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January 2010

On the Agenda

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CNDCC Committee Meetings

**Retail
Commercial-**
January 21st at 9
am

Organizers-No
meeting in
January, next
meeting February
4th at 11:30 am

Industry Items of Interest

New ward boundaries take effect

In November of 2008, the voters of the City of Cleveland approved six Charter Amendments, including one that links the number of Council wards to the total population of the City of Cleveland at a 1 ward per 25,000 people ratio. This amendment was recommended by the Cleveland Charter Review Commission and Council approved it for the ballot.

Cleveland's population now stands at approximately 427,500. Under the new Charter provision, the number of Council wards was reduced from 21 to 19. This population estimate was achieved through an analysis of the 2000 census tract numbers and the use methodologies that allow for 2009 block by block estimates that go beyond 2000 census counts.

Council Members were asked to go back to their residents, discuss possible ward boundaries and bring comments back to Council's consultants. Input was also solicited from Cleveland's community development organizations, asking them to forward input from their membership in addition to weighing in as the organizations that most closely touch the community.

Some facts about the ward boundaries:

- More than 80% of the people in the City remain in the same

Housing-January 20th at 11:30 am.

All meetings are held at the offices of CNDC, 3751 Prospect Avenue unless otherwise noted.

ward.

- The core Asian community is wholly within one ward.
- One ward has a population that is more than 40% Hispanic.
- 90% of the Central neighborhood remains within one ward.
- The Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood remains wholly within one ward.
- The St. Clair Superior neighborhood now encompasses wards 3, 7 & 8.
- Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre are now covered by wards, 3, 12, 13 & 14.

To see the exact boundaries as defined by the redistricting map, go to <http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org>

January is RetailSpacesCleveland update time

January is the month dedicated for the upcoming quarterly updates to the website. Deadlines are as follow: for brand new listings by a member CDC not already included on the website, the deadline is January 15, 2010; for updating information from currently listed CDCs, the deadline is January 22, 2010. Send information and/or questions to Chris King, webmaster, at chris@creativekeys.net or phone her at (216) 991-8428.

New Poverty Center report examines trends in home purchase loans

The Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development's November 2009 Behind the Numbers takes a closer look at trends in 'home purchase loan' originations in Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland through the period 1995-2008.

Using data from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) database, we find that conventional mortgage lending has fallen precipitously in Cuyahoga County, as in the nation as a whole. In 2008, Cleveland saw only 1,863 mortgage loan originations; a 74% decrease from its 2005 high. The trend in Cuyahoga County is similar, with only 10,156 mortgage loan originations in 2008; a 60% decrease from its 2005 high.

The near elimination of high-cost loans is responsible for a disproportionate share of loss, especially in Cleveland. Government-backed loans have picked up to a modest degree, and with their solid underwriting standards they are welcome

after the glut of subprime lending that drove the recent foreclosure crisis

The report can be accessed from the Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development's website:

<http://povertycenter.case.edu>

Direct link:

http://blog.case.edu/msass/2009/11/30/trends_in_home_purchase_loans.html

IngenuityFest: Call for Artists 2010

IngenuityFest, the Cleveland Festival of Art and Technology, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to annual presentations of Northeast Ohio's and the world's most creative and innovative work and to fostering new, imaginative collaborations between the region's arts and technology sectors. The 2010 festival dates are September 24th to 26th, 2010 and will be taking place in a new, exciting venue, the Veterans Memorial (Detroit-Superior) Bridge.

Ingenuity has always been about bringing together artists and urban landscapes. With the move to the bridge in 2010, the possibilities for this union are huge: from dark tunnels, to subterranean lakes, to expansive views of the city, the new space offers a truly unique urban space. This year Ingenuity is looking to fund the bulk of projects for under \$2,500. Having said that, they are also looking one larger-scale installation/exhibit that can bring attention either to the bridge from afar, or something that can course through the entire structure. IngenuityFest would consider funding one larger scale exhibit at a higher level if it grabs the selection committee's attention. Artists of all media are invited to submit a proposal. The deadline is April 1, 2010. For more information, including artist tours of the space, please visit www.ingenuitycleveland.com.

Upcoming deadlines for Ohio Arts Council funding

Each year the Ohio Arts Council provides matching money to support more than 1,000 arts organizations, arts programs and artists in the state. Upcoming deadlines for Ohio Arts Council funds include:

February 12: Artists with Disabilities Access

Program

Building Cultural Diversity

March 1:

Arts Access

(Sponsors)

Arts Learning—Artist in Residence

Arts Learning—Arts Partnerships

Due to budget and staff reductions the Arts Access program now has only one deadline for both project and operating support. There is no longer a September 1 deadline. Please go to the OAC website for more information.

Member News

Old Brooklyn neighborhood launches pilot program

Councilman Kevin Kelley, in coordination with the Jackson Administration, is preparing to launch a neighborhood wireless broadband network in Cleveland's Old Brooklyn community. The neighborhood wireless network will serve as a pilot program under the City of Cleveland's Digital City of Choice Citywide IT Strategic Plan.

Councilman Kelley recognizes the importance of wireless access to the forward progress of the Old Brooklyn community and the City of Cleveland itself. "Providing high-speed broadband internet access will greatly improve the quality of life for the citizens of Cleveland, encourage economic development and promote greater efficiency and cooperation in providing government services," said Councilman Kelley. "Furthermore, it will position our children for success and provide a competitive advantage to students and employers trying to compete in today's market." Once successfully built, the wireless network will be available and easily accessible to anyone who lives, works or conducts business in Old Brooklyn for free.

The City is currently in the process of seeking proposals in order to deploy a Neighborhood Wireless Mesh Broadband Internet Network that will support the City of Cleveland's Municipal Wireless Strategy for creating a stronger Digital Community of Choice for all Clevelanders. The City's

partner in the project will need to design, construct, maintain, repair and be able to upgrade a wireless mesh broadband infrastructure. The City hopes to learn from the pilot project so that the same free wireless access can eventually be provided to all Clevelanders.

News from St. Clair Superior Development Organization

In 2009, the St. Clair Superior Development Corporation was awarded a \$75,000 grant from the North East Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). The grant will be used for a planning process along Superior Avenue from East 30th to East 40th as well as East 36th Street and parts of East 38th Street. The goal of this planning process is to create a more pedestrian friendly environment while at the same time maintaining parking, traffic flow and capacity, as well as esthetically enhancing the sightlines of passing vehicles and pedestrians in an effort to make the area more attractive and inviting.

St. Clair Superior selected City Architecture to complete the plan. The planning process is under way with the completion of traffic analysis and traffic engineering studies. The results of these studies show that Superior Avenue, the way it is currently configured, is larger than it needs to be. This offers the opportunity to redesign the lane configurations so that traffic still moves through at acceptable levels as well as establishing bike lanes, better on-street parking and better public transportation shelters.

The next steps of the planning process include public meetings as well as shaping and defining the final layout of Superior Avenue. After those phases are complete, City Architecture will help with the implementation of this plan. Fortunately the City of Cleveland is planning to resurface Superior Avenue from the Innerbelt east to the City limits in the summer of 2010. This should allow for some of the suggestions to be implemented from the planning process.

If you would like to be involved in the process or for more information contact James Amendola at 216-881-0644.

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