



CANDO

Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization

Minutes Board of Directors		<i>October 10, 2017</i> 3715 Chicago Ave.	
Roll Call	Board Present:	Alex Hage, Treasurer Alex Griffin, Secretary Bobby Hull	Samie Johnson Tim Fries Taylor Shevey
	Staff Present:	Antoine Martinneau, Executive Director	
	Guests Present:	Tyler, teacher and resident from Columbus Ave Xialou, artist, resident, and filmmaker	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Start time:6:14pm

2. Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes August and September 2017 Minutes

- Board opted to abstain from vote until the end of the meeting.
- Taylor states that she will vote in absentia due to her absence at the meetings.
- **Action Taken:** 5/6 Board members present vote Aye to approve 8/17 and 9/17 Minutes. 1 member Abstained.

5. Public Comment

none

6. Staff Report

- Antoine reviewed training with Neighborhoods Now. Stated that training focused on campaigns, power analysis, and base-building and he'd love to bring some of those themes to the board. Antoine reported on the Central Fair outcome and stated that attendance was somewhat light but the event went well. Reported on community safety meeting re: shootings that happened at Sabathani on Wednesday and stated that reps from Ward 8 and 9 are also invested in the issue. Antoine reported re: housing and the work staff has done in supporting

new efforts. Reported on Econ Dev updates with Investment Coop and Façade/Business Grants. Antoine stated that ballots are still due to file taxes and he would like board support from that. Also stated that staff is planning for the annual meeting. He reported that there is a Mayoral Forum coming up this Thursday from 6-8 and all candidates are slated to attend.

7. New Business

A. Façade Grant Program Proposal (10 min)

Antoine presents the proposal for Façade Grant and Matching Grant Programs and stated that they expired at the end of 2014. He stated that this would allow CANDO to re-activate the programs, which could potentially help fledgeling businesses in the neighborhood. He states that this money has been inactive since the grants expired and these resolutions would allow for the money to be potentially used again. He states that Modern Times, Steven B, Cup Foods, and others have gotten funds from these programs in the past. Alex H asks what happens if the money gets used and Antoine clarifies that what's up for discussion is whether these programs will be eligible for reimbursement from NRP, and that it's not so helpful to consider these funds to be physical funds stored somewhere. Bobby states that he would be in support of programs if they were able to support businesses that work with the neighborhood, and Taylor stated that she would be in favor of nominating Bobby to be a member of the selection member for the committee.

- **Action Taken:** 6/6 Board members present vote Aye for Reauthorization and Amendments to the CANDO Façade Grant Programs
- **Action Taken:** 6/6 Board members present vote Aye for Reauthorization and Amendments to the CANDO Commercial Matching Grants Program
- **Action Taken:** 6/6 Board members present vote Aye for the contracting of NRP Funds for Commercial Matching Grants Program

B. Approve Funky Grits Letter of Support (5 min)

- Board discussed the letter presented. Order of operations was discussed in terms of approving the letter versus approving funding and where the process of forming the selection criteria will fit into that.
- **Action Taken:** 6/6 Board members present vote Aye to approve the letter with an amendment in which the letter will be re-formatted to remove language stating that Funky Grits' application will likely be approved and adding the update wherein funding was approved for programming at the 10/10/17 Board meeting.

C. Approve Website Update Proposal (5 min)

- Board discussed how much funding the website change would require. Antoine clarified that the \$1,000 estimate would be a minimum, provided by a local web design provider and several other local providers who offered estimates. Bobby states that he is in favor of doing whatever would improve communication. Alex H

states that it appears as if the bulk of the Communications Specialist's job function entails working with the website and this would greatly approve her productivity.

- **Action Taken:** 6/6 Board members present vote Aye to approve allocating funds to a website update.

D. Board Recruitment Check-In (15 min)

- Antoine states that he has a list of possible board recruits that he could share via email. Bobby offered several avenues as to who may be interested which included longtime community members. Alex G stated that she would be willing to follow up with potential recruits via phone. Alex G reports that she knocked on 71 doors on Sunday and made contact with 26 residents in person, 2 of whom would be interested in running for the board. Antoine states that he urges all Board members to recruit attendees for the upcoming Tuesday 10/17 community meeting, which will be focused on Board interest.

E. Assign Roles for Annual Meeting (15 min)

- Antoine states that primarily he's been working on the Annual Report and trying to be concise with it, which involves having Board members and volunteers join in to conduct parts of the presentation. He states that he will handle the highlights, challenges, and financial report, and would like volunteers for community engagement, public safety, youth, housing, economic development, and healthy and equitable community. He states that he would like each segments to be about 5 mins long. He states that he would like Bobby to conduct the community engagement piece, since he's been involved in Natl. Night Out and the Block Clubs. He states that he would like Al Brown to help with Public Safety as well as Sarah Lopez with Ward 8 and Aisha with Ward 9, who have been helping with the forums re: shootings. He states that he would like Cameron and Damien to present on Key Players for the youth piece, and states that Eduardo has also been helping develop a Toddler Time program that he would like to present on. Alex G states that she will most likely be able to present on Housing. Alex H states that he will present on Economic Development. Tim and Samie stated that the Core Team from Plant Grow Share will be presenting for Healthy and Equitable Communities as well as Milin from Out in the Backyard and Eduardo regarding the Men's Group. Board discussed the question of food provisions and community donations for food.

8. Adjournment 8:03pm