

Commercial Development Committee
Southwest Partnership
January 22, 2023

Minutes

Introductions

1. Tonny Wambuga
2. Meghan Cardoso
3. Carrie Baniszewski
4. Troy Willson
5. Candace Bruno
6. Laura Dykes
7. Rason Taru
8. Zara Taru
9. Paul Ruppert
10. Kurt Sommer
11. Curtis Eaddy II
12. Howard Hughes
13. Cecil Clarke
14. Jane Bucceri
15. Scott Kashnow
16. Nicole Orr
17. Roger Woods
18. Ashley Watson
19. Gigi Lazard
20. Katie Little
21. Win Willis
22. David McGill
23. Rochelle Mitchell

[Approval of November Minutes](#)

Motion to approve - Jane B, seconded by Kurt Sommer

Guest Speakers:

- Councilwoman Phylcia Porter - Proposed Legislation [22-0135R](#) - Code Enforcement - Non-Residential Property
 - [Information on Proposed Bill](#)
 - Code Enforcement method to address derelict commercial property owners

- Investigative Hearing today, passed out of committee, will be going to 2nd reader
- Another hearing will be about permits
 - will be an open meeting - Councilwoman Porter will share date with Carrie to send out to the committee
- Carrie to invite Permit office to CDC
- Councilwoman is open to amendments
- More inspectors are needed, pay needs to go up, operations need to ramp up
- Investigative hearing on expedited permits by Couc
- Paul Ruppert/ Karim Amin - Hollins Market Update
 - Permits from City received for 7 stalls in the market, construction schedule being discussed this week
 - Discussing whether the shed will need to be closed or not during construction
 - If the shed is closed how will the Markets help the merchants not go out of business
 - Construction will take several months
 - Sprinkler system will be installed in shed and head house
 - In talks with Tim from Paul's Place on access to healthy food - particularly if the shed has to close
 - Head House update
 - funding gap in the proposal received
 - looking for ways to fill the gap
 - Rason asked if Paul could provide Laura with a monthly update to share with the Committee
 - Will security guards remain at the market if it closes during construction
 - Has asked State for additional funding for the Head House

Goals/Priorities/Incentives for 2023

- Permit expedition with Housing Committee
 - Permit taskforce
- Business Roundtable
- Business Highlights
- CHAP Historic District lead in a more equitable way
- Local lenders refusing to lend to Baltimore Street projects
- Showcase of businesses
- Vacant properties through tax sale
- Business directory
- Do something with the Retail Study

Updates

- Pigtown Mainstreet Updates - Meghan
 - New nail salon, 700 block Washington BLVD

- 80,000 in safety grants
 - New murals
- West Baltimore Street/Capital Projects Updates - Carrie
- CPBO Updates

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