

Ohio City Incorporated
Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2020

Attendance

Board - Schmitt, Benjamin, Doyle, Frondorf, Greer, Knittel, Nosse, Rocha, Smith, Trares, Trivisonno, Malone, Scheve, Wimbiscus

Not Attending - Gill, Greer

Staff - McNair, Bailey, Biggers, Miller, Raber, Trimble

Guest - Michael Graham, Strategy Design Partners (“SDP”)

Meeting began at 6:04 PM

Meeting Minutes – Brendan Doyle

December meeting minutes were presented and Kathleen Knittel made a motion to approve the minutes and Helen Smith seconded. The motion passed with one abstention by Maria Nosse.

Committee Reports – presented by Committee Chairs

Ad Hoc Strategic Alliance Committee - Chris Schmitt

Mike Graham from Strategy Design Partners followed up regarding a proposal for the Near West Partners (“NWP”) for consideration. NWP Board would consist of eight (8) members with four (4) officers apiece from OCI and Tremont Near West Development (“TNWD”). Near West Land Trust (“NWL”) would be under NWP and NWP would have sole authority to appoint board members to NWLT.

The Board discussed auditing and it was noted that NWP is a separate non-profit and would have its own books. A proposed timeline for NWP was discussed. Tremont West Development Corp. met in January and it was approved unanimously. The Board discussed why it was necessary to collaborate with TNWD, including the admonition by critical funders that community development corporations collaborate more often or risk losing funding.

GiGi Benjamin made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-0205-01 and Priscila Rocha seconded. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

Finance Committee - Maria Nosse

The need for CDBG support was discussed and Resolution 2020-0205-02 was introduced. These dollars would go toward multi-family rehab projects, single family exterior rehab, assisting developments of \$500,000 and greater, design review, etc.

Kathleen Knittel made a motion to approve the Resolution and Maria Nosse seconded. The motion was passed unanimously

Tom McNair announced that the Near West Rec fundraiser raised over \$2,000. Big thanks to Kerri Palma and Carrie Miller for their great work. He gave an update on other revenue sources, event sponsorships, income, development fees, etc.

Safety Committee - Helen Smith

Safety Coordinator, Chad Biggers, gave an update on the Safety Camera Initiative, specifically the camera count, host count, and footage requests. Chad also presented his Plan for a Safe Community which encompasses the the crux of the work that he is doing now, which includes emergency management, training opportunities, and other important initiatives.

Helen Smith discussed the new safety camera contractor and the work that they are doing to audit and update our camera system.

Real Estate and Land Use - Joel Wimbiscus

Joel introduced the proposed slot home policy and discussed the way in which slot homes negatively impact Ohio City's residential neighborhoods. Kathleen Knittel read aloud the proposed slot home policy language. A discussion ensued regarding

Alex moved to approve Resolution 2020-0205-03 as amended during discussion. Roger Scheve seconded and the Resolution was approved unanimously.

Chris Schmitt introduced Ohio City resident and OCI member, Mark Raymond, to discuss the City's Airbnb ordinance.

Economic Development Committee - Andy Traes

Holiday Hop went well even though weather was not as good as 2018. The Committee has also been working on the Retail Plan and its implementation.

The issue of Pins Mechanical was raised and Andy discussed the joint Economic Development and RELU Committee meeting. RELU voted to support the project. The process for approval is still being hammered out as it relates to the Retail Policy and more updates will be provided.

Governance Committee - Brendan Doyle

Brendan discussed the CMHA Resident Board seat and he is reaching out directly to prospective Board members. The Committee also brainstormed other ways to recruit applicants.

Dates to remember:

Board Elections - May 8, 2020

Meet the Candidates Night - Thursday, April 27th

Community Engagement Committee –Priscila Rocha

At the last meeting, the Committee discussed how to increase engagement. One idea is Meet on the Street which is tentatively scheduled for May 16th to get people out of their homes and engage with their neighbors. The hope is that it also should not take up much staff time as it should run itself. Angelo stated that they will be applying for a \$5,000 grant from Neighborhood Connections.

Advancement Committee – Chris Schmitt

There will be a partner event on April 15th. The Near West Rec fundraiser was a success in that we learned how to run a fundraiser of that type.

Executive Director Report - Tom McNair

GiGi Benjamin is Board Member of the Month!! She was able to utilize her connections to get the trash from Waste Management cleaned up. The company is still demanding \$10,000 in fines.

Tom announced that OCI won an award at the annual CMHA Awards Dinner.

Ohio City Improvement Corp. launch is at Market Garden Brewery on February 11th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Approximately twenty (20) applicants for the Director position.

There is a lot of work being done to the new OCI offices. Tom gave a detailed update on the specifics of the project. Also looking for tenants for the old space and there are several possibilities.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.