



## November 15, 2023, Board Meeting

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ozanne Construction

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### In attendance:

**SAIC Board:** Edna T. Akrish, Michael English, Chad Jones, Dan LaGuardia, Dominic Ozanne II, Alex Ragon, Antonin Robert, and Ashley Ross

**Staff:** Emily Dahnert and Mark Lammon

- I. Welcome & Overview of Meeting Layout Mark Lammon

### Superior Arts Improvement Corporation Agenda

- II. Welcome & Call Meeting to Order Karen Perkowski

- III. August Board Meeting Minutes Karen Perkowski

- a. Dan LaGuardia motions to approve all prior board meeting minutes since there was not a quorum present at the previous SAIC board meeting. Edna T. Akrish seconds the motion. **The motion to approve all prior board meeting minutes passes.**

- IV. Financial Report Antonin Robert

- a. The next assessment check should arrive in the mail soon.  
b. Expenses for the Welcome Back to the Neighborhood event and banner printing are included on the current financial statements.

- V. Operations Report Dan LaGuardia/Mark Lammon

- a. DCA Clean & Safe Services
- i. Mark Lammon and Karen Perkowski receive a report every month from Olivia Willis at Downtown Cleveland that should be sent out to the entire board.
    1. Dan LaGuardia reports that ambassador activity on East 25<sup>th</sup> Street has been better but not stellar.
  - ii. Edna T. Akrish asks who she should contact about concerns with Clean & Safe services. Karen Perkowski offers to be a spokesperson to help facilitate communication with Downtown Cleveland.
  - iii. Karen Perkowski requests that Emily Dahnert research police reports in the SAID.
    1. Ashley Ross put in a public records request for police reports in the area but has not heard back.
    2. Ed Eckart from Downtown Cleveland was very clear that individuals need to call 911 to report problems but also said that the police districts do not match up with our service areas to provide accurate reporting.
  - iv. The SID renewal is due next fall.
    1. Some conversations to have in Q1 or Q2 of 2024 include:
      - a. Does the SAIC want to renew?
      - b. Does the SAIC want CDI to manage the district?
      - c. Does the SAIC want to expand the boundaries of the district?
      - d. Does the SAIC want to change the methodology of the assessment?

- v. There are still concerns about encampments of individuals experiencing homelessness in the area and the delivery of social services.
  - 1. The SAIC has not received a proposal from the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH) to provide social service outreach services. It has been waiting approximately six weeks.
    - a. Does the SAIC want to approach a social service agency or CSU for a proposal instead?
    - b. Mark Lammon can have a conversation with Tri-C and the social work school at CSU about having a longer-term student serve as an outreach worker.
    - c. Downtown Cleveland has an outreach worker, but she has to cover all the way from the river to the Innerbelt.
    - d. The SAIC does not want to open up vacant lots for encampments of individuals experiencing homelessness.

VI. Placemaking Report Edna T. Akrish/Mark Lammon

- a. Mural Program Update
  - i. Clark Broida from Harvard Title Agency is interested in having a mural installed on his building.
- b. Banner Program Update
  - i. The banners should be going up in the next few weeks.
    - 1. They should stay up for about two years.
  - ii. The city was impressed that the SAIC had artists from the district design the banners.
    - 1. It granted the SAIC a streetscape permit without objection.
- c. Lighting
  - i. Mark Lammon is waiting on a quote for building lighting along Superior Ave.
- d. Welcome Back to the Neighborhood Event
  - i. The event was a success overall but had a lower turnout than hoped due to inclement weather.
  - ii. Since not many students attended, the plan is to hold it in June next year as a music festival instead of gearing it toward welcoming back students and employees to the neighborhood.

VII. New Business and Announcements Karen Perkowski

- a. Transfer of Administration Fee
  - i. SAIC did not pay the administration fee to CDI for two years during the COVID-19 pandemic because of the delayed assessment check.
    - 1. Dan LaGuardia motions to acknowledge this fact and transfer the administration fee for two years from SAIC to CDI. Chad Jones seconds the motion. **The motion to transfer the administration fee for two years from SAIC to CDI passes.**
  - ii. Superior Midway
    - 1. The City of Cleveland held an open house for the Superior Midway project yesterday evening (Tuesday, November 14, 2023) at RED SPACE in the SAID.
      - a. There are many concerns about the current design and a lack of community engagement during the process, particularly with business owners.

VIII. Adjourn Karen Perkowski

- a. **The meeting is adjourned.**