

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Zoom Video-Conferencing Meeting
August 23, 2022

Board Members Present: Dave Margolius, David Robinson, Reggie Clark, Adam Saurwein, Katrina Homer, Kristen Wilson, Marlon Brown. **Staff:** Lucas Reeve

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. David Robinson made a motion to approve the June and July minutes provided that we show that Mike Caparanis from JAC Creative abstained from the vote for the marketing and social media contract for this year. Kristen seconded, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: (David Robinson). Not a lot of things to point out for June or July because of the end of the fiscal year. We about 130,000 – 140,000 in our receivables, waiting on reimbursement from city funds. John Deal and Mitch have been working on the audit and everything is going well and is in process. David made a motion to approve the June and July financials. Adam Sauerwein seconded. Financials were approved.

Board of Directors vacant positions: A discussion was raised on the potential for past board member Kate Warren return to the board after she had to leave to pursue political aspirations. Lucas Reeve asked if anyone would be interested in nominating Kate Warren to return to the board. Marlon Brown made a motion to have Kate Warren return to the board. Kristen Wilson said that all board members would need to vote. David Robinson seconded the motion. Kristen Wilson called for a vote, asking all in favor. Majority vote carried and the motion passed.

David Robinson made a motion to go into executive session, Kristen seconded.

Kristen Wilson gave a recap of the executive session. The nominating committee and the governance committee recommend that Brendan Zak, Harry Quinones, Katherine Klussman, and Cherie Kaiser be considered as candidates for board positions at the annual meeting. Two proposed code changes were discussed and will be on the ballot for the Annual Meeting in October. (1) Article V. Directors. I. Vacancies. It is proposed the code be changed where a board member voted into a vacant set, have their 3-year term commence after the election at the Annual Meeting. (2) Article VI. Offices & Officers. Section 2. The proposed change would allow for a board member to nominate themselves for an officer position.

Three positions required nomination and vote for the Executive Committee: Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer. Gordy Jones will be taking over as Treasurer, Liz Kilroy will stay on as secretary and David Robinson will take on the role of Vice President.

Executive Session ended.

Staffing Update: (Lucas Reeve) Lucas Reeve shared the Johnese Sherron is moving on from the organization after 2 years supporting the growth of small business in the community. Two new staff members have joined the staff, Maria Sharp as Community Engagement Specialist and Estefany Rodriguez as Youth Development Coordinator. Several vacant positions are being actively recruited for to fill out the organization chart.

Fundraising Update: (Lucas Reeve) Lucas Reeve provide an update on Old Brooklyn Nite 2022. Reviewing the ticket and sponsorship packages as well as asking for volunteers and help with silent auction items.

Real Estate Update: (Lucas Reeve) Lucas Reeve provided an update on the Memphis & Pearl RFP. Staff are expecting letters of interest by the end of August. There has been interest in the project from several new groups, including one out of state, with site tours and documents shared as requested. Two letters of interest have already been submitted, with more expected. Staff have been in close contact with the Tom Yablonski lead group and have been assured a letter is forthcoming. Lucas Reeve also noted that he had a meeting with Jefferey Epstein and Joyce Pan Huang at the City of Cleveland, he made the request to ensure City Planning and the Administration had a full overview of the Memphis & Pearl project and RFP. They were excited by and felt aligned with Old Brooklyn CDC Boards vision and requirements for the future development. Jefferey mentioned there may be some financial tools coming to help projects in Middle Neighborhoods through the next round of ARPA funding. Lucas will continue to keep the City apprised of the RFP process.

New Business / Updates: David Robinson took a moment to recognize the passing and contributions of past board member John Jenkins.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.