

MWCDC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 1

Present: Darla D'Anna, Mike Grande, Terry Moss, Greg Panza, Kevin Kerr, Josiah Gilliam, Taila Piazza, Alaina Davis, Tom Tighe

Excused: Curt Conrad, Chris Kail, Jean Novak

Tardy:

Absent: Natalie Carl Gallagher, Joe Rewis, Jon Norbut

Quorum was present

1. Call to order Michael Grande 6:35
2. Approval of Minutes – minutes will need to be approved at next meeting because there is not a quorum of those present for Feb meeting
3. Financial Committee Update
 - **Financials**
 - Property was sold at 502 Natchez Street to John DeSantis for \$11,085. Small profit was made. A historic reservation will be done.
 - 4 Properties from Land Reserve still remain on our books, all of them are Hilltop properties and we are working on how the closings will work.
 - NPP check still has not arrived. By this time of year historically the check has been cut. DLC has talked to us and check should arrive this month.
 - Cash Forecast: Finished January with a Cash Forecast of \$98,024. Difference from last month was a \$22,000 expense for properties held for resale.
 - **Executive Director Hire**
 - An offer was made and accepted to Gordon Davidson. His start date will be March 19. There will be several initial introductions planned: to the businesses, political/City stakeholders, committees and the public. His first meeting will be the Development meeting at the end of the month.
 - Forum: EVP Update, Katherine Hunninen. 45 minute presentation. Trisda Development: Southern Avenue property presentation will be from a former hospital to 9 unit residential. Have done other renovations on Southern (onesixty)
4. Committee Updates
 - **Development Committee**
 - Business Expo will be coming up in April. The council will be reaching out to businesses soon for ideas and planning. Public marketing for this will launch April 1.
 - The previous forum was a success with business presenters.
 - Curb Appeal will be coming up a local contractor has volunteered to paint 50 doors. The committee is looking to raise \$5,000 for accessories such as porch lights, mailboxes, etc. The contractor has agreed to do the work. ****A motion was made by KK to create a fundraising campaign for the curb appeal plan, seconded by TP, motion passes *****
 - Grace Street Updates: interested buyer, has also expressed interest in our curb appeal program
 - Boggs Avenue properties are still actively being marketed. If our property is part of a larger development Greg Panza, will need to recuse himself.
 - **EVP Committee**
 - Conversations about the recent landslides have been on the forefront this month. Stormwater management will most likely be a hot topic for funders and that will be explored.
 - NPP informed us that there is not a need for a gap year – next term will be a 6 year grant. Application will be this Spring.
 - City Step project is moving forward and we are staying informed and involved.

5. Board Service
 - Attendance requirements were reviewed for BOD Meetings and Forums
 - It was encouraged that all find a way to be active beyond just BOD Meetings
6. Announcements
 - Thank you to the search committee
 - VisitPittsburgh Annual Meeting will be next Thursday, March 8.
 - Square will be our new payment entity. Online payments will be easier and reporting is accessible.
 - Membership was transferred to a Google Sheet and Form.
 - Calendar will be updated
 - Kevin attended a business forum in Dormont and was pleased to hear the positive buzz around the MWCDC's work
 - Tom Brady will turn 60 next week
7. Adjournment ****Motion to adjourn by TT , seconded by KK, motion passes****