



**TWDC Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2009
TWDC Offices 6:00pm**

**Present: D. Mehring, S. Yambor, S. Smith, C. Alvarado, D. Purpera, K. Moss, L.M. Murray, E. Russ, R. Richardson, S. Coy, D. Malaker,
Excused: K. Bulava, T. Cook, H. Crowther, A. LeMieux
ExOfficio: T. Jenkins
Staff: C. Garland, K. Ciofani
Guests: J. Justus**

6:00 S. Smith called meeting to order. We have quorum.

6:01 ACTION ITEM – Approval of Minutes – April 16, 2009 minutes were approved with the following changes: Under 7:35, ODOT, not ODAT. Under 6:50, Bylaw Committee; There is considerable changes to the eligibility of members but not the “membership” at this time. L. Murray moved to approve, D. Mehring second. All approved.

6:05 Organizational: *Chris Garland*

- A. Program Staff Presentation
*Kristen Ciofani, Community Organizer/Model Blocks Program Manager
Jodi Lathwell, Tremont Farmer’s Market Coordinator (unable to present tonight but would like to reschedule.)*
- B. Finance Seminar – August 8, 2009 (10:00am – 1:00pm)
Your Bean Counters Office (3821 Prospect Ave.)
- C. CNDC/NPI Collaboration Series Chris and Sammy are attending classes. CDC's are talking about collaboration and information sharing with other's around the country.

6:15 ACTION ITEM – Resolution on ODOT/Historic Properties; S. Smith spoke about a need for a resolution regarding ensuring historic property preservation. Resolution read. K. Moss moved to adopt. D. Purpera second. Discussion regarding preserving all historic properties and neighborhood institutions. C. Garland suggested a second resolution, not found as necessary. The resolution was approved with one abstention.

6:20 ACTION ITEM – FY 2010 Budget; L. Murray presented the preliminary budget for Fiscal year ending 6/30/2010. Revenue and expense assumptions give clear details regarding the breakdown of categories. The next Finance Committee is June 1st at 6pm. D. Mehring moved to accept the budget. E. Russ second the motion. All approved.

6:36 DISCUSSION ITEM – Board Communication; S. Smith spoke about our fiduciary responsibility as Board members. When we are speaking in and out of this room, we have a responsibility to the organization. As a board member and neighbor, be thoughtful with our comments.

6:40 DISCUSSION ITEM – By-Law Committee Update;: *Tim Jenkins/Lynn Murray* The glitch in getting the by-laws on the TWDC website has been resolved. Committee is about 80% of the “walk through” one time. They would like to go through it a second or maybe a third time. They are hopeful in presenting to the community by July or August. A “DRAFT” was given to Board members. They are about 1/4-1/3 of the way through the process. K. Moss had a questions regarding procedural standpoints. Will the by-laws be presented to the Board before the Block Clubs/constituent groups? Thanks to everyone on the board and neighbors on this committee.

6:50 Program Committee Reports

A. Housing Development: *Tim Jenkins* Some committee members had frustration regarding code enforcement in the Tremont neighborhood. They also attended a meeting with C. Garland to present a letter and discussed their concerns. D. Malaker said he wasn't sure what is being discussed. K. Moss stated that there has been some thought about going into executive session. T. Jenkins said he is not sure we should “open a can of worms” right now. There is a personel issue being discussed but there is a process already in place. K. Moss asked if there will be a report by the next board meeting. C. Garland said he would be prepared to respond. Strip between Starkweather and West 8th. Civic Builders withdrew and will apply for 3 units vs. the initial 6. S. Catania initiated conversations builder, block club representatives regarding any ability to resolve issues. The 2 sides presented their thoughts.

B. Economic Development / LRP: *Dave Purpera* Parking is still an issue. T.Lenahan talked about need for support of patios for businesses. The committee felt this was not their responsibility.

C. Fundraising & Marketing: *Sandy Smith* We didn't have the sponsorships like last year but ended up making about the same amount of money. Thanks to all who volunteered and attended. The committee is exploring a reverse raffle again. Talked about a privacy policy regarding e-mailing, mailing. D. Malaker asked about why we stopped doing the huge annual event as in the past. S. Coy spoke about the Green Tremont bags. She also talked about Tremont Trek.



D. Safety: *David Mehring* Curfew sweep coming up. Contact David or Eric if you want to volunteer. The next meeting will have the Rape Crisis Center folks providing information on self defense, from 7- 9pm on June 8th, at the Merrick House. Block Watch training classes will start on July 8th from 6:30 to 8pm, (other classes are 7/15, 22, and 29) at Merrick House.

E. Finance: *Lynn Murray* Statement of financial position presented. This is still the old form. JoAnn M. is assisting with the books right now. K. Moss asked if we will hire a new person to replace Portia. C. Garland is looking into this. Part of the position is funded and part not funded. L. Murray moved to approve, D. Mehring second the motion. Approved unanimously.

7:42 All moved to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 6pm (TWDC Office)

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