

OWEA General Meeting 2/20/2024

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm, Collingwood Presbyterian Church Hall
There was a slight delay in setting up Zoom.

Nick Malenda chaired in Chris Hanley's absence. Nick announced that upon reviewing Robert's Rules of Order, the OWEA would adopt holding public input until the end of the meeting, with a three minute time limit per person, in the interest of being more time efficient.

Correspondence: None

Secretary's Report: Accepted as read. Chuck Madrigal 1st, John Howard 2nd. Carried.

Financial Report: Kim Howard provided a written report. Summary of 2024 YTD follows:

- Net loss \$8k
- Income \$1k (Main drivers: ARJA Fundraiser \$.8k, Annual Fund \$.5k)
- Expenses \$9k (Main drivers: Preservation - 624 Delaware, AC & Plumbing)
- Other
 - Scottwood Garden documentation signed
 - Insurance for 624 Delaware is being explored in order to protect our investment
 - Insurance coverage will be split for the association and festival
 - Mansion View rental agreement is including maintenance resolution in order to be completed.

Know Your Neighbor: Mac Driscoll, Connectoledo

Mac shared the master plan update (from 2017) for the downtown area driven by survey results. Currently, 380 acres of park space have been added, the convention center is booked up to ten years with events, 911 residential units have been added with 503 more planned/renovated/added, 1.3M SF of commercial space, and 379 SF of hospitality. Two historic districts have been formed - the Uptown Historic District and the Central Business Historic District. \$740k in facade grants have been received, and \$53m in infrastructure investments is planned. Hospitality numbers are on the rise and downtown airBnB's are flourishing. Office and retail numbers are low due to remote work, and residential numbers need to support them. Multi-family residences are strong, however. There is a plan to add hospitality space to attract more conventions, bringing more revenue to Toledo.

Committee Reports:

ARJA Kent Illenden - no report

Education/Scholarship Stacy Latta - (submitted report) The Committee met with Dustin Hostetler last month to finish the strategic planning session. We are in the process of evaluating the information pulled together and will be meeting this month to discuss next steps.

Business/Networking Stas Krukowski introduced Shaiem Hampton. (from report) January 24, 2024 was the first meeting for the BNG this year. Attending were Christine Palmer, Shaiem Hampton, Mary Glasmeier, and myself. We talked through some points offered by Dustin Hostetler to help us uncover a new common goal for the group. Our conversation flowed across the following points:

- a) the group's history and how it currently works
- b) our main fundraiser - the Autumn Market
- c) how we can work together with other neighborhood groups toward common goals
- d) encouraging current business owners to hold higher standards for themselves
- e) creating a survey to glean more direction from neighbors about the expectations of growing businesses within the widest boundaries of the neighborhood
- f) spending a great deal of thought on the development of Detroit Ave between the expressway ramps at the south to the corner of Central Ave.

I also directly asked Shaiem if he was interested in taking the torch from me for the committee seat, and he expressed interest in coming to the Executive meeting to learn how it works and decide if the fit was right for him. He will be coming to the meeting as our guest.

NBI Andrew Larsen - no report

Festival Jae Morales - Chairs for House Tours are in place. There is an all-hands meeting on 2/25, 4:00 pm, Christine Palmer's home on Collingwood.

Preservation Michael Walker - The Style Guide is on track. There is a work party at 624 Delaware on Saturday 2/24, 10-12, for wiring.

External Team Kira Alvitre - no report

Scottwood Garden Rob Krain - no report

Ad hoc WGTE Toledo Stories Dan Finkel - no report

Ad hoc Welcoming Committee Judy Stone - no report

Ad hoc Lead Law Nick Malenda - The program is working. 3800 out of 18,000 homes have been completed.

Ad hoc Communications: Kira Alvitre (from report) After many trials and tribulations the Coms team is pleased to report we have fixed the spam issue with the eBlasts. Special thanks to Dustin Hostetler for his cheerful and unflagging support in helping us resolve this concern. Please add OWEA@toledoodwestend.com to your safe senders list.

