

MWCDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2017

Present: Michael Grande, Talia Piazza, Greg Panza, Tom Brady, Josh Whiteside, Curt Conrad, Tom Tighe, Darla D'Anna, Alaina Spanoudakis, Kevin Kerr, Terry Moss, Jean Novak, Joe Rewis, Chris Kail

Excused:

Absent:

Quorum: A quorum was present for this meeting.

1. Call to Order

- Call to order – Mike Grande at @ 6:30 PM

2. Approval of Minutes

- **** Tom Tighe motion to approve, Alaina second. Motion carries. Kevin, Terry, Jean abstain**

Board established that minutes will be posted publicly *once approved* (at the month following's Board meeting)

3. Draft Strategic Plan Presentation – Chris Beichner

- Board will have 14 days to make changes to the plan before the plan is presented to the public at the next community forum.

- 3 main observations

1 community driven approach

2 lots of potential in the neighborhood

3 strategic plan needs to address the needs of the neighborhood while also increasing organizational resources to improve quality of life of the residents.

- Strategic priorities

- Development, residential and commercial; Planning, engaging the community to strategize a future vision; Advocacy, advancing community concerns with local decision makers; and Sustainability

- Went through 10 (approx.) strategic initiatives under each category

- All Board members will submit ideas/comments/revisions to the consulting firm

- A few high-level suggestions:

- Organize priorities in a way that that is easier to digest, either by residential/commercial, priorities, timeframe, etc.

- Put some type of verbiage in the plan that iterates that this is a summary of all possible projects. Realistically, 40 programs cannot be done. Those that are deemed most important, and have the ability for funding, are more likely to be accomplished (earlier).

4. Finance Committee Update

a. Financials – will end the year with approx. \$32k in bank. Great strides have been made over the past 8 months to make sure that the organization ends the year in the positive.

b. Audit – The auditors are currently late in completing the audit. The goal is to have the audit complete by the next Board meeting so, if nothing else, existing Board members

c. Organizational Resolution 401(K) – Motion to make an organizational resolution that Mike can sign to execute documents for the 401(K) Profit Sharing plan.

****Tom motion, Darla second. Passes Unanimously. ****

5. Board Nominating Committee/Tellers Committee

- Currently have 12 candidates who have submitted resumes for potential candidacy. Four have been met with so. All candidates will present at the Sept. 7th Board meeting so that the Board can determine the most qualified candidates. These candidates will then be added to the ballot at the October community forum.

- **** Joe makes the motion to amend the criteria for candidates to run for a Board seat to read: "Candidates must reside, own property or own a business in the Mount Washington or Duquesne Heights neighborhoods.****

- **Second by Curt. All Board members, minus Tom Brady, approve the motion. Motion Passes****

- Nominations for the Tellers Committee are:

- 1) Mary Cozzi
- 2) Mary McCoy
- 3) Ginny Gates

6. August Forum (Draft Plan/City Steps)

7. Community Day Initial Recap

- Estimated paid attendance: 500 people
- Expenses - \$6,205.72
- Income - \$12,473.00
- From a community standpoint, as well as a financial standpoint, this was possibly the most successful event that the MWDC has held.

8. Announcements

- Mailbox had to be moved back to Bigham St. from Virginia Ave.
- Joe recommends that all of the locks are changed on the CDC offices
- Mayor Bill Peduto claims Aug. 8th as national piano day, and they will end the day at Grandview Park
- Community picnic is Aug. 26th, 12-5pm, CDC should have a presence. TBD
- Another event, Hilltopolis, will be coming into the neighborhood soon

9. Adjournment @ 8:35PM

- **** Alaina motion to adjourn. Kevin second. Motion carries.****

Next Meeting: Sept. 7th, 2017

Electronically signed by: Joshua J. Whiteside

Dated: 8/3/2017