Tremonters,

Tremont West Development Corporation continues to work to fulfill its mission: “We serve Tremont by organizing an inclusive community, building a unified neighborhood, and promoting a unique destination.” The core of our organization is YOU, the residents, businesses and stakeholders that contribute their time, talent and treasure to building community. From the clean-up projects to the hours spent at block club and community meetings to the volunteering for festivals and events, the reward is a vibrant and strong neighborhood.

Over the past year, we have seen an incredible amount of activity, including proposals for the first new construction apartment buildings in the neighborhood in over a generation and the completion of another phase of the Towpath Trail. With more people moving into the neighborhood and more people visiting, it is important that we are ready for the impacts. In the past two years we have completed two important planning documents with this in mind, the Housing Inclusion Plan and the Towpath Integration Plan. The Housing Inclusion Plan calls for equitable development, including protecting housing for low and moderate income individuals. This year, we have acquired 8 units of housing to rent to low and moderate income individuals and have been a leading advocate to reform housing tax policy in the City of Cleveland. The Towpath Integration Plan calls for investment in infrastructure to ensure we are prepared for new visitors but also to provide programming along the Towpath to encourage residents in the neighborhood to take advantage of the Historic Towpath.

Finally, our new website is meant to connect resident, businesses and visitors alike, to the unique destination that is Tremont. Tremont and the Towpath Trail are linked in history, and like the iconic trail, we are excited for a new chapter in our neighborhood. We know you will continue to work with us to tell our story.

Kate Carden                    Cory Riordan
Board President                           Executive Director
TREMONT NEIGHBORHOOD BY THE NUMBERS:

POPULATION ↓ 0.6%
- UNDER 5 ↑ 54.4%
- 25-34 ↑ 35.4%
- 55-64 ↑ 29.9%

CRIME ↓
- Property ↓ 29%
- Violent ↓ 26.4%

INCOME ↑
- Household Income ↑ 46.5% since 2012 to $40,333
- Poverty Rate ↓ 19.7% to 33.4% since 2012

668 members of the organization, 10 block clubs, dozens of Friends and Interest Groups, 122 community meetings, 93 committee meetings, 47 events, 5 community wide meetings, 11 newsletters, 62 e-news, 15,700 Twitter followers, 3,341 Facebook followers, Projects completed by community = 15, 13 new businesses, 300 new housing units approved, and TWO new pieces of Public Art

Tremont West hosts numerous events throughout the year such as Arts in August, Taste of Tremont, Tremont Farmers Market, Walkabout Tremont, Living Well in Lincoln Park (Safety) and in partnership with Merrick House, the Tremont Arts and Culture Festival

TOTAL INCOME
$753,101
- Grants: $10,684
- Property Management/Rental: $176,969
- Program Fees: $80,817
- Other: $484,631

TOTAL EXPENSES
$782,996
- Program Expenses: $105,523
- Management Services: $50,538
- Fundraising/Development: $626,935
BUSINESSES 2018

HOUSING
Tremont West continues to work to bring new housing to the neighborhood. Over 300 new housing units are either approved or in pre-development ranging from single family homes to multi-family apartment units. We continue to pursue development projects that add vitality to the neighborhood and add density on “Corners and Corridors”. Our Housing Inclusion Plan calls on us to ensure that the neighborhood continues to have housing at multiple price points. Over the past year we have focused on adding to our 2406 LLC property portfolio by adding Affordable and Workforce Housing through acquisition and rehabilitation of additional units. We have acquired 4 properties for a total of 8 additional units. Currently, the 2406 LLC portfolio contains 18 units (14 currently occupied, 4 under rehabilitation) and manage 30 units for CHN Partners.

PLANNING AND ADVOCACY
In addition to the Housing Inclusion Plan (2017) and the Strategic Plan (2017-2020), Tremont West continues to implement the Duck Island Plan (2014), and the Towpath Integration Plan (2018). The Towpath Integration Plan will help ensure this once-in-a-generation infrastructure and recreational amenity is fully incorporated in the neighborhood. As part of better promoting the neighborhood, Tremont West has developed a new website designed to promote the unique amenities that Tremont offers. The website can be accessed at www.experiencetremont.com.

For the past year, Tremont West has been advocating for changes to housing tax policy and has been part of the Equitable Development and Housing Tax Policy Working Group that includes representation from the City Administration, City Council, foundation and non-profit community. Recently, it was announced that a consultant will be hired to make recommendations about tax abatement policy.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS
We continue to strengthen our partnership with Ohio City Inc. resulting in 3 shared staffing positions, the continuation of Near West Recreation and a Near West Safety Patrol that provides off-duty police officers contracted through DCA to patrol the neighborhood.

NEAR WEST RECREATION 1334 Participants, 150 Volunteers and Coaches on 93 Sports Teams ranging from Baseball and Soccer to Lacrosse. SAFETY PATROLS Beginning in March of 2019, Tremont West with support from Councilman McCormack, hired Downtown Cleveland Alliance to provide an off-duty police officer in a DCA marked vehicle, to patrol the near west side 5 nights per week.

ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE
Cleveland Metroparks, Canalway Partners, Hispanic Business Center, Cleveland Public Library, Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center, “Our Community Votes” Committee, Destination Cleveland, El Barrio Workforce Development, Animal Protective League, Cleveland Public Theatre, LAND Studio, MetroWest, Merrick House, Scranton Road Bible Church, Tremont Montessori School

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT
With over 668 members, 10 block clubs and over 200 meetings per year, Tremont West maintains a robust community network that results in numerous projects and programs that add to the vitality of the neighborhood. EFFORTS INCLUDE Clean-ups and plantings, Block Clubs and Block Parties, Non Partisan Voter Outreach, Community Art Projects, Home Repair Programs, Holiday Food Drive, Safety Town, Employment Workshops, Banner & Signage Program, Artist in Residence.
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