

**Fifth Avenue & North Fourth Street
Special Improvement District
First Annual Meeting (Held Virtually)
September 15, 2020**

Attendees:

Mark Wagenbrenner, Thrive Co
Todd Kemmerer, Capitol Equities
Sandra Lopez, Columbus City Council
Leah Evans, Homeport
Kaileigh Steiner, Borrer
Kevin Lykens, Lykens Company
Kevin Noesner, Property Owner
Bernard Hayman, Weinland Park Civic Association
Laura Bidwa, Weinland Park Civic Association
Fred Brophy, Condo Resident
Pam Beyazit, Condo Resident
Betsy Pandora, Short North Alliance
Caitlyn Dunn, Short North Alliance

Agenda:

9:00-9:05 AM Welcome and Purpose

- Attendees introduced themselves.
- The purpose of the meeting, to provide information on the new 54SID, elect its officers, and gather public input into its services, was shared.

9:05-9:15 AM Special Improvement District Overview

- An overview of Special Improvement Districts was provided to all attendees.
- Tax assessments will bill in January 2021
- Kevin Noesner: SID establishment can be helpful at a critical time when launched in June 2021.
- Kevin Noesner: Concerned about safety, wants an increase in safety presence. Shootings on 4th St, a bit beyond the service area. Wants people to feel safe when they come to the area.
- SID is a social service presence and intervention, connect people with different resources to help
- SIDs are engaged beyond the corridor, engagement with local police, community and a regular friendly presence.

9:15-9:25 AM Elections of 54SID Board Members

- Elections of 54SID Board Members were conducted via a virtual ballot distributed to all who attended the meeting and were eligible to vote as property owners in the 54SID area.
- Board Candidates:
 - Leah Evans, Homeport (Weinland Park Civic Association Rep)
 - Quinn Fallon, Little Rock Bar (Italian Village Society Rep)
 - Todd Kemmerer, Capital Equities
 - Kevin Lykens, The Lykens Companies
 - Ashley Myers, Resident
 - Paul Pardi, Avenue Partners
 - Kaileigh Steiner, Borrer
 - Mark Wagenbrenner, Thrive Companies

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- All candidates were elected unanimously by those voting. Nowrite-in candidates were submitted.

9:25-9:40 AM Overview of the 54SID Service Area & Plan of Services

- The full plan of services was reviewed with all meeting attendees.

9:40-10:00 AM Questions and Idea Generation from Public Attendees

- Fundraising Elements
 - Mark Wagenbrenner: SIDs can create additional revenue streams with fundraisers, promotions and events. Marketing/Branding elements can be created to unify people and the neighborhood and might be an early project of the 54SID.
 - Kevin Lykens: Likes elements that are hard assets and you can pay for once. For example, arches, public art, etc.
 - The city is at a 41 million deficit because of COVID-19. SIDS can help advocate in critical times like these and ensure support is still given to a neighborhood.
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion:
 - Leah Evans: When discussing safety it is important to have multiple voices at the table that can intentionally discuss race, poverty because there are multiple issues consistently at play.
 - All agreed that a diversity, equity and inclusion policy should govern the new SID.
 - There are also ways to celebrate diversity through programming (art).
- Weinland Park
 - All the same issues in Italian Village are the same in Weinland Park. Members of the Weinland Park community want to be included and remembered in conversations.
 - They have also had a significant amount of investments in and around the 54SID area where they wished to be more involved in the conversation.
 - Kirwan Study referenced.
- Condominium Feedback;
 - Fred Brophy: As an HOA and condo owners it was felt as though they weren't involved enough in the establishment process, but want to be involved in ongoing conversations to help shape the programming of the 54SID.
 - The first stage in the planning process is underway now and meetings and feedback will continue to be collected while services and programs are being identified.
- Additional Items:
 - Italian Village Society conducted a study with Ohio State University to see Italian Village programmatic wants and needs.
 - Todd Kemmerer: Would like to see more events and gatherings as a neighborhood (farmer markets, etc.) Things that bring the neighborhood together.
 - Bernard Hayman: There's an element of displacement to consider when planning. Also potential partnerships with Weinland Park entities (Example Weinland Park Elementary, Godman Guild, OSU, Etc.) Allow residents the space to get invested. Not only a promotional effort but really an opportunity to bring together perspectives for the neighborhood.
 - Kaileigh Steiner: Appreciates different perspectives, important to continue to listen to conversations in the planning phases.

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10:00 AM Adjourn

Meeting minutes recorded by Caitlyn Dunn.