

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

Attendance

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

Not Attending - Gill, Greer

Staff - McNair, Miller, Raber, Shaw, Trimble

Meeting began at 6:03 PM

Executive Session

Entered into executive session at 6:04 PM.

Came out of executive session at 6:29 PM.

Minutes

Brendan presented the June minutes. Kathleen made a motion to approve and Priscilla seconded. Brennin and Brian abstained.

Committee Reports – presented by Committee Chairs

Governance - Brendan Doyle

Brendan stated that the Committee members were trying to schedule a meeting and would hold a meeting before the next meeting. Board orientations would also be scheduled for Brennin and Brian.

Real Estate and Land Use - Joel Wimbiscus

Land Trust is taking over some of the properties that Cleveland Housing Network previously was responsible for.

Nuisance abatement action started on house at West 38th and Clinton Avenue. It is currently in Cleveland Housing Court where there is a docket backlog.

There is a property across the street where a developer was attempting to build slot homes. Staff was proactive in stopping this development from happening and it is now slated for a single-home build.

There is a proposed development at 4005 Detroit. Developer met with residents in March. They were supposed to report back to the residents, but developers now say that they are putting a pause on the project.

Tom and Ben gave an overview on land trusts and the Near West Land Trust/Near West Partners. Ben discussed the property at 2802 York Avenue. A discussion ensued regarding financing and development of the property.

Resolution 2020-0805-01 was introduced authorizing accepting a loan up to \$150,000 on behalf of Near West Land Trust for rehabilitating 2802 York Avenue. If bank requires collateralization of the loan, then it will come back before the Board to amend. Kathleen made a motion to approve and the motion was seconded by GiGi. The resolution was approved unanimously.

Finance Committee - Andy Trares

Andy presented the budget for July 1st and beyond. Because of the forgiveness of the PPP loan the budget is showing a projected loss of \$21,118 for 2019-2021. Andy detailed revenue and expenses.

Resolution 2020-0805-02 presented for approval. Kathleen moved and GiGi seconded. Budget passed unanimously.

Economic Development - Andy Trares

No update.

Advancement – Chris Schmitt

No update

Safety Committee - Helen Smith

Helen gave an update on the camera program and some of the upgrades that are scheduled. The Safety Coordinator position was also discussed. Chad will be putting together a job description for the position in consultation with Councilman McCormack's Office.

Community Engagement - Helen Qin and Priscilla Rocha

Priscilla presented action items for the "Racism as a Public Health Crisis" resolution. Helen stated that there is a lot within these action items that people will need to process, but that these were important items for the Board to consider and potentially implement. A discussion ensued regarding some of the action items.

The meeting ended at 8:18 PM.