



Cedar Fairmount SID Meeting-June 14, 2022

In Attendance:

Sal A. Russo

Vince Pangle

James Asimes

Brian Anderson

Cleveland Heights Chief of Police Chris Britton

Jayne Sestak

Rex Beck

Brian Anderson

Melody Joy Hart

Craig Cobb

Tony Cuda

Lindsey Rini

Zakiyyah Rashada

Myra Orenstein

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The meeting was called to order by President Sal Russo at 9:07 a.m.

Sal thanked host Jayne Sestak for allowing us to have the meeting at The Fairmount (and providing continental breakfast!).

He then introduced Cleveland Heights Chief of Police Chris Britton. Chief Britton was sworn into office on April 1. This is his 27th year with the Cleveland Heights Police Department.

In addressing some concerns, he mentioned that there will be a designated officer handling traffic concerns, specifically trucks traveling illegally down the district's side streets. He will also pay attention to the problem expressed by Lynn Quintrell of Appletree Books that people are parking in the Loading Zone. He is planning to invite the officer to the next SID meeting.

Vince Pangle made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Brian Anderson seconded. The minutes were approved as read.

Vince Pangle reviewed the Treasurer's Report, explaining the situation behind the budget shortfall. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. James Asimes made a motion. Sal Russo seconded.

Melody Hart explained that Council is working with an outside consultant who is clarifying areas in which ARFPA funds may be allocated. Council had planned to allocated a combined amount of \$1 million to the three SIDs and is learning what requirements are involved. The money must be spent by 2026.

Old Business

Top of the Hill Update-Lindsey Rini, The Ascent at Top of the Hill's Property Manager, said the date for the first move-in is July 22nd. Move-ins will take place on a phased-in basis. The first building's tenants will be located on Euclid Heights Boulevard. She anticipates that tenants will occupy the largest building by November (worst-case scenario).

Tenants may occupy apartments on a phased-in basis by floor based on approvals by the City of Cleveland Heights Fire Department.

She added that traffic has picked up recently and that 10 percent of the leases have been made.

She and Zakiyyah Rashada, Leasing Consultant, agreed that there will always be a rotation of students. The one-bedroom apartments start at \$1795 (same size in the tall building are \$100 more).

Nighttown Update -Myra did a walk-through of Nighttown and was surprised by the vast space covered by the many components of the restaurant. She was assured by Gregg Levy and Stephanie Pack of Red Restaurant Group that they want to retain the feeling of Nighttown. They have put valuable pieces of artwork on cold storage, rebuilt the interior almost completely, created office space, new kitchen and dishwasher area, updated patio service areas, introduced an HVAC system, ensured that it is ADA compliant and so much more. In addition, she said that Levy and Pack assured her that the menu will very closely resemble Nighttown and will not be Red, the Steakhouse. A stage is being constructed, but at present, things are being taken in baby steps with interior and cuisine taking top priority.

SID Expansion Update--Sal Russo, Vince Pangle and Myra Orenstein have been working to gain signed proxies from commercial and residential building owners so as to meet deadlines. In order to create the expansion 60 percent of the linear feet of the district must approve the expansion.

The proposed expansion would encompass a portion of Cedar Road, Surrey, Lennox and a portion of Euclid Heights Boulevard.

Proxies must arrive at City Council asap in order to meet its deadlines. Paperwork is due at the County by September 13.

Concerns Expressed by Lynn Quintrell-The loading zone concern was presented to Chief Britton who is investigating further.

Eric Zamft told Myra that a meeting with the scooter companies, the County and some inner ring suburbs is slated for later this week. At that time protocols and improvements will be discussed.

Parking Deck Deterioration-Brian Anderson said a structural engineer was out last week and is doing an assessment. Craig Cobb said the garage was flooded this morning. He sent information to the Cleveland Heights APP. He also said that there was scaffolding at the garage.

Sal expressed dissatisfaction regarding the fact that property owners are held to a high maintenance standard for their properties and yet the City lets the garage deteriorate. Brian assured him that City Hill will be apprised of the situation.

New Business

Landscaping-Deluxe Landscaping has completed plantings of all sidewalk planters. The City and Deluxe have coordinated their efforts and all hanging plants are in place.

Myra has reached out to the City Forestry Department about the overgrowth of the trees. Nothing has been done. She is reaching out again, as is Brian and some City Council members.

P.U.P.-Myra reported that she submitted a grant to cover costs for this program. The grant was denied. She's reached out to find out why and received no response.

SummerFest-Myra that concerts have begun. She is postponing the Blue Lunch Concert scheduled for June 16 due to the prediction of 100 degree temperatures. The concert will take place on Monday, June 20th.

Semi-Annual Audit-The SID is undergoing the traditional semi-annual audit. Myra has supplied the Auditor with all requested information.

CAC Grant-Myra is filing paperwork next week for the 2023 CAC Grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by James. Vince seconded.

The next meeting will take place on August 9th at 9:00 a.m.