

## **MWCDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

July 6, 2017

**Present:** Michael Grande, Talia Piazza, Greg Panza, Tom Brady, Josh Whiteside, Curt Conrad, Chris Kail, Tom Tighe, Joe Rewis, Darla D'Anna, Alaina Spanoudakis

**Excused:** Kevin Kerr, Terry Moss, Jean Novak

**Absent:** None

**Quorum:** A quorum was present for this meeting.

### **1. Call to Order**

- Call to order – Mike Grande at @ 6:41 PM

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

- \*\* Talia motion to approve, Tom Tighe second. Motion carries. (Curt and Josh abstain)

### **3. Board Committee Reports**

#### **a. Finance Committee**

- Budget shows finances to last throughout 2017 and in to 2018 with current expenses  
- Remaining ACCBO funds are able to be used those funds now to pay for parts of recurring bills (accounting services, etc.)  
- Should also be able to file for an extension for the use of the ACCBO funds. Through filing for an extension to use the funds, we should be able to hold onto the funds for an extra 6-9 months as we identify the best way to use them (website revamp, new programming TBD).

#### **b. Strategic Plan Update Committee**

- Reached out to consultants last week to get status update on the strategic plan, however there is still more community interviews etc. to be completed before a comprehensive, community driven plan can finished  
- Timeline will be that the strategic plan will be ready for the August Board meeting, and will be discussed at the August community forum

### **4. MWCDC Committee updates**

#### **a. Emerald View Park Committee – PPC Board seat**

- EVP Committee is still very active as we want to continue to have a community voice  
- Speaking with strategic planning consultants tonight to make sure that a piece of the future of the MWCDC is still involved in the EVP  
- Somebody on the MWCDC Board needs to claim a seat on the PPC Board to make sure that our voice is heard  
- We will reach out to Amanda to get a schedule of upcoming PPC Board meetings  
- Curt Conrad put his name in the hat for this seat  
- Next meeting is next Wed. July 12th to put a plan in place on MWCDC future involvement in the parks and re-structuring the committee in some sense to get community members from other parks groups on this committee for input on ways to better use

#### **b. Economic Development and Exploratory Task Force**

##### **i. Grace St. properties and 52, 54, 111 Craighead**

- Buyer for 522, 524, and 526 Grace St. backed out of the purchase (\$30,000 value) so now we will revisit the plan on selling these parcels (putting out a new RFP most likely)
- 52, 54, and 111 Craighead were all sold to developers over the past month. 52 and 54 closed and purchased (\$10,000) last week. In addition, PHDC is now under agreement for 111 Craighead St. (\$5,000).
- After stopping its demolition, 502 Nachez St. will be taken out of the land reserve in the fall (Sept.), and a developer who has a personal tie to the home, and who has done many home preservations in the North Side, will be taking that property over and bringing it up to code.
- ii. ACCBO remaining funds** – see 3. a.
- iii. love, Pittsburgh**
- New storefront on Shiloh St. is open for business and it looks beautiful. On opening day the store was packed all day long.

### **5. Summer Brew on Grandview**

- As a result of ongoing major construction on Grandview (which was originally scheduled to take place AFTER July), *Summer Brew* on July 29<sup>th</sup> is not possible, but the permit for the event blocking off Bertha-Shiloh is already in hand
  - Summer Brew on Grandview WILL BE POSTPONED until the construction on Grandview is complete, or at least has a known schedule.
  - People who have purchased tickets will be refunded
  - Vendors who have signed on will also be refunded
- Now a smaller block party from Bertha to Kearsarge will take its place on July 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm. Similar to ‘Jam-on-Walnut’, we will secure music, food trucks, kids corner, drinks.
  - Cost will be \$4,000 - \$5,000
  - Tickets for entry will be \$5, plus we can sell beer thanks to our LCB permit
  - Sponsorships will help make up costs, too (one idea is \$200 suggested for local businesses to come up and sell goods to guests)

### **6. July forum**

- July Community forum (July 20<sup>th</sup>) will be an outdoor ice cream social/trail hike following at the Greenleaf Trailhead in Duquesne Heights to take advantage of the good weather.
  - Rain out location will be Grandview Saloon

### **7. Announcements**

- Community Picnic in Olympia Park (August 26), in order to get the MWDCD involved in some way, one idea is to have a MWDCD entertainment corner (kids activities – face painting, balloon art, cookie decorating, bounce house, frisbee golf course etc.)
- Sadly, Jean Novak’s husband passed away today and asked that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to “Look good, Feel better”
- \*\*Motion to make a donation as the MWDCD Board made by Tom Brady, Joe second. Unanimous approval\*\***
- The Farm dinner in Grandview Park sold out in 2 weeks
- Friends of Grandview Park was once again turned down to get a bench in the park
- Tim Tighe took pictures of the crosswalks on Grandview, he wants to work with Councilman Kail-Smith to make an attempt to get the repaired

**8. Adjournment @ 8:25**

- **\*\*Motion Talia by, second by Alaina. Motions carries\*\***

Next Meeting: August 6, 2017

Electronically signed by: Joshua J. Whiteside

Dated: 7/6/2017