Tremont,
Tremont West Development Corporation works on behalf of all of you to create a place we can truly be proud of. As the neighborhood continues to grow, we are committed to ensuring that this growth reflects the mission of the organization, “we serve Tremont by organizing an inclusive community, building a unified neighborhood, and promoting a unique destination.” Tremont West is pursuing a number of different initiatives highlighted within this Annual Report that reflects our commitment to the values of the organization and the goals and strategies outlined within our Strategic Plan Update 2017-2020.

Tremont continues to be an attractive community to live, work, and play. As more and more people desire the quality of life amenities we possess in the neighborhood, it is imperative that we focus on equitable, sustainable development. This is why we remain committed to our process of engaging the community on issues that impact the built environment as well as day-to-day quality of life concerns through our extensive block club network and committee structure of Tremont West. It is this process that allows us to garner the maximum amount of feedback and create informative opinions that affects policy for our community. As you read the Annual Report the accomplishments reflect the hard work and dedication of 11 full and part-time staff, 15 Board members, 11 block clubs, dozens of Friends groups, and hundreds of community members. Together, we are strong.

Cory Riordan  Ann Marie Riley
Executive Director  Board President

VISION
Tremont is the ideal urban village, led by a growing population of dedicated people, filled with desirable amenities and essential services, and welcoming to all.

MISSION
We serve Tremont by organizing an inclusive community, building a unified neighborhood, and promoting a unique destination.

BY THE NUMBERS
600+ members of the organization, 11 block clubs, dozens of Friends and Interest Groups, 90 block club meetings, 93 committee meetings, 47 events, 5 community wide meetings, 11 newsletters, 62 e-news, 15,400 Twitter followers, 2,927 Facebook followers, 12 new businesses or relocations, 80 new housing units approved, and ONE GAZEBO constructed

BUSINESSES 2017
Beviamo  Laurie Myers Yoga  EverArbor
The Beauty Room  The Movement Project  Blue Star
Cutt Team Studios  Urbane Society Salon  Noce
Corner 11 Bowl and Wrap  Crust  Visible Voice

TOTAL INCOME
$197,335
$51,409
$61,534
$1,166,835

$97,963

TOTAL EXPENSES
$9,709
$68,542

Grants
Property Management/Rental
Program Fees
Special Event/Other

Program Expenses
Management Services
Fundraising/Development

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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

COMPREHENSIVE Community...
Build a dense neighborhood with a comprehensive and diverse set of housing options and business attractions that appeal to all residents and visitors.

Housing Inclusion- Tremont West continues to work on implementing the 2016 Housing Inclusion Plan. We secured a grant from Enterprise to bring on an employee to focus on leveraging neighborhood assets to create additional affordable housing opportunities.

Zoning- At the end of 2017 we began a re-zoning process working with the City to update the zoning code to better reflect the existing community and encourage density along “corners and corridors” in the neighborhood.

New Business- We continue to assist businesses looking to locate, relocate or expand in the neighborhood as well as encourage investment in the neighborhood that enhances the attractiveness of the business environment.

CONNECTED Community...
Organize an inclusive and connected community through meaningful engagement and equitable physical and social infrastructure that creates seamless linkages and increases accessibility for everyone.

Block Clubs- We continue to maintain a robust system of 11 block clubs that influences decision making at the Board level and ensures neighborhood participation.

Towpath Integration Plan- Completed and began implementation of the Towpath Integration Plan. The Plan is designed to ensure that we maximize the Towpath Trail for the neighborhood including ensuring the Towpath is being utilized by our community for recreation, especially for residents of Tremont Pointe, the only location in Cuyahoga County where the Towpath touches public housing.

Community Art Project- Block clubs and participants in the Tremont Artist in Residence program attended art studio sessions, generously hosted by artist Angelica Pozo, to help create hand-drawn tiles sharing participants’ favorite neighborhood seasonal memories. The tiles will be installed at the Gathering Place seating wall and planter on Professor Av. at Jefferson.

COLLABORATIVE Community...
Work transparently in collaboration with residents, business leaders, and external community partners to maximize resources and execute neighborhood plans.

Ohio City Inc.- Applied for and received a 3 year Strategic Investment Initiative grant from Cleveland Neighborhood Progress in partnership with Ohio City Inc. to continue the good work of both neighborhoods while looking for opportunities to partner for greater efficiency and economy of scale.

Equity Organizing- A new position, Community and Equity Organizer was created to maintain and enhance the block club system while looking to expand outreach into communities that are under-represented in the block club and committee structure of Tremont West.

RESILIENT Community...
Create a resilient community by using innovative practices to respond to adverse situations and that affords all people the opportunity to advance, live healthy lives, and thrive.

Safety- In partnership with Ohio City Inc. we hired a Ward 3 Safety Coordinator to focus on crime and crime prevention strategies in our community. The Coordinator is also responsible for data collection, spotting trends, and reporting back to the Safety Committee of Tremont West.

Near West Recreation- What started as two separate programs, Tremont tee-ball and Ohio City tee-ball has grown into a partnership between 4 neighborhoods. Near West Recreation has expanded to include 985 youth participants, 140+ volunteers and coaches with 54% of participants receiving financial assistance. Programs offered include baseball, soccer, track, boxing, volleyball and basketball.

Tremont West continues its partnership with Cleveland Housing Network to provide property management services for the near west side. We continue to nurture our own housing portfolio of 10 units.
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