

Cedar Fairmount Special Improvement District Meeting October 10, 2023

In attendance: Sal A. Russo, President Brian Anderson, City of Cleveland Heights Rex Beck, Cleveland Heights Church Craig Cobb, City of Cleveland Heights Tony Cuda, City of Cleveland Heights Melody Joy Hart, City of Cleveland Heights Don King, Neighbor, Buckingham Lewis Zipkin, Attorney and Residential Property Owner Jake Orosz, The Fairmount Carol Post, Neighbor Lynn Quintrell, Appletree Books Tawny Ratner, Neighbor Sal V. Russo, Cedar-Grandview Jayne Sestak, The Fairmount Julie Mostov, Incoming Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by President Sal A. Russo at 9:07 a.m. Sal introduced Julie Mostov, incoming SID Executive Director. Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Melody Joy Hart. Second by Rex Beck. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report was reviewed by Sal A. Russo. Motion was made to approve the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. Rex motioned to approve. Brian Anderson seconded.

Old Business

Dave's Update-Sal reported that there is an anonymous grocer interested in the space.

ARPA Grant Update-Melody reported that they are reviewing local non-profit requests at an October 18 meeting. If there are any outstanding questions, the non-profit will be invited back to a meeting on October 24. Our SID requested loan repayment of \$31,500 from ARPA funds. Allocation decisions to be made by end of October. The City has the ARPA funds in their possession so they can be allocated quickly once the final decisions are made.

Parking Garage Update-Brian Anderson said he will check if a structural engineer assessment has been done. The City has requested ARPA funds to repair all Cleveland Heights garages.

Nighttown Update-Brian reported Nighttown to open early November with dinner service. Eventually they plan to add music. They made many safety code updates. Upstairs apartments have been kept.

Ascent Update-Brian reported apartments are 80% leased and CRESCO has been hired as the new broker to lease the retail spaces.

New Business

SID New Structure

Julie Mostov-Sal requested voting by SID Board Members for Julie Mostov as the new Executive Director. The yes votes needed for approval came from Melody, Sal A, Rex, and Brian. Sal motioned to approve. Melody seconded.

Dawn Jordan-To handle QuickBooks and be the main point of contact for landscaping and snow removal.

Charley Bach-To oversee website management.

Top of the Hill Street Closure-One lane in each direction for approximately 7 weeks until Nov. 29.

Landscaping-Dawn Jordan to talk to Public Works about trimming weeds at the first triangle with the Historical Sign and where the weeds are coming through the concrete in the center islands on Fairmount. Ask to mow areas weekly instead of bi-weekly.

Sidewalk Snow Removal-Deluxe is our commercial sidewalk vendor for one more year. Then will switch over to the vendor who does our residential sidewalks for a cost savings.

SID Renewal-We are 18 months away from renewal. Currently in a 3-year contract. Check on making the next contract a 5-year contract.

Promotions

SummerFEST-Group discussion had about bringing back the day long neighborhood festival in August.

Heights Music Hop-Julie to investigate our reinvolvement in the FutureHeights presented Music Hop.

Solar Eclipse-Group discussion on hosting a Solar Eclipse rooftop viewing party on April 8.

Melody made a motion to adjourn. Brian seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on December 12 at 9:00 a.m. at The Fairmount