



SID Meeting
June 9, 2020

Attendees:

Sal Russo, Sr.
Sal A. Russo
Brendan Ring
Lee Cavender
Rex Beck
Vince Pangle
Susanna Niermann O'Neil
Mary Trupo
Tim Boland
Brian Anderson
Lute Quintrell
Douglas Katz
Tawny Ratner
Bill Stickley
Myra Orenstein

Sal A. Russo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Brendan Ring provided a review of the Treasurer's Report. He asked the City when the SID would anticipate receiving its second-half-of-the year disbursement. Susanna Niermann O'Neil is investigating.

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

Old Business

Recycling and Refuse Committee-Susanna reported that the committee has submitted its final report. The question is whether or not inform the investment in new trucks to handle a different method of recycling and also whether its current trucks are capable of handling pick-up bins from tree lawns.

She explained that Cleveland Heights has the highest percentage of any city in Cuyahoga County for recycling.

Top of the Hill Project-Tim Boland reported that the designated area was closed won a month ago. The greenhouse has been demolished. Now the project is officially in the hands of Flaherty & Collins. The parking garage continues to be Phase One and should be completed by early 2021. The City has brought in an owner's rep from Panzica Construction. Bill Stickley asked

if a Panzica Construction representative might attend the next SID meeting. Tim is investigating.

A small groundbreaking ceremony will tentatively be held on June 24. Because of Covid19 restrictions, this will primarily involve photo opportunities with rotations for 10 or less participants. Media will be involved.

Brendan added that parking for Nighttown and The Buckingham should be completed within eight to 10 weeks. It will be used exclusively for those two until the garage is completed.

Lute Quintrell asked if parking has become an issue since the lot's closing. He added that the stairways on the lot behind Starbucks are not clean making them unsafe. Susanna agreed and is investigating.

Lute added that an ongoing maintenance issue continues in the alley behind Appletree's building.

Ad Hoc Art Committee Status-Myra Orenstein reported that she has been in contact with Flaherty & Collins and that her agency, CATV, Inc., is making final adjustments to the fence design. She is anticipating that she and/or Flaherty will introduce plans to the ABR shortly.

Pay Phone-Susanna reported that she and Andre Spencer have been in touch with the company responsible for the pay phone and were assured it would be handled. Time has passed since that conversation and so she is circling back.

New Business

City Council-Susanna reported that a City Council is working to fulfill the seat vacated by Melissa Yasinow. Webex interviews are being conducted and a decision will be made shortly.

She said that transition committees are also tasked with creating procedures and guidelines for the change in government structure. They should have proposed protocol by the end this year. New codes need to be constructed in advance of the new government's transition in January, 2022.

Postponement of SummerFEST-Myra reported that SummerFEST has been postponed until 2021. Grant monies from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture have already been transferred so that the SID is ensured of having \$5K in 2021 for this event.

State of Ohio Audit-Myra reported that all materials requested by the State of Ohio for the biannual SID audit. The accountant handling this said the State is reviewing materials and will be in touch shortly.

Weekly Phone Calls with the City Department of Development-Myra thanked Brian Anderson and Tim for their every-Friday calls with SID Executive Directors.

Opening of Parking Garage to Outdoor Dining-Myra explained that Starbucks, Zhug, Parnell's and Vero Pizza are interested in utilizing approximately 20 parking spaces on the top level of the City of Cleveland Heights garage (between Lenox and Surrey) for a community gathering space for takeout. Doug Katz said he is envisioning some picnic tables for that area that would help increase bottom line profits for the restaurants while providing the neighborhood with a go-to space.

Lute expressed concern about the lack of parking due to the loss of spaces behind Nighttown. Brian, Myra, Doug and others have planned a Teams meeting on Thursday, June 11, to discuss this in greater detail. Everyone in attendance agreed this is especially timely since it is undoubtedly a temporary summer project initiated because of the pandemic.

Status of Restaurant/Merchant Openings-Myra reported that most of the restaurants and merchants are opened, many on a limited basis. Barrio is rolling out its openings and is currently not doing takeout/delivery or patio/in-restaurant dining.

City Parking Plans-The City is designating specific Cedar Road and Fairmount Boulevard spaces for takeout. These will be 15 minute meters. The restaurants are aware of these plans.

Landscaping Update-Myra reported that the planters and hanging plants are up. She has spoken with Deluxe Landscaping as the hanging plants aren't as lush. Deluxe explained that between the heavy rainy season and rush on gardening by homeowners due to the pandemic, the supply is different this year. Sweet potato vines are being added to the pink planters to add contrast.

Myra had worked with CWRU and Deluxe so that both sides of Cedar Hill (from the Rapid to the intersection with Euclid Heights) would have hanging baskets. CWRU agreed. Deluxe is now handling both.

City Bingo-Mary Trupo reported that the City Bingo promotion is now in its third week. While it has experienced a slow start, she learned from others who had implemented the program in the past that's been typical and that it picks up speed thereafter.

Tax Assessment-Vince Pangle asked if anything transpired regarding a meeting with other property owners to discuss the CH-UH School System's tax assessment on his property (and potentially others). Myra said she has been in touch with other SID Executive Directors and requested that Vince ask his attorney for a brief description of the tax situation so that she may once again attempt to assemble a meeting.

Sal Russo, Sr. asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Sal A. Russo made the motion. Brendan Ring seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Cedar Fairmount SID is Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Nighttown.