



Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District Meeting

August 13, 2019

In Attendance:

Brendan Ring
Sal Russo, Sr.
Sal A. Russo
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Rex Beck
Lee Cavender
Susanna Neirmann O'Neill
Mary Trupo
Tim Boland
Brian Anderson
Myra Orenstein

Sal Russo, Sr. called the meeting to order at 9:07.

Sal Russo Sr. made a motion to approve the minutes. Brendan Ring seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Brendan Ring. Sal A. Russo made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Lee Cavender seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business

Recycling and Refuse Committee-Susanna reported the Recycling & Refuse Committee has been meeting on a regular basis and is weighing the benefits of going private with refuse collection. Considerations include whether residents would have uniform trash collection bins. (Payment would be the residents' responsibility). Susanna pointed out that if residents have issues regarding collection, the current system allows for Public Works to immediately remedy pick-up or other issues. If privatized, this would not be an option. This is the third time this has been presented as an option to City Council

The Citizens for the Election of a Mayor-Susanna reported that this has been approved by the Board of Elections and by the City Charter and must go on the ballot in November. If passed it would change from a Council and City Manager format to an elected Mayor and eliminate the position of City Manager. The City Manager format has been in place in Cleveland Heights for 98 years. If the vote passes, mayoral candidates would appear on the November, 2021 ballot. Whomever is elected would become Mayor as of January 2022. Council would still be comprised of seven members and a president of council would be elected. The Mayor would elect his/her own administrator. The Mayor would have a vote on city council.

Bank of America-Myra Orenstein reported that she spoke with Vince Pangle and that the space is currently under construction.

Benches-After reviewing the proposals for new benches and/or plaques, the SID determined to move not to move forward with plaque sponsorships.

Parking Lot Update-Sal Russo, Sr. reported that clean up from the demolition is now taking place. Two poles need to be moved. The general contractor will begin work on September 2. Myra mentioned that Richard Wong said there might be dollars available for an electric car parking space. Sal asked her to follow up with Richard to obtain contact and other information. Completion is estimated to be by December 1, 2019.

Top of the Hill Status-Tim Boland reported that the design was received and there was conceptual approval on July 9, 2019. The Architectural Board of Review requested details which Flaherty & Collins is submitting for review. The ABR will discuss these at its regularly scheduled meeting.

Edwards Road will change directions to include a turn and a connection with Cedar Road. Vacating Edwards Road needs to go before the Planning Commission on August 13. Council will review it for potential approval on September 14. Tim anticipates the street to be closed by year-end.

Tim also discussed temporary parking and said that Lot 9 will remain open throughout 2019, closing in 2020. Parking permits will be issued on a quarterly basis.

The Temporary Parking Plan includes permanent parking on both Lennox and Surrey with overnight permits available. Different categories of parking permits will be issued during construction. Upon completion of the parking garage, it is anticipated that those with permits will be moved to the garage.

Tim anticipates completion within 9-12 months. A web page, parking maps and other materials will be available to make for a smooth transition. At present there are 175 permits. There will be 332 spaces available with the new temporary plan.

College Club Condos-Myra reported that Howard Hanna reported that 70% of the condominiums have been sold at a price of \$720-\$750,000. Walk-throughs of the College Club building may be made by appointment only.

Bikes and Scooters-Richard Wong is the point person on the project and has been working closely with the County, the City of Cleveland and neighboring inner-ring suburbs to ensure consistency of parking spaces and information. Scooters may be rented through two different apps. In areas where credit card usage is low, consideration is being given to the creation of rental kiosks.

The bike program is temporarily on hold as the County investigates the introduction of e-bikes.

Cedar Fairmount SummerFEST-Myra presented the budget for this year's SummerFEST. According to Cleveland Heights Police estimates, approximately 4,000 people attended, up from 2,500 in previous years. Rex Beck mentioned that traffic was down on his side of the street because of Firestone's opening on a Saturday. Myra is giving consideration to creating three smaller, targeted festivals for next summer and is hoping to create a committee prior to moving forward with any future plans. Susanna suggested she contact Mallory Phillips, Coventry Village Special Improvement District Executive Director to learn more about the impact of that SID's Final Friday program.

New Business

Future Heights Music Hop-Myra said she hadn't heard any news since April and reached out to Future Heights this week. They are interested in having Patty Harwood as their point person and will be contacting her. Rex said he is bringing in his own music at the Cleveland Heights Church.

Cigarette Receptacles and the Pay Phone-Myra said a resident had contacted her about both. She followed up with restaurants/bars and all are interested in having receptacles. The SID decided that restaurants/bars should pay for these based on prior approval by the properties. Susanna is investigating who is in charge of the pay phone's removal.

Collaborations with Music Settlement and Cleveland Museum of Art-Myra is looking into both for future programs.

Cedar Fairmount Arts-Myra has been meeting with local residents interested in creating an Arts Committee to further identify the district as an Arts District. The first meeting of this group is slated for September 13, 2019. The SID wants to involve Flaherty & Collins in hopes that the Top of the Hill Project will include artwork that compliments what is being done in the District.

Holiday Planning-Myra is reviewing the Holiday Walk and will talk with merchants about plans for this event.

The next meeting of the Cedar Fairmount SID is October 8, 2019 at 9 am. at Nighttown.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sal Russo. Second by Lee Cavender. The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.