

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Zoom Video-Conferencing Meeting
September 27, 2022

Board Members Present: Dave Margolius, David Robinson, Reggie Clark, Adam Sauerwein, Katrina Homer, Kristen Wilson, Marlon Brown, Kate Warren. **Staff:** Lucas Reeve, Amber Jones.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Mike Caparanis made a motion to approve the August minutes Adam Sauerwein seconded, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: (David Robinson). Not a lot of change in the cash position focusing, overall looking good. We are working on providing information for the audit as well as preparing the 990. Kristen Wilson made a motion to approve August financials. Adam Sauerwein seconded. Financials were approved.

Annual Meeting Update: (Lucas Reeve) Next month Tuesday, October 25th, 6 – 8 pm. will be the OBCDC Annual Meeting, held at the Cleveland Meannerchor on State Rd. The meeting will include voting on new board members and two code changes. Council members from Wards 12 & 13 will be there. Lucas asked the board what their thoughts are on nominating former Pastor Harlen Rife from Pearl Road UMC as the Founders Award recipient this year at the annual meeting. Everyone has agreed to offer the award to Pastor Harlen Rife.

Fundraiser Update: (Lucas Reeve) There were over 225 guests at Old Brooklyn Nite 2022. We were able to raise over \$45,000 which was above our goal and came in under budget. We were able to invest over 1,500 in assets supporting the Ben Franklin Garden, including lighting and a fire pit. Amber added that everyone from guests to volunteers had a very positive remarks and all had a good time.

Mural Project: (Lucas Reeve) In the Summer of 2021 OBCDC was approach by ProMedica a mission-driven, not for profit health services organization to do a neighborhood mural and a documentary series with interviews. The mural concept is “art in healing”, designed to bring people together and help address social determinates of health through art. Darius Steward is the artist that was chosen through and RFP process. The family depicted in the mural lives in Old Brooklyn and was brought to us by former staff member Carlos Laboy who met them at the Halloween event last year at the Ben Franklin Community Garden, when they brought the whole family out to volunteer. This project had to go to Near West Design Review where Staff received some helpful mural design feedback and some concerning feedback about the art content itself. David Robinson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the art content feedback, Adam Sauerwine seconded, a vote was taken and the Board shifted into Executive Session.

Real Estate Update: (Lucas Reeve) Memphis & Pearl RFP - the deadline was the end of August to receive letters of intent to move forward with the RFP process from the developers. We have 3 letters of intent one for the NRP Group, 2nd one is from Tom Yablonsky lead group, which includes Cumberlnd Development and Sandvach Architecture, 3rd is from the Desmone Group out of Pittsburgh. CHN decided not to pursue the RFP as their pipeline for projects is full for the 2023 LIHCT cycle. Knez Declined as well, as they are not interested in sites that require significant demo. The RFP submissions are due November 30th. Kate Warren asked who makes the decision is it the board or someone else. David Margolius commented that the decision would be the Boards at the December meeting. David Robinson asked if a community meeting could be held to get their feedback before the board votes. Lucas said we did allow in the timeline for a community meeting and also for the Neighborhood Development committee to review the RFP's.

Nominating Committee: (Kristen Wilson) All candidates submitted their bios and everything is all set to be mailed out to members. New board candidates said they will be at the meeting.

New Business / Updates: Thanks to the Board members who are rolling off. Nothing further.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.