

OTR South SID

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Location: Empower

Attendance:

Board of Trustees: Bobby Maly • Andy Hutzel • Dan Baranowski • Anthony Maieron • Bob Deck • Robby Wellington • Marc Von Allmen

3CDC Staff: Tim Szilasi • David Vissman • Marissa Reed • Jenni Wilhelm

Bobby Maly called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting and the motion passed to approve the minutes.

Finance and Administration

Tim Szilasi gave an update on the DCI budget, reporting actuals through March of 2022. Mr. Szilasi pointed out a few variances in the budget which included cleaning and beautification contracts and GenerCity 513 revenues as well as clean and safe, GeneroCity 513 and beautification expenses. Next, Mr. Szilasi reported on the OTR District Management budget with actuals through March of 2022.

Mr. Maly inquired about the Auditor of State Filing as well as the need to have a 3rd party audit. The trustees discussed the options and the trustees agreed to accept the bi-annual State of Ohio audit in lieu of a 3rd party audit. A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the use of bi-annual State of Ohio Audit rather than secure a 3rd party and the motion passed.

3CDC Operations Overview

David Vissman reported on budgeted ambassadorial hours for 2022 through April. He also shared several training programs the staff had participated in as well as multiple development courses offered to the ambassador staff. Mr. Vissman also noted the increased positive feedback received regarding the ambassadors and the push to share this on social media sites.

Marissa Reed presented the spring projects to the Trustees. Some of the projects planned and completed for the spring included mulching tree wells, alley detailing, graffiti removal, pressure washing and touching up paint on poles. Ms. Reed also shared mapping of all the projects completed and incomplete. Ms. Reed next covered volunteer projects planned for the spring and noted some of the partner groups. Finally, Ms. Reed gave an update on the progress of tree plantings for the city.

Mr. Vissman described some of the safety issues his team was facing. Areas of concern include 13th Street corridor in OTR, Government Square and 4th Street in the CBD. Mr. Vissman reported plans to hire off duty police details for OTR as well as increased ambassador and outreach presence in the troubled areas. Mr. Vissman also shared plans to board up vacant alcoves and assist with scaffolding challenges around the PNC Tower. Mr. Vissman reported on the increase in crimes taking place within parking garages across the city. He indicated many of these crimes were being committed by juvenile and scooters were being used in many. Mr. Vissman announced plans to start staffing garaged 24/7 and giving special attention to 3rd shift coverage. In addition to staffing, the Sheriff's department agreed to patrol nightly accompanied by outreach staff. Mr. Vissman also reported changes to the scooter capabilities within the city. These changes include curfew, geo-fencing and evaluating the scooter company contracts.

Finally, Ms. Reed gave a brief update on the GeneroCity 513 program. Ms. Reed noted the 3CDC team met with multiple service providers as well as the Sheriff department to discuss criminal and quality of life issues facing the chronic homeless population. The group agreed a long-term solution is needed to address the issues and agreed to put together a recommendation for a new facility to house the chronic homeless population.

Events

Mr. Vissman announced spring events planned for the district, Court Street, Imagination Alley, Washington Park, Ziegler Park and the new roller rink.

3CDC Real Estate Asset Update and Leasing

Mr. Szilasi shared updates on the financial wellness of the neighborhood. This update included sales for 3CDC parking assets, food and beverage establishments as well as retailers. Next, Mr. Szilasi gave an update on leasing progress for commercial properties. Finally, Mr. Szilasi reported the plans for developing and renovating the convention center district.

New Business

The trustees discussed the frequency of the meetings, and it was decided to hold meetings quarterly plus the Annual meeting to take place in December for a total of 5 meetings per year.

With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and properly seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.