



Board of Directors Meeting Notes  
July 20, 2023

Board Member Attendees: Carolyn Bentley, Fred Calatrello, Dan Cotter, Jaime Declat, Dan Imfeld, John Jackson, Kate O'Neil, Seronica Powell, Jenny Rodriguez, Tom Tosuksri, Darren Triplett, Cory Riordan (Executive Director) and Jason Adams and Ex Officios Shannon Copfer Brace and Claire Elliot via Zoom.

1. Meeting Called to Order (6:31 p.m.)
2. Approve June minutes:
  - a. Jaime Declat motioned to approve the June meeting notes with three corrections noted. Both Shannon Copfer Brace and Claire Elliot's names need corrected. And the spelling of ex officio needs corrected. Tom Tosuksri seconded. All approved except Seronica Powell who abstained because she was absent from the June meeting.
3. Discussion Item: 7222 Brinsmade Update
  - a. Carolyn Bentley and Cory Riordan updated the board on the sale in the process of closing. There have been several delays in the closing of this sale related to the sellers title work and buyer financing. The current contract requires the buyer to raise their non-refundable earnest money deposit in order to approve the current August 3rd closing date.
4. Discussion Item: Governance Committee Recommendations on Lobbying
  - a. Tom recapped the event from the June meeting related to the board voting to support the No Vote on Issue 1. Since that meeting, the Governance Committee met to discuss how the board should handle lobbying requests like this moving forward.
    - i. Tremont West does lobby. They've taken stances on issues like the levy supporting the Cleveland Metroparks, and the Townhouse Code.
    - ii. Tom presented a draft document proposing guidelines moving forward. That document was included in the information packet for the meeting.
    - iii. Dan Imfeld proposed an amendment to the draft document requiring the person requesting the support present that request in person at

the board meeting. Tom agreed to send the document out to the full committee for notes and changes due back to Tom before the next Executive Committee meeting. Discussion continued.

5. Discussion Item: Executive Session: Legal Review
  - a. The board went in to executive session, requesting Cory stay to present information on multiple legal issues.
6. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Strategic Planning: Covered under section 5 above.
  - b. Constantino's Update: Covered under section 5 above.
  - c. 7222 Brinsmade: Covered under section 3 above.
  - d. Safety and Security Patrol: There were difficulties in finding staffing to fulfill this plan but that situation has changed some lately.
  - e. Taste of Tremont: Final numbers will be presented at the August meeting.
7. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance:
    - i. The budget will be presented for a vote at the August meeting.
    - ii. Dan requested a motion to approve the June financials. Jaime Delect motioned, Tom seconded, all voted to approve.
  - b. Economic Development:
    - i. The Columbus Ave. townhome project was discussed and the economic development committee voted on the Treehouse renovation project.
    - ii. The majority of the meeting was discussion about the committee charter and the role of ex officios on the committees.
  - c. Safety:
    - i. The committee discussed the safety patrol and the need to have trees trimmed for the sake of safety.
    - ii. Dan Cotter requested someone be nominated for vice chair of the committee. John Jackson volunteered. Dan Imfeld nominated John, Jaime seconded, all approved.
    - iii. Police are pursuing leads on the series of car windows that were shot out recently.
  - d. Governance:
    - i. Jonathan Greever accepted the co-chair position he had previously been nominated for.
    - ii. Tom would like to make the September meeting a board retreat and discussion was had about dates.
  - e. Celebrate Tremont Fundraising:

- i. Discussion was had about potential honorees
  - ii. Location and catering ideas are in process
  - iii. Kate O'Neil talked about plans to find sponsors for parts of the park and tie that fundraiser in with Celebrate Tremont.
  - iv. Kate stressed the importance of Tremont West's social media numbers and asked all board members to be sure to follow all the organizations social media platforms.
8. New Business:
  - a. Arts in August: Cory asked board members to sign up to introduce events during Arts in August and passed around a sign-up sheet.
9. The Meeting was Adjourned (8:20 p.m.). Dan Cotter motioned to adjourn, Jaime seconded, all approved.