

## SID Meeting Minutes February 13, 2024

### In Attendance:

Julie Kauffman  
Sal Russo  
Rex Beck  
Brian Anderson  
Graig Cobb  
Robert Bergec  
Tom Sockel  
Scott Harrison  
Jodi Hutton  
Lynn Quintrell  
Luke Quintrell  
Jake Orosz

Meeting was called by @ 9:08am

Brian Anderson motion to approve minutes, seconded by Rex Beck.

### Financials:

Property taxes were delayed, they are now the middle of February. = don't have it yet  
\$ for snow plowing  
\$ Julie - month of January  
-believes it will be delayed a couple more weeks  
Expecting an estimate of 60k in next couple of weeks

Motion approved 1st - Rex Beck, 2nd, Brian Anderson

### Grocery space - old Dave's - Sal Russo

- Responded to their initial lease draft from Grocery Outlet based on an LOI, on Feb 12th, their attorney sent it back - working through lease negotiations with them. Sal and Brian met with Brendan Ruth - director of real estate for this market, for Grocery Outlet. Brendan gave the mayor and Brian the background on Grocery Outlet, how the owner operator component works, and got into what that means to tailor the offerings to the specific market. Would like to get a focus group together to get Brendan and another grocery store to answer and talk about questions and concerns.
- Walk in through the produce and then circulate through the fresh department, dairy, deli, meat, set up like a typical grocery store, not till you get to the far back wall, where they have housewares and seasonal

- Raised question about meat and who they are using
  - Will have organic and grass fed
  - Will use a local plant
    - This is important because Aldi and Trader Joe's also does this
- Beyond dairy and meat do these stock local?
  - Sal responded that to an extent they do
  - Brian went to visit the boardman store, he did say he noticed some local from western pa
    - Overall impression was imagining Marcs if it was better organized and better run as a grocery store
  - Bob - came to meeting to get more info on the supermarket - wanted to know if we are asking tax payers to cover the remodeling of the store. Concerned about Grocery outlet not being the right fit - mentioned other grocery stores in the area
    - Brian response - negotiations of lease still at play
  - Sal responded that they have a range but cannot yet disclose.
  - Luke - what is the history the city has done with helping property owners with capital improvements in the past
    - Brian responded - varies - put in context, Dave's that's not Zagarra's was built with tiff money
    - City did give loans to Doug Katz and place on Lee Road
  - Considering a loan? - everything is on the table

#### -Grant Money -

- AARPA - slow process, realistically the spring
- have not approved many yet
- Example of an approval: Margaret Wagner - gave them 300k

#### -Heights Center Building Parking Garage

- engineers have been out, requested numbers for
  - repair to full working conditions
  - estimates on demo and what a surface lot will look like
- Lynn asked who makes the decision of how it gets handles
  - joint decision made by Mayor and City Council
- Brian to share the report with us in April
- lots of big feelings on the lot

#### -Ascent Update

- no update
- have Julie reach out The Ascent to find out about occupancy and retail

#### -New Business

- SummerFest - Sunday August 11th from 12-4pm
  - bands lines up will be in the pocket park

- trying to figure out what to do with the Dave's space
- Youth activities in Crimson & Clover with Lake Erie Inc
- Church can open up to do a Children's Faire
  - 15 or so children's activities toddlers all the way to high school
- Appletree will have local authors - will want to use the sidewalk in front of the store
- Bob - wants to include local artists
- include library
- include police department and police dog
- fire department
- pet contest
- Cleveland Water works
- metropolitan parks
- Cuyahoga Animal Protection League

#### Social Media

- No posts yet
- Let's work together to tag people and share social media together
- Possible content day for SummerFest

#### Solar Eclipse:

- April 8th - it is a Monday, no guarantee on weather. We will see in an influx night before and after, but during there are lots of city events and will bring a lot of people.

#### Heights Music Hop

- September 28th
- can we get a permit to close cedar for a couple hours or close a different road?

#### Quarterly Happy Hour

- looking for a host

#### Holiday in The Heights

- December

Meeting Adjourned by Brian and Seconded by Jake

**Next Meeting Tuesday, April 9th, 9am at The Fairmount**