



Board of Directors Meeting Notes
August 17, 2023

Board Member Attendees: Jason Adams, Carolyn Bentley, Fred Calatrello, Jaime Declet, Jonathan Greever, Dan Imfeld, John Jackson, Kate O'Neil, Seronica Powell, Jenny Rodriguez, Rich Sosenko, Darren Triplett, Cory Riordan (Executive Director) and Board Member Deborah Smith and Ex Officios Shannon Copfer Brace and Claire Elliot via Zoom.

1. Meeting Called to Order (6:33 p.m.)
2. Approve July minutes:
 - a. Fred Calatrello motioned to approve the July meeting notes, Jaime Declet seconded. All approved except Jonathan Greever who abstained because he was not at the July meeting.
3. Action Item: Approval of Budget
 - a. Board members reviewed and asked questions about the yearly budget. Dan Imfeld requested a motion to approve the budget. Jonathan motioned to approve the budget, Fred seconded. All approved.
4. Discussion Item: Brinsmade Update
 - a. Carolyn Bentley updated the committee on the plan to move from the current contract to another offer. The new offer is scheduled to title transfer 9.11.23.
5. Discussion Item: Celebrate Tremont
 - a. The event date is October 14th. Discussion was had about different ways to structure the event that would allow us to increase profits by lowering expenses.
 - b. The main auction item will be naming rights to parts of Lincoln Park.
6. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Strategic Planning: Cory Riordan's resignation will be discussed during executive session at the end of this meeting.
 - b. Constantino's Update: Cory read a letter from Constantino's lawyers continuing the conversation to come to a resolution on the outstanding funds.
 - c. Taste of Tremont:
 - i. Cory presented the income and expenses from this year's event. The net profit from the event was \$14,934.92.

- ii. The main sponsor every year is Metro Hospital. They are not confirmed for the upcoming year. Other sponsors may be interested.
 - iii. One challenge for the event moving forward is to get better buy-in from the businesses who are benefiting from the event without contributing.
 - d. Casino Funds: Tremont West has applied for a grant to allow HBR-MCC to put together a neighborhood plan similar to the ones done by and for Duck Island and Lincoln Heights.
- 7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance: See above section 3.
 - b. Economic Development:
 - i. The plan for the townhomes on Columbus has been postponed. The new schedule is not yet known.
 - c. Safety: The committee met with a Cleveland police officer via zoom.
 - i. The committee and officer discussed the 40 cars broken into recently in Tremont. The police department is following up on leads.
 - ii. Dan Cotter is discussing tree trimming for safety reasons with the city.
 - iii. Discussion was had about the increase in the homeless population and the increase in aggression around Tremont, Duck Island and Irishtown Bend.
 - iv. The increased police patrols are happening on a limited basis on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
 - d. Celebrate Tremont Fundraising: See above section 5.
 - e. Governance: Jaime made a motion to go in to executive session to discuss Cory's resignation. Fred seconded. All approved and the committee moved in to executive session. Jonathan motioned to come out of executive session. Jaime seconded. All approved.
- 8. New Business: None presented
- 9. Old Business: None presented
- 10. The Meeting was Adjourned (8:34 p.m.)
 - Dan moved to adjourn. Jason Adams seconded. All approved.