



SID Meeting
December 10, 2019

Attendees:

Sal Russo, Sr.
Sal A. Russo
Brendan Ring
Lee Cavender
Vince Pangle
Rex Beck
Susanna Niermann O'Neil
Mary Trupo
Tim Boland
Brian Anderson
Lute Quintrell
Lynn Quintrell
Bill Stickley
Patty Harwood
LaTrese Steplight
Myra Orenstein

Sal Russo Sr. called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

A motion was made by Vince Pangle to approve the minutes as written. Brendan Ring seconded.

A motion was made by Lee Cavender to approve the Treasurer's Report. Vince Pangle seconded.

Old Business

Charter Committee-Mary Trupo reported that the vote for a Mayor won by 60 percent. The City is working on a transition plan that will be in place until 2021. She said it's "Business as usual."

Recycling and Refuse Committee-Susanna reported that a final committee report will be submitted by next week. A report will be made to Council in January. The main issue is money as a new system will be costly. It will be in the hands of Council to make the determination regarding next steps.

Bank of America Update-Vince Pangle reported the new ATM facility is up and operational.

Tax Liability-Vince updated the SID regarding his tax liability based on Cleveland Heights/University Heights loopholes. He is currently paying 12% in taxes and fears that commercial property values in Cleveland Heights will suffer as landlords will be unable to profit from their investments. After considerable discussion, it was suggested that the SID organize a meeting,

open to the public, about this situation. Myra has been tasked with its coordination. A January meeting is proposed.

Parking Lot Update-Sal Sr. reported that is finalized. The Illuminating Company is scheduled to handle lighting. A fence will be constructed along the southern end of the lot.

Top of the Hill Project-Tim Boland reported that on December 2, City Council passed four pieces of legislation that included the financing of the project. The City will retain ownership of the property. Flaherty & Collins would like equipment on-site as of January 1, 2020. He suggested visiting the designated website for updates.

Brendan Ring said that Cleveland Construction, the subcontractor on the project is anticipating being on-site in February. Cleveland Construction and Flaherty & Collins will be leasing the space formerly occupied by Zoss Bakery for construction and leasing, respectively. Fifty parking spaces have been reserved for Nighttown's use.

Brian anticipates that groundbreaking will take place April 1, 2020. Parking signs will be posted in the near future.

Fifth Third Bank-Brendan reported that six parties have expressed interest in the property. The bank plans to retain the drive-through/ATM for five years pursuant to its closing on January 28, 2020.

Parking-Lynn Quintrell mentioned that non-permit holders are parking at night in the permit-only spaces on the first floor of the parking garage and suggested that the City investigate.

Bikes and Scooters-Myra reported that nothing is happening at the present time in regards to the e-bikes and scooters and suggested that SID meeting attendees complete the survey that is circulating for interested parties in the inner ring suburbs so they have a voice in the policies.

New Business

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture-Myra congratulated the SID on being awarded \$5,000 for its upcoming summer program. She said the format may be changing. Conversations will be held early in 2020 with the merchants to determine what works best. P

Ad Hoc Art Committee Status-Myra reported that the group is not an organization and is applying for 501c3 status. She has been in touch with Flaherty & Collins about co-funding artwork/printing for the construction fence. Hildur, the artist, is in Iceland and needs to create a rough layout so that a quote may be obtained

Opening of Zhug-Myra expressed the SID's enthusiasm about the opening of Doug Katz's newest restaurant in the District.

Snow Plowing-Myra mentioned that Deluxe is new and that members should contact her if sidewalks aren't salted, etc. so that she may reach out to them. She assured the SID that Deluxe has been a formidable partner with the SID's landscaping and she's certain that the snowplowing will be equally effective.

Landscaping-Myra said that solar lights have been installed. Four have been stolen from in front of Luna. They are being tweaked as the overhead street lighting is causing some to shut down. The Board advised having Deluxe remove all bags and twisted coils from the trees asap.

She also mentioned that Firestone questioned who was responsible for landscaping an area behind the bus stop. While the SID believes this is Firestone's responsibility, Myra was instructed to obtain a quote from Deluxe Landscaping.

Holiday Walk Plans-Myra said that signage was placed at the intersection of Cedar and Fairmount, e-newsletters have been sent, social media is ongoing and rack cards have been distributed. The plans have been promoted on coolcleveland.com and Plus as well as through the City.

New Board Member-LaTrese Steplight, Chase Bank, is awaiting word as to whether she may join the Board.

Bourbon Bop-Myra is talking with several restaurants/bar in the District to organize a January promotion designed to bring more people to the District during the cold months.

Valentine's Month-Myra is talking with the merchants about promoting the entire month of February as Valentine's Month rather than simply promoting a single day.

Parking-It was suggested that Doug Katz consider offering valet parking. Myra will reach out to him to discuss.

Removing Payphones-Susanna reported that the owner of the payphone has finally been determined. Steps will be taken to have it removed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vince. Second by Lee.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.