

Ohio City Incorporated Regular Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2018

Attendance

Board Members – Rocha, Schmitt, Knittel, Smith, Frondorf, Schmitt, Doyle, Scheve, Crockett, Budin, Trares, Wimbiscus, Nosse, Owens, Qin, Malone, Gill, Sheppard

Staff – Tom McNair, Carrie Miller, Ben Trimble, Lisa Raber

Meeting began at 6:01 PM

Minutes from April Board Meeting to be Approved at Next Board Meeting

Committee Structure Update – Chris Schmitt

Alex Budin will be chairing the proposed Economic Development Committee. Helen Smith made a motion to adopt the Economic Development Committee and Roger Scheve seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports – presented by Committee Chairs

Finance Committee – Maria Nosse

There is a draft budget for 2523 Market Square which will be presented to the Board at the August meeting.

Committee wants to get Carrie Miller more involved and Carrie presented a dashboard for the Finance Committee that she created. As Carrie explained, the dashboard can show progress in a visual format. The Committee wants to get this out to the Board so that it can see throughout the year how things are going financially. Helen Qin asked if the dashboard should include a “trailing twelve months” in order to compare data to the year prior and Carrie stated that they would look into trying to include that information.

Governance Committee – Alex Frondorf

The Committee is working toward having a dedicated CMHA Board seat and Alex Frondorf has spearheaded that effort. Doyle will be taking over as Chair of the Committee and would like to continue those efforts. Brendan and Alex plan to meet in the coming weeks.

There was a motion to reappoint Courtney Crockett and Ryan Sheppard to the Board made by Roger Scheve. It was seconded by Doyle and passed unanimously.

Real Estate & Land Use – Joel Wimbiscus

Development Plan – due to their experience, cost, and skill, it was recommended that City Architecture propose and administer the development plan.

Dexter Place – 119 unit apartment complex proposed by Casto (of Columbus) for two (2) parcels of land on the northwest quadrant of Franklin Circle. OCI is involved because Franklin Circle is the historic heart of Ohio City. The project would need a number of variances. The public process appears to have become unproductive and negative. Tom McNair and Joel Wimbiscus sent a letter to the developer in an attempt to synthesize some of the ideas and concerns raised by the community. Casto took into consideration some of the concerns of the community and changed parts of its design. The goal is to improve upon the process so that the community can be better heard. Kudos to Joel for facilitating a dialogue between the community and the developer.

Question was asked whether a market study had been conducted on the project. A discussion ensued and Andy Trares pointed out that the strategic plan calls for large developments in the main corridors of Ohio City of which Franklin and West 28th would not qualify.

Resolutions 0606-01 and 0606-02 regarding the development plan were put forth to the Board. Joel Wimbiscus moved that both resolutions be passed and Andy Trares seconded the motion. Both resolutions were passed unanimously.

Resolution 0606-03 regarding subleasing the frontage of 4157 Lorain Avenue was put forth to the Board. Helen Smith made a motion that the resolution be passed and Don Malone seconded the motion. The resolution was passed with Roger Scheve abstaining.

Resolution 0606-04 regarding the assumption of partnership interest for Fairview gardens located at 3207 Franklin Boulevard was put forth to the Board. Helen Smith made a motion that the resolution be passed and Andy Trares seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

Safety – Helen Smith

Councilman McCormack attended the most recent meeting and is proposing adding cameras and lights to various intersections in the neighborhood.

There has been a concentration on following those individuals who have been arrested and attempting to calculate the amount of damages that residents have incurred. A meeting is scheduled for June 22nd with Cleveland Municipal Court Administrative Judge Michelle Earley to address some of these issues.

Alex Budin raised the issue of Mike Lewis of Security Installations wanting to close all open ticket items and cease his relationship with OCI. It was explained that this was simply a

miscommunication with Mike Lewis and that he wants to continue to work with OCI on the safety camera program.

Maria Nosse raised the issue of neighborhood walkability and people driving through the neighborhood and running red lights. There have been several recent instances of people almost getting hit by cars.

Engagement Committee –*Helen Qin*

The air quality meeting was very successful and ever since organizing has occurred on this issue, the companies, in particular Ontario Stone, have been wetting down their sand so there is less dust in Lakeview Estates. There have also been discussions about planting some trees there to block some of the sentiment from getting into the air.

The Committee is looking to partner with arts organizations. Studying ideas for how to do so.

Helen Smith mentioned that there is a smell in the Detroit Shoreway neighborhood that creeps into the northwestern end of Ohio City. Joel Wimbiscus reports that he has also noticed the smell and it is overwhelming and some people believe that it is a much bigger issue. Channel 5 will be coming tomorrow to do a story on it.

Executive Director Report – for Tom McNair

Thank Helen Qin for her efforts regarding the air quality meeting in Lakeview Estates. There were 50 people in attendance at the meeting and there have already been improvements.

There will be a traffic calming study on Franklin Boulevard as that corridor has one of the highest rates for motor vehicle crashes in the city. The City wants to test out traffic diverters as a pilot project.

Thank everyone for their efforts during Evening in Ohio City. Hattie has done, as usual, an amazing job, and she has been able to keep costs way down. The evening was a success.

OCI received a letter that its CDBG grant will be \$85,000 which is \$25,000 more than last year. This money should be very helpful to the organization.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.