



## Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District

Meeting September 21, 2021

In attendance:

Brian Anderson  
James Asimes  
Mary Trupo  
Salvatore Russo  
Tawny Ratner  
Tom Sockel  
Mike Herringshaw  
Myra Orenstein

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Sal Russo at 9:05 a.m.

Residential property representative Tom Sokel and new Chase Branch Manager Mike Herringshaw were introduced to those attending.

A motion was made by James Asimes to approve the minutes as read. Brian Anderson seconded.

In Vince Pangle's absence, Sal presented the Treasurer's Report. Brian Anderson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike Herringshaw seconded.

### **Old Business**

**Budget Shortfall**-Sal explained that because there was no SummerFest in 2020 and therefore no donations to the event, the SID is experiencing a budget shortfall. City Council's Finance Committee is evaluating options to help the SID through its budgetary situation.

**SID Expansion Update**-Myra Orenstein discussed the fact that the SID had hoped to expand by January 1, 2022, however, due to tight deadlines and other previously unforeseen circumstances, that could not happen. Because the County only accepts requests on an annual basis, the SID does not have the flexibility to expand until January 1, 2023.

Myra will proceed with scheduling meetings with residential property owners to discuss the expansion so as to continue the conversation.

**Top of the Hill Update**-Due to equipment and material delays, Top of the Hill will not open until Fall, 2022.

**Nighttown**-James Asimes reported that a contract has been signed by a new operator for the restaurant. The operator will continue to work with the folks who had been scheduling entertainment for Nighttown. He added that the "food program" will integrate old favorites with new items and the restaurant will retain elements that longtime Nighttown followers have come to love.

**Traffic Concerns**-Myra thanked the City for installing new signage under the stop sign at the intersection of Lenox and Cedar.

## **New Business**

**Summer Programming Evaluation**-Myra reported that because of Covid, fewer families participated in the summer program this year. There was, however, obvious interest and enthusiasm for the music programming and the food trucks. She is already in conversation with Cleveland Institute of Music about involving its students in concerts/busking for the upcoming year.

**Snow Plowing Update**-Pursuant to a meeting with Sal and Myra, Deluxe has agreed to continue providing snow plowing services to the SID this year. Based on a suggestion from Vince Pangle, each merchant will be supplied with its own bag of ice melt.

**Meeting with Cleveland Broadband**-Myra is contacting Cleveland Broadband and the residential property owners about arranging a meeting to discuss the installation of hi-speed wifi.

**Traffic Issues**-Tom Sockel and Tawny Ratner expressed concern regarding the speed and noise from traffic on Cedar/Grandview/Surrey. Tom said the light changes at Cedar/Surrey and/or Grandview/Cedar are dangerous for both pedestrians and cars.

Sal suggested moving the police car from its position in front of Chipotle to a vacant space on Fairmount adjacent to Dave's Market. He also suggested inviting the beat cop to the next SID meeting.

Myra is reaching out to Chief Mecklenburg about the situation and the invitation.

**Lee Cavender's Retirement**-Myra announced that Lee Cavender is retiring from the SID effective the end of September. Sal said "We'll miss him" and thanked Lee for his service over many years.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m. Brian made a motion to adjourn. James seconded.

The next meeting of the Cedar Fairmount SID will take place on November 9 at 9 a.m. Location to be confirmed.