



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2023
Annual Meeting**

Board Members Present: Dave Margolius, Dave Robinson, Brendan Zak, Gordy Jones, Liz Kilroy Hernandez, Harry Quinones, Adam Saurwein, Kate Warren, Katrina Homer, Marlon Brown, Cherie Kaiser, Philena Seldon.
Staff: Lucas Reeve, Amber Jones, Jess Timms, Charles Kennick, Ashton Mariner, Hope Fierro, Maria Sharp, Juan Collardo Diaz, Connor Gail, Alex Deliz, Sandy Warona, Andrew Holmes.

Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm. David Margolius welcomed all members and guests to the 2023 OBCDC Annual Meeting. Gordy Jones made a motion to approve the September minutes, Liz Kilroy Hernandez seconded, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Gordy Jones) Highlighted monthly financials process, touched on diversifying funding sources and looking to increase unrestricted income. David Robinson motioned to approve September financials, Harry Quinones seconded, financials were approved.

Notes from City Council (Rebecca Maurer, Kris Harsh) Councilwoman Maurer touched on the Middle Neighborhoods initiative, collaborative effort between City, CNP and State of Ohio, highlighting the importance of investing in residential and commercial areas of Old Brooklyn to better the residents of Old Brooklyn. Councilman Harsh summarized the importance of the Memphis and Pearl Project for Old Brooklyn as a Middle Neighborhood, shared the success of this year's Pedal for Prizes, and thanked Dave Margolius for his service to OBCDC as Board President.

Executive Director Remarks (Lucas Reeve, joined by Jess Timms) thanking attendees for coming and the Cleveland Maennerchor for hosting. Drew attention to display boards highlighting some of the work OBCDC has done throughout the year, special thanks to Lynette Filips who is retiring from being an OB news writer for over thirty years, mention introduction of lead testing, MVP Volunteer program, YP event series, housing rehab programs and tree canopy restoration work. Jess recognized and thanked the sponsors of OBCDC in 2022-23. Lucas outlined 2024 activities; including commercial corridor work along Broadview, Memphis & Pearl project. Jess outlined events, and planning for the organization's 50th anniversary. Lucas and Jess presented thank you gifts to Dave Robinson and Dave Margolius for their service on the OBCDC Board of Directors for 6 years.

Introduction of New Executive Committee Members and Board (Dave Margolius) Introduced Brendan Zak as incoming Board President as well as highlighting new Board Vice President Katrina Homes, Treasurer Gordy Jones and Secretary Kate Warren.

Founders Award (Hope Fierro) Hope presents 2023 Founders Award to Old Brooklyn Recycles, thanking them for their work in the community regarding environmental sustainability and circular economy.

MVP Mighty Volunteer Program (Maria Sharp) Maria outlined the new MVP program and the success of its inception in 2023, congratulating and presenting certificates to Sarah Raban, Caleb Slaybaugh, and Darlene Glass for completing over 50 hours of volunteer work with OBCDC.

OBCDC Board of Directors Election Results (Kate Warren) Chair of the Nominating Committee announces the election results, where the membership elects Andrew Katusin and Norberto Huertas to the Board.

New OBCDC Member Benefits (Amber Jones) Chief of Staff outlined membership changes for 2024, including auto renewal, special member event, and member of the year. Promoted the new swag and discount code.

All OBCDC Staff were introduced to membership and guests.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm