

## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

### AUGUST 16, 2022 MEETING Minutes

Attending: Lee Barbee, David Benson, Laura Black, Martin Consentino, Sue Dean Dyke, Bradley Eckert, Susan Efroymson, William Frank, Johnathan Goldman, Marc Lefkowitz, Gretchen Mettler, T. Nadas, Jessica Schantz, Patti Substelny

Excused: Gavin Andersