development:
 - i. Jaime talked about the Treehouse Apartments presentation from the March Economic Development meeting.
 - c. Safety:
 - i. The committee discussed what they do, when they meet and how members can participate in the current membership drive.
 - d. Governance:
 - i. Board Recruitment and Membership Drive: The board has a total of three vacancies to fill this year (plus a vacancy for board president): Tom Tosuksri, John Jackson, Jenny Rodriguez, and Seronica Powell are all ending their current board terms. Tom, John, and Seronica are all

interested in running again.

- ii. Discussion was had about ways to allow Seronica to stay on for another term to help lead the board through the current strategic planning process. Proposals included ways to work within the bylaws to allow this extension including potentially holding a special meeting before the April board meeting.
- iii. Community member applicants for open board positions need to apply by May 1st, but are encouraged to apply earlier so applicants can do the block club meeting circuit.
- iv. The Annual Meeting will be on May 23rd. No set location yet.

e. Fundraising:

- i. Kate O'Neil presented a plan to potentially bring back the Tremont Trek. Tentatively scheduled for this fall.
- ii. Taste of Tremont: Julie shared that she is working on sponsorship levels and working with Spindrift to give more shape to that event. \$22k in sponsorships has been promised so far for the event.

5. New Business:

- a. None presented

6. Old Business:

- a. None presented

7. The Meeting was Adjourned (8:10 p.m.)

Dan Imfeld motioned to adjourn, Kate seconded, all approved.