

Tremont West Development Corporation Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2009, 6 p.m.
TWDC Offices

Present: Christopher Alvarado, Katherine Bulava, Tom Cook, Herb Crowther, Deane Malaker, David Mehring, Lynn Murray, David Purpera, Renee Richardson, Eric Russ

Absent: Sue Coy, Aaron LeMieux, Karen Moss, Sandy Yambor

Staff: Chris Garland

Ex-Officio:

Guests: Henry Senyak, Jerleen Justus

6:05p: T. Cook called the meeting to order. Quorum was met.

6:06p: ACTION ITEM – Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2009.

D. Purpera motioned to approve. C. Alvarado seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

6:07p: ACTION ITEM – Board Vacancy

Five candidates were presented to fill the board vacancy left by Sandy Smith: Sarah Lundeen, Henry Senyak, Jason Beudert, Guy Templeton Black, and Mark Marek.

C. Alvarado made a motion to limit discussion to 15 minutes. E. Russ seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

The board held a ballot-based vote to fill the vacancy. *Henry Senyak received the majority of the votes and was welcomed by the TWDC Board as its newest member.*

Present: H. Senyak

6:11p: ACTION ITEM- Board 1st Vice President Vacancy

Two candidates were presented to fill the officer vacancy left by Sandy Smith: K. Bulava and D. Malaker.

C. Alvarado made the motion to limit discussion to 15 minutes. D. Purpera seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

The board held a ballot-based vote to fill the vacancy. *K. Bulava received the majority of the votes and was welcomed by the TWDC Board as its new 1st Vice President.*

6:15p: Committee Report- Bylaw Committee Update- *T. Jenkins and L. Murray*

The Bylaw Committee presented to the Board the Version 2.1 of the Draft Bylaws to be presented to the TWDC Membership for a vote at the November 11, 2009 Special Meeting. Presently, the Committee is

meeting with constituent groups served by TWDC in order to inform the membership and to receive feedback. The prior version of the Draft Bylaws was also placed in the August 2009 issue of *Inside Tremont*. Various members of the Committee asserted that while the Draft Bylaws do not reflect unanimity within each section, the Committee has reached consensus on the document as a whole, pending further input from the Membership.

Present: R. Richardson

L. Murray informed the Board that once new bylaws are passed, the Bylaw Committee will work on a Policies and Procedures document which will provide more detail regarding the workings of the TWDC Board as well as the revision of the Articles of Incorporation. T. Cook asked the Board to provide feedback to the Committee regarding issues that board members believed needed to be rectified before the Special Meeting of the membership. After discussion, the Board did not make any significant changes to the document.

7:11p: Committee Report- Finance Committee- L. Murray

Improvements to the finance reports are still taking place. TWDC Constituent Groups are in the process of signing fiscal agent documents with TWDC. The Board will receive much more detailed information at the TWDC Board Finance Summit on September 26, 2009.

7:20p: Organizational Report- C. Garland

C. Garland introduced *Scott Rosenstein, TWDC Community Organizer and Tremont Arts and Cultural Festival Manager* to the Board. S. Rosenstein reported on the work that he does for TWDC, including being the designated community organizer for the Auburn, Duck Island, Metro North, and North of Literary Block Clubs. Additionally, he works on special issue campaigns, infrastructure needs throughout the TWDC Membership Area, and is the Program Manager for the Arts and Cultural Festival in partnership with Merrick House. Mr. Rosenstein requested that Board Members volunteer for the Festival which will take place on September 12-13, 2009.

7:30p: Committee Report- Housing Committee- D. Pupera

D. Pupera reported that there are many projects that are currently set for construction this spring, including the first presale for the houses to be constructed on W. 11th Street in the Mentor-Castle-Clark Block Club area.

7:33p: Committee Report- Economic Development and Long Range Planning- D. Pupera

D. Pupera reported that the new parking lot on Jefferson Avenue east of Professor Avenue is moving along and that movement continues to identify other areas for parking to alleviate issues throughout the Professor Avenue area and in the Block Club areas affected by the influx of cars. A recreation subcommittee has been formed to address concerns about the availability of recreation facilities in Tremont.

7:34p: Committee Report- Fundraising & Marketing- K. Bulava

K. Bulava reported that the Committee is creating a structure for new meetings, which will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00p. New members are being recruited. The Committee is being guided by the structure formed by the Bylaw Committee and is discussing how the Board and Committee can be more involved in events. The Committee will also take on full responsibility for guiding the Art & Cocktails event.

7:37p: Committee Report- Safety- E. Russ

The Block Watch Training Program has been completed with 22 TWDC Members graduating from the program. Each Member has received 3 signs to be posted on the street(s). The Cleveland Police Department Second District has information packets for the Block Clubs, which should each attempt to provide 12 to 15 volunteers.

7:40p: New Business

C. Alvarado made the motion to request that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss Board procedures and personnel matters. D. Pupera seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

8:15p: Present: Tim Jenkins

8:18p: New Business

The Board returned from Executive Session

E. Russ made the motion to authorize the Executive Committee to perform evaluations of the Executive Director and to have the Executive Committee report back to the Board the results of evaluations. D. Pupera seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved.

8:20p: Adjournment

C. Alvarado made the motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Mehring seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.