



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2023

Board members in attendance: Richard App, Bryan Cody, Denise Cook, Jeremy Czubko, Suzanne De Haan, Chris Ervine, Jeffrey Fawcett, Carolyn Ferrari, Liz Hoonhorst, Laura Joyce, Rebecca Klesmith, Abigail Larimer, James Scozzari, Matthew Smith

Absent: Wayne Norlin

Staff in attendance: Barbara Draughon, Laska Nygaard, Maria Zache Starkey

Guests in attendance: neighbors

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

1. September Minutes: Motion to approve (Carolyn), second (Rebecca), carried unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Public Comment:
 - a. Thanks to board members who attended Planning Commission meeting last month
 - b. Updates on ways communication has been improved requested
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Administrative: 2024 board elections – please submit interest by November 1
 - b. Home Tour: Five homes currently volunteered – need one more.
 - c. Land Use:
 - i. New chairperson: Matthew Smith – Wayne will continue serving on the committee.
 - ii. Community forums/Zoning roundtable discussion groups scheduled for November 1 and 4 at Central Reformed Church.
 - iii. 300 Wealthy: Barbara, Jim Payne, and Char Kruzich attended last month's meeting at HPC.
 - iv. Trinity Health Properties: Plans for developing parking lots on Jefferson within the next three years – mixed use (apartments, retail, office space) buildings, parking garage "framed" by apartments, expanded DASH bus service
 - v. Heritage Hill Park Artwork: exploring adding a sculpture, renaming of the park
 - d. Community Engagement:
 - i. New offices open house November 8
 - ii. Caroling December 10 (in conjunction with Victorian Walking Tour)
 - iii. Annual meeting at Sweet House December 12
 - iv. Plans for 2024: same events as 2023 plus a second movie night in Pleasant Park and an Artist Market

- e. *Ad hoc* committees:
 - i. Tech/Website:
 - 1. Request for Proposals issued
 - 2. Receiving consulting from Code for Good West Michigan (free service)
- 5. Staff Reports: see handout.
- 6. Old Business/New Business:
 - a. Received punch list from WOOD TV for old office – mostly minor cosmetic items
 - i. Request for pick-up of office furniture
 - b. Reports of continued harassment and intimidation of customers at adjacent businesses from protesters at Planned Parenthood on Cherry St.
- 7. Adjournment: 7:54 pm