2016-17 Annual Report

Tremont West Development Corporation’s mission is “We serve Tremont by organizing an inclusive community, building a unified neighborhood, and promoting a unique destination.”

In 2016, Tremont West fulfilled its mission vision of being the “ideal urban village” by completing a number of projects throughout the year from PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, & QUALITY OF LIFE. We are proud to present our 2016 Annual Report.

PLANNING
A number of initiatives were undertaken to look at the future needs and opportunities in the neighborhood and be prepared to act to ensure the long-term vibrancy of Tremont. Additionally, Tremont West, in collaboration with Ohio City Inc., successfully received Cleveland Neighborhood Progress funding through July 2020.

STRATEGIC PLANNING
Tremont West engaged Strategy Design Partners to update the Strategic Plan, creating a framework for the work of the organization through 2020.

HOUSING INCLUSION
Enterprise Community Partners awarded a $50,000 grant that allowed Tremont West, in partnership with Ohio City Inc. to hire a Housing Inclusion Specialist to look at market conditions in the neighborhood, project the need for affordable housing in the coming years, and create strategies to address the projected need. This work resulted in a report titled Housing Inclusion on the Near West Side of Cleveland. The document can be obtained at www.tremontwest.org.

TOWPATH TRAIL INTEGRATION PLAN
The neighborhood faces a once-in-a-generation public infrastructure investment in the Towpath Trail. Tremont West obtained a $30,000 grant to study and implement ways to ensure that the Towpath Trail is integrated into the neighborhood in ways that benefit and add to the quality of life of the community. Special emphasis is being made to ensure that Tremont Pointe the only public housing that is near the trail in Cuyahoga County is given special consideration.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
The core of Tremont West continues to be its 500+ members, network of 11 block clubs and dozens of Friends and Interest Groups. The community had over 200 meetings last year.

IRISHTOWN BEND
Residents of this historic river neighborhood reached out to Tremont West to help empower them and advocate on their behalf. They adopted their first set of Bylaws and have officially come together as the Irishtown Bend Block Club.

FOOD DRIVE
The 2016 Holiday Food Drive brought together 8 block clubs (the most we’ve have participated to date) to donate the equivalent of 14,965 items!

TREMONT COMMUNITY MURAL
Block clubs and participants in the Tremont Community Artist in Residence program attended art studio sessions and public sessions in several local bars/restaurants, generously hosted by artist Angelica Pozo, to help create hand-painted tiles that were featured with larger tiles of local historic significance on the Tremont Community Artists in Residence mural installation in Lincoln Park.

DUCK ISLAND MURAL
with support from Neighborhood Connections and Tremont West, the Duck Island Block Club, with the guidance of artist Jill LeMieux painted a mural wall featuring a neighborhood vista scene on a portion of the Lorain Avenue Bridge support wall.

WALKABOUT TREMONT
A group of volunteers successfully re-envisioned ArtWalk into an event that celebrates arts and culture in Tremont. Walkabout Tremont attracts thousands to the neighborhood on the second Friday of every month.

DEVELOPMENT
Tremont has seen another year of growing housing demand, business expansion, and renovation. As of May 1st, there are approximately 237 housing units planned, under development, or recently completed compared to approximately 183 units in the same period last year.

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Tremont West is working closely with property owners, residents, and businesses along Professor Avenue to pilot a Special Improvement District, or SID. The goals of the SID will be to provide a higher level of services and investment to one of our primary business districts.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Tremont West is piloting a number of affordable housing strategies to ensure the long-term affordability in the neighborhood. Working with partners, we plan to create additional protected affordable units by leveraging assets such as city land bank lots.

2406 LLC
Our property management portfolio currently owns and rents 10 affordable units as well as manages over 50 units on the near west side for Cleveland Housing Network.

QUALITY OF LIFE
From clean-ups to tree plantings, Tremont West continues to work on the day to day issues that improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and coordinate projects.

EVENTS
Tens of thousands of people attend events coordinated by Tremont West including the Tremont Farmers’ Market, Taste of Tremont, Arts in August, Tremont Arts and Cultural Fest, and Walkabout Tremont.

GAZEBO
Friends of Lincoln Park formed to take the lead in replacing the existing gazebo. Tremont West was able to assist these efforts by applying for and receiving a county grant for $50,000.

NEAR WEST RECREATION
A partnership with Ohio City, MetroWest and Detroit Shoreway, Near West Recreation brings basketball, baseball, tee-ball, and more to over 1,000 kids on the west side.
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*TOTAL INCOME $1,512,169*

*TOTAL INCOME includes a one-time Federal HFFI Grant

*TOTAL EXPENSES $880,811

**Grant**

**Property Management/Rental**

**Program Fees**

**Special Event/Other**

**Program Expenses**

**Management Services**

**Fundraising/Development**

**INCOME**

**EXPENSES**

**Federal**

**HFFI**

**TOTAL**

**96,593**

**51,406**

**50,107**

**$708,417**

**$1,512,169**

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