Community Representative Reports:

- **Newsletter** Kent Illenden - no report
- **Security** Officer Schwab introduced himself and provided a document regarding the phone usage law.
- **WOWE** Mac Driscoll - Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. Locations are announced in The Historic Times.
- **Historic District Commission** Michael Walker - The Style Guide is on track. There is discussion about a class on Certificates of Acceptance.
- **Toledo Museum of Art** Rhonda Sewell - no report
- **Collingwood Arts Center** reports when necessary
- **Libbey House** reports when necessary
- **Glenwood Park Coalition** Pam Johnson - There is a meeting on March 11.
- **Cushing/Utopia Addition** Laure Hammond - Rock the Block still needs volunteers for lawn care type work for two residences and empty lots. (from report) The monthly neighborhood meeting for OWECUA was held on Thursday, February 1st at 6:00pm at the Kent Branch Library. Attendance included 2 CUA residents, 1 OWE neighbor and 0 virtual attendees. Frequency will change as of June 2024.
- Items discussed:
 - **2024 Rock The Block.** Scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024. We will be working on 2 (changed from 3, due to no additional submissions) exterior home projects and vacant lot clean up. Looking for a minimum of 75 volunteers to help with projects and clean up. Link

shared via social media as well as door to door canvassing. Sponsorship levels were created based on suggestions at the general meeting.

- **Romanoff Park** The realistic timeline has been updated. Sign to be installed Spring of 2024, with landscaping to be done during the RTB event.
- **Old Town** Fannie Effler - Meetings are held the third Thursday at Kent Library from 6-7:00. Partner Mercy Health meets the third Thursday in alternate months. Handouts were provided regarding the Mercy Health programs available.

New Business

- **Toledo Strong** - Laure Hammond and Michael Walker delivered coffee/donuts/dinners to fire stations 7 and 16 to show appreciation to our local firefighters. The Back Forty donated the dinners for all. The OWEA will continue to show gratitude with occasional deliveries of coffee/donuts to police and fire in our area.
- **Strategic Planning Workshop** Kim Howard - Board members will attend the workshop on March 16, 9am-3pm to analyze the results of the OWE survey
- **Insurance** Kim Howard - With OWEA's \$50k investment in 624 Delaware, insurance is being explored to protect it. It is estimated at about \$1200/year. Association insurance will be approximately \$1500/year. Insurance for festival is to be comprehensive, including buses, golf carts, house tours, alcohol and cash handling. Cost is not yet known.
- **"Neighborhood Citizens Board"** Pam Johnson - Following a discussion at the January meeting, a group volunteered to look at the situation. It was concluded that we (as a neighborhood or association) do not have a legal enforcement mandate. There are services available for various circumstances. A spreadsheet of these resources was put together and distributed at the meeting. Any suggestions or ideas are welcome. Email johnsonp2pol@aol.com.
- **"Wamba Workshop"** John Howard - John has created a festival fundraiser for preservation consisting of flags, tees, and a cocktail cookbook. Shop via bit.ly/oweww. Recipes can be submitted by visiting bit.ly/OWEbook, user: OWE2024, password: catsup107. Preorder by March 31. Pickup after May 18. QR codes were distributed.
- **Splendor for Sancha" Dinner** John Howard - The fundraising dinner will be repeated in 2024. \$100 per person. Details to be announced.

Public Input

- Karla Butler stated that she has been harassed every day for three years and has made multiple police reports. She passed photos asking if anyone recognized the golf cart or the people in the photos. No one was identified.
- Beth stated that Collingwood Presbyterian Church is creating an event center and are searching for a name. Send ideas to cherics813@gmail.com.
- Paula Ashley is collecting signatures for the Ohio Redistricting proposal to be put on the ballot.
- Jae Morales suggested that when one is frustrated by something to write it out, and then bring it back to the table.
- Cassandra McPerson, council-at-large, will be at the next Glenwood Park Coalition meeting. It's a great avenue to voice concerns.
- Bill Frisk stated that TMA has not followed up on their planning. Let's follow up on that.
- There were numerous follow up questions for ConnectToledo.

Motion to adjourn at 8:39 pm by Judy Stone, 2nd by Sara Haynes. Motion carried.

