

Old Brooklyn CDC
Annual Meeting
October 19, 2010
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Deaconess Krafft
3100 Devonshire
(Behind Senior Health and Wellness Center, parking behind
Charter One Bank)
Cleveland, OH 44109

AGENDA

- I. **Welcome and Review of Agenda**, Greg Huth, President
 - 6:06 p.m. – meeting called to order
 - Greg is responsible for chairing the meeting, following this meeting will be a short board meeting, including newly elected board members
 - Thank you to the staff board for attending the meeting
 - Thank you to the residents who came
 - Thank you to the council members who were able to be here tonight
- II. **Approval of the Minutes** from October 20, 2009, Terrell Cole, Secretary
 - Motion to approve by Dan Holmes, 2nd by T.J. Lewarchick
 - Motion approved with no nays or abstentions
- III. **Treasurer's Report**, Theresa Martin, Treasurer
 - If you look in the annual report the fiscal year ended June 30th, 2010
 - Expense and revenue figures can be referenced in the annual report
 - Break down of percentages from where the revenue and expenses come from can also be found in the annual report.
 - City of Cleveland CD department has changed the way in which the department distributes funds, the CDC had to think of new ways to bring income into the CDC, including but not limited to the real estate program that was started last fiscal year
 - Motion by Dan Holmes to approve Treasurer's report
 - 2nd by John Jenkins
- IV. **Councilman Remarks**, Kevin Kelley, Tony Brancatelli and Joe Cimperman
 - Kevin Kelley will give remarks first, new relationship with the new council people with the CDC has been great with the new redistricting
 - Kevin is a proud supporter of the CDC and all that it accomplishes
 - Bridging the distance was a great success, it took a lot of hard work by staff (Lori) to really put together something that showed of the neighborhood and especially the zoo and the new bridge
 - All Access Home and Bicycle tour – same point as above
 - The last few years output has grown exponentially with neighborhood events, planning, and code enforcement this type of work made his job easier and he is grateful!!
 - Talked about the greatest project in America – the old Brooklyn wireless project

- i. This project will be a leader and a model of success for other neighborhoods and municipalities to duplicate
- ii. November 20 will be the soft beginning of the first cluster of wireless that will be available within a half mile of the Estabrook Recreation center
- iii. The project will be made a success because of the residents and business owners who actually use it. We need to be the small business capital of the county and this will be the largest catalyst for that to happen.
- iv. I hope to stand here next year and say that we are at 100% neighborhood connectivity and the program has become and will continue to be a great success
- Councilman Brancatelli – has enjoyed meeting all the new residents and learning a new community
 - i. He is looking forward to beating Councilman Kelley in next year's 5k
 - ii. Is proud to be a part of one of the highest ranking CDC's in the city

V. **Executive Directors Report** Robyn Sandys

- Welcome...thank you for attending, we will be sure to distribute all of tonight's info via web and newspaper
- Read the mission statement
- Thank you for the support from local council members
- Introduction of the board and staff- we have an excellent board and staff with a great understanding of our mission and vision
- The annual report is a great tool to understand what we have accomplished this past fiscal year
- 30th anniversary of the Ben Franklin community garden
 - i. Designated a Cleveland landmark this past year
 - ii. We have a wonderful operating committee that works tirelessly
 - iii. Tom Sargent is retiring from being a garden attendant and we thank him for his service
 - iv. Strategic plan was completed and the details of the Master Plan are on the website
 - 1. it was a time line laid out plan that started with a baseline and laid out action steps for the short term and long term
 - 2. some of the short term goals were discussed on the commercial, residential, green space, garden, institutional, membership
- Real Estate program started during the fiscal year – 11 total properties
 - i. Please reference the Old Brooklyn news and the annual report for the rest of the details
- Old Brooklyn news
 - i. Monthly publication – 250 drop locations
 - ii. Online presence via www.oldbrooklyn.com
- Attractions – green attractions
 - i. Garden, Treadway Creek, Zoo, parks, Lower Big Creek
- Special events
 - i. Many more in the last two years than any year before and getting bigger and better
 - ii. 5k bridging the distance

- iii. Falloween,
- iv. Loew park pool grand opening
- o partners – we can't do it without local partners
 - i. they can all be found on the annual report
- o splash page – what would you like to see
 - i. it will be your resource in Old Brooklyn for news and events and to stay connected
 - ii. www.oldbrooklynconnected.com

VI. Board Leadership Committee Presents Proposed Board Members, Lynea Derwis, Chair

- o Electing board members is an integral part of maintaining momentum going into the new year
- o Introductions of existing executive committee and the rest of the board of directors
- o Sue Alexander – on the new board slate
- o John Sarver – on the new board slate
- o Larry Avila – on the new board slate
- o T.J Lewarchick – existing – term expired – commercial to residential
- o Lynea Derwis – existing – term expired
- o Theresa Martin – existing – term expired – residential to commercial
- o Motion to vote on the new board as a slate by John Jenkins – 2nd by Phylis Crespo
 - i. The vote for the election for the new board members will be by yeas and nays
 - ii. No objections
- o No new board participants were actually present

Joe Cimperman – honor to work with Kelley and Brancatelli

- very impressed with what the CDC does with so little and how grass roots and big picture that work to make sure things are accomplished

VII. Election Results and Closing Remarks

- Greg Huth – thank the staff for all the hard work over the last few year – thanks to the staff for pushing the board to work harder

Councilman Brancatelli – talked about how important this upcoming election is going to be – the primary election was sad and we need to get out and vote and exercise our rights as citizens

Public question about the wireless project: Is it just going to be just ward 13?

Kelley – yes, for now, it will eventually, when successful, reach the whole city

Robyn: Old Brooklyn connected will be available to everyone with an internet connection no matter where they are

Kelley: remember that this is still a pilot project, it is designed to be duplicated and done successfully, we are working the bugs out in ward 13 and it will be a well oiled machine by the time it comes everywhere else.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

Motion made by Dan Holmes 2nd by Jerry