

6/18 TWDC Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

Present: Alvarado, Bulava, Cook, Coy, Crowther, Garland, Malaker, Mehring, Moss, Murray, Purpera, Russ, Smith

Guests: Henry Senyak, Jerleen Justus, Sammy Catania

Excused: LeMieux, Yambor

Un-Excused: Richardson

Meeting called to order 6.03p.m. Motion to approve May minutes, Smith. Purpera 2nds. Board affirms.

Sammy Catania presents: he's in charge of implementing SII Plan, administering CASH, Paint Voucher and other programs. Actively involved in finding parking solutions for neighborhood. Currently working to broker deals with St. John Cantius and Tremont Elementary to use their lots. Update on conflict-of-interest document that Sammy signed prior to taking his position with TWDC one year ago: he agreed to put his Tremont holdings up for sale; as of week of 6/18/09 he sold those properties.

Performance Matrix, Fiscal 2009. Garland shared progress on various housing and commercial/retail projects and new initiatives in the neighborhood. Reviewed Fiscal Year 08/09 goals and actuals. Suggestion made for developing combined metrics/trending so progress can be quantitative and measureable: % of completion; how many were helped; if something didn't work, why; etc.

Good news/short notes:

1. Qualetha McCarty was promoted to full-time Office Manager; please congratulate her when you see her.
2. Garland received letter from City Development Director regarding TWDC competitive development grant: getting \$64K, a \$5K increase over last year.
3. Cleveland's Shakespeare Festival has selected Tremont as its premiere location.
4. Still tickets available for the Trek; Smith pouring wine at one of the locations.
5. Please support Choral Concert, one of Commander Sulzer's favorite projects.
6. Taste of Tremont, 7/18: are there a range of sizes of T-shirts to sell so we're not repeating last year's mistake of having only Smalls & Mediums to sell?
7. Arts in August: suggestion made to measure event attendance, could be good data to present for grants, etc.
8. Fire victim update: people have been generous in their help/support. You can contribute checks or gift cards. Multiple fundraisers planned.

Bylaws Committee:

Board discussed the recent Tremont Communicator article regarding the process of amending the bylaws. The Bylaws Committee plans to take Bylaws to Block Clubs in August to begin vetting process; will also sponsor a neighborhood-wide dinner in November (possibly at OLA/St. Joe) and invite the neighborhood to review Bylaws prior to voting at Annual Meeting in January 2010.

Housing Committee: Building & Housing Department has two interns that will focus on Tremont. Code Enforcement Subcommittee has done a great job getting City to respond; Ward 13 code enforcement seems to be stepping up.

Economic Development/Long-Range Planning: Owners of Russian church on W11th are negotiating with dentist to take over space. This will be Tremont's first dentist. "Parking is no longer a problem."

Notes from W11th & Fairfield: Loop is moving along rapidly, not sure on open date; foundation is in for house being built on W11th.

Marketing/Fundraising: Green Tremont bags for sale. Updates to TWDC Privacy Policy; come to next meeting to discuss on 7/1. Amy Pappas gave committee update on Taste of Tremont progress at last meeting: more restaurants seem to be engaged and promoting event this year. Intend to exit interview attendees at the event to refine future marketing efforts.

Safety Committee: Just had Rape Crisis Seminar at Merrick House; 22 in attendance (when Ohio City programmed the same event, only had 12 people there). Neighborhoodwide Block Watch training Program will be taking place in July; please spread the word. Want to coordinate a fire safety/awareness program for the neighborhood later in the summer. Curfew Sweep has not been rescheduled.

Finance Committee: YBC will fulfill Business Manager function; no plans to hire for position currently as have been through two in two years. If constituent groups won't sign fiscal agreements, then TWDC will not be their fiscal agent. Tightening up financials. Finance Seminar for Trustees at YBC will be scheduled at some point; date TBD.

Other items: 6/23 ODOT meeting at TWDC to discuss installing 12-18' cement sound barriers along stretches of I-90 running through neighborhood. Will obscure church lighting and scenic views. Need to make sure that block clubs are notified/included in this meeting.

Motion proposed: "Sound barriers and other proposed ODOT interventions will be vetted through block clubs and all impacted constituent groups." Motion to approve, Moss. Murray seconds. Board affirms.

Nominating Committee: Moss, Yambor, Alvarado and Amy Weahry will be on it. Need two more resident members [7/15 update: *actually will need three resident members, since Weahry no longer lives or works in the neighborhood*]. Committee wants to get working: identify new candidates and focus on on-going training/development for elected Trustees. Motion proposed to activate Nominating Committee. Motion to approve, Murray. Bulava seconds. Board affirms.

Meeting adjourns at 7.53p. Motion to adjourn, Murray. Bulava seconds. Board affirms.