



Board of Directors Meeting Notes  
July 18, 2024

Board Member Attendees: Barbara Andelman, Carolyn Bentley, Fred Calatrello, Dan Cotter, Jaime Declat, Jonathan Greever, Dan Imfeld, John Jackson, Kate O'Neill, Seronica Powell, Deb Smith, Rich Sosenko, Jennifer Temple, Tom Tosuksri and Julie Dahlhausen (Executive Director)

1. Meeting Called to Order by Tom Tosuksri (6:33 p.m.)
2. Approve June minutes:
  - a. Typos and information corrections were noted including:
    - i. The motion to approve the budget (section 5a) actually should have been noted as the motion to approve the April financials.
    - ii. Some misspellings were noted including Fred Calatrello's name (section 4a), Tom Tosuksri's name (section 4b) and Jaime Declat's name (section 8).
  - b. Jaime motioned to approve the June meeting notes with corrections noted. Seronica Powell seconded, all approved.
3. Action Item: 2406 Professor LLC Signing Authority Resolution
  - a. The current resolution approving Cory Riordan and all future executive directors for signing authority was created in 2018. Julie Dahlhausen is proposing a new resolution, outlined in the information packet provided to the board, allowing the executive director to have signing authority moving forward without attaching it to a specific person's name. Fred suggested some changes to the language to clarify the wording. Jonathan Greever motioned to approve with language clarifications. Fred seconded, all approved.
4. Discussion Item: Annual Budget
  - a. Julie reviewed the details of the annual budget. Discussion was had about some specific items in the budget including potentially unnecessary expenses and some changes to how staff members are utilized. Julie continued answering questions about income and expenses and emphasized the importance of controlling our expenses for the ongoing health of the organization. Dan Imfeld and Tom contributed to the conversation about making sure our expenses mirror neighborhood priorities. We need to ask the questions about what is important to the organization and the neighborhood moving forward.
  - b. Barbara Andelman motioned to approve, Jaime seconded, all approved.
5. Discussion Item: OCI/Strategic Planning Updates; Board Retreat
  - a. The board retreat will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 8.17.24. Location to be determined.

- b. Julie received the final report from Sangfroid today. She's going to put everything together into a format everyone can thoughtfully review and it will be a focus of discussion at the 8.17.24 board retreat.
  - c. OCI is in the market for a new executive director. While conversations about the results of the final report and potential partnership opportunities are temporarily on hold, we need to continue focusing on Tremont and how the recommendations apply to us specifically.
  - d. Board Retreat: Agenda items for the retreat include a deep dive into the budget, talk about neighborhood priorities and a thorough review of Sangfroid's recommendations. The Tremont West staff will be joining the board for lunch and conversation after lunch.
6. Discussion Item: Tremont Trek
- a. Kate O'Neil is meeting with past planners and current committee members every Wednesday at 6 p.m. beginning next week.
  - b. Kate is also working on lining up sponsors for the event.
7. Executive Director's Report:
- a. Restaurants update: Cilantro Taqueria will be opening 7.29.24. Discussion was had about multiple murals that have come up in the neighborhood and what the neighborhood process should be for those- specifically Steak and the W14th coffee shop.
  - b. Cleveland Food Truck Festival: Tremont West received a \$1500 check for our partnership with minimal work from the organization.
  - c. The sale of 2290 Thurman closed yesterday.
  - d. Cleveland Foundation Fellow Rebecca Utian will be starting the first week in August. The foundation is covering her salary for the year and her focus will be helping full time with organization marketing.
  - e. Taste of Tremont will be held this Sunday. Julie encouraged the board to volunteer and thanked those who signed up already. 20 local food vendors are participating, up from last years 15. Deb Smith suggested we use our booth to sign people up to join Tremont West.
  - f. Julie submitted a grant request to support our senior initiatives (see Executive Director notes in the packet distributed at the board meeting)
8. New Business:
- a. Sign up for Arts in August: Conversation began with Julie asking board members to volunteer to introduce specific events. Jaime then asked why we stopped asking the community to volunteer to help with events like Arts in August. Plans were discussed to reengage neighborhood volunteers in the short and long term including using block club email lists to send out announcements for volunteer opportunities.
9. Committee Reports:
- a. Economic Development: Jaime is working on possible changes to the committee

structure and goals moving forward. More information will be presented at the September ED meeting.

- b. Safety:
    - i. Officer Mike Chapman attended the most recent safety committee meeting where Councilman Kerry McCormack discussed programs he is working on including installing 2 cameras at Camp Cleveland and a plan for lights being strung across Professor.
    - ii. The safety committee will have a table at Night Out for Safety which will be held on 8.6.24.
    - iii. The police are also working on cleaning up the cars at 961 Jefferson.
    - iv. Tremont is getting 2 speed tables. Discussion was had about the best location for those.
  - c. Governance: Went into executive session. Seronica motioned, Deb seconded, all approved. Motion to exit exec session Jaime motioned, Barbara seconded.
10. New Business:
- a. Councilman McCormack attended the North of Literary block club to discuss safety concerns in Camp Cleveland. He is advocating for additional police for summer events like neighborhood festivals, some permanent cameras and potentially part time use of a mobile camera system.
  - b. The board retreat will be in place of the August Board of Directors meeting.
11. The Meeting was Adjourned (7:50 p.m.)
- Seronica motioned to adjourn, Jennifer Temple seconded, all approved.