Ohio City Incorporated  
Regular Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 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

Meeting began at 6:03 PM

**Update on COVID-19 - Dr. Don Malone**

Governor DeWine has done a great job. Continuing to increase cases locally, but not nearly at the speed of other parts of the country. One thousand cots are being delivered to the new medical school to be a new hospital unit.

150 COVID-positive patients. 40-45% require intensive care. Most people are a home and mildly ill, but the patients who require hospitalization seem to get sick quickly.

Ohio is increasing at 5-10 patients per day. Guardedly optimistic that we are prepared. Lutheran is really low in patients right now - never been this low. But a surge could very quickly take us to where we do not want to go. Peak will probably be in the next 3-4 weeks, beginning of April or early May. Normal will not be until June 1st or maybe further.

Dr, Malone took questions. We could not be more grateful to him and to the rest of our health care workers.

**Executive Director Report - Tom McNair**

Staff is now working remotely. They can come in if necessary, but mostly out of office. Ashley has become a business support contact. Staff has done a lot of resource-gathering. Ben and Donna are still doing the work to advance the Land
Trust. Chad has been doing safety issues, but also homeless services. Kari and Matt are reaching out to schools to determine how we can help.

Email will be going out soon regarding Board elections.

Fairview Gardens management transition has occurred and Ben did a great job. Famicos Foundation is now managing and they have sent an introductory letter to residents.

Special Improvement District is another challenge. It was supposed to get rolling next month but there have been issues with the City of Cleveland. Ben and Ashley have done a great job of trying to work around those issues. Interviews were conducted for an executive director and they believe that they have found the right candidate.

Discussions are underway to provide port-o-potties and wash stations for the homeless. Cost may be between $20,000-$25,000. Talking with Cleveland Foundation about this now.

Chris Schmitt says that staff has been amazing during this period and priority number one is to make sure that none of them get laid off.

Tom discussed the organization’s financials. Loss of about $78,000 for the year. It is not good, but it could have been worse. There are options available to the organization, too. Tom reviewed the rest of the finances with the Board.

Committee Reports – presented by Committee Chairs

Real Estate and Land Use - Ben Trimble (for Joel Wimbiscus)

Last Friday an updated draft of the design guidelines was sent out.

Finance Committee - Maria Nosse

No update at this time.

Safety Committee - Helen Smith

Representative of Riverview and a representative of some property owners on our Committee now.
Riverview is doing deep cleaning every day and week. People staying in their rooms and community rooms closed.

CPD is in one-man cars now and some are actually using their own vehicles. Having nobody on the street is concerning so get walkers out there and stay six feet apart!

**Advancement Committee - Chris Schmitt**

Not much of an update because people are not doing much giving right now.

**Community Engagement - Helen Qin**

Planning a meet-on-the-street event in May and will probably be pushing that back. Created a Slack room and communicating on there.

**Economic Development - Andy Trares**

Ashley has been working with small businesses to help them through this and is doing a great job.

**Governance - Brendan Doyle**

Six candidates submitted their applications by the March 1st deadline to run for the Board. The Committee will be sending out an email soon regarding Board elections.

The Committee also has a candidate for the CMHA Resident Board position.

**Executive Session**

Board entered into Executive Session at 7:17 PM.

Board came out of Executive Session at 7:23 PM.

Kathleen Knittel moved to approve Resolution 2020-0401-01 and Helen Smith seconded. The Resolution passed unanimously.