



Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District Meeting
March 9, 2021

In attendance:

Sal Russo
Vince Pangle
Douglas Katz
James Asimes
LaTrese Steplight
Tim Boland
Lee Chilcothe
Melody Joy Hart (proxy for Mary Dunbar)
Mary Trupo
Myra Orenstein

Sal Russo, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Myra Orenstein announced that Sal Russo, Sr. has resigned from the SID. She thanked him for his many years of service and for the many positive things he has done for the SID and the district overall.

She then requested a vote to confirm Sal A. Russo as the new president.

Vince Pangle made a motion. James Asimes seconded.

Motion unanimously carried.

Sal A. Russo is the new president of the Cedar Fairmount SID.

There is now a vacancy for the Vice President which must be filled. That will be handled in the May meeting.

Sal asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Vince made a motion. Sal seconded. Minutes were approved as read. Sal requested that Myra look to previous minutes to see if any follow up items were missing from subsequent meetings. A follow up was requested regarding asking for funding from UH/CWRU/The Cleveland Clinic. Melody said that Audrey Hudak, a Cleveland Heights resident who works at The Cleveland Clinic, might be a good connection. She's checking into contact information.

Vince gave the treasurer's report and asked for a motion to approve. Sal made a motion. Vince seconded. Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Old Business

Recycling and Refuse Committee Report-Melody Joy Hart reported that the City is purchasing equipment and the new program should be up and running by fourth quarter, 2021. This will

include automated trucks. The program will not include commercial businesses that have not signed on for the City's recycling program.

Top of the Hill Project-Tim Boland reported that construction is proceeding on or ahead of schedule. The parking garage will be opening shortly for permit holders and folks living in the Buckingham Condominiums. The property is one year out from completion.

Vince Pangle asked how many spaces are in the garage. Tim is following up.

James said the parking lot adjacent to Nighttown will remain until the project is completed at which time it will be converted to green space.

NEORS Construction Update-Myra reported that while businesses were not happy with the noise, the project is nearing completion. She is checking in with NEORS in case there are outstanding issues.

New Business

Cleveland Heights Church-Myra reported that it is necessary for the SID to receive a letter from the Cleveland Heights Church confirming that it is in the SID. When the SID was renewed the former owner was not a church and therefore no letter was required. She said that Rex Beck is amenable to making that happen.

Budget Shortfall-Vince asked Tim if PPE funds were available. Tim did not think any such funding was pending.

Sal asked all members if they were interested in retaining the Summer Festival referencing the fact that it has been a mainstay in the district for approximately 20 years. With no indication otherwise, discussion continued about how to make this happen. Myra suggested moving the festival to fall for timeframe, Covid-19 and other reasons. All agreed. The property owners in attendance said they would guarantee contributions in the case of a shortfall to ensure that the \$5,000 match with CAC was met.

James said that the SID could use the former Zoss parking lot for exhibits, etc. LaTrese Steplight also liked the idea of doing this in the fall and said that even though Chase's branch was closed she could bring in volunteers.

Vince suggested pursuing sponsors at Platinum, Gold and Silver levels.

Myra will prepare a proposed budget.

Vince asked Tim about ownership of the parking garage. The garage is owned by Flaherty & Collins. Vince asked about linear footage. Tim is investigating. Vince suggested the SID consider asking for a percentage of profit.

Nighttown Plans-James said that renovations and plans are underway to reopen in July/August. Announcements will be made by late April. A cosmetic renovation is being done on the upstairs apartments to bring them in line with what is being offered in the district.

Landscaping Plans-Myra said that purple and red plants will be featured in this season's landscaping.

WiFi-Myra spoke with CWRU and Digital C and was referred to an Israeli equipment vendor who is investigating bringing rooftop to rooftop hi-speed broadband to the district.

Social Media/Marketing-Myra said that social media has been ongoing and that e-newsletters are being sent out monthly.

Traffic Congestion at Chipotle-Doug Katz reported his concern about traffic jams due to the increased volume at Lennox and Cedar based on Chipotle's popularity. While he is excited about having the restaurant in the district, he explained that there are potential safety and other issues for both vehicles and pedestrians. He also said there will be impact on the neighboring restaurants offering takeout.

Myra said she would speak with Eric Zamft, Planner Director for the City of Cleveland Heights, about potential next steps.

Vince made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sal seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

The next meeting of the Cedar Fairmount SID is May 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Location to be determined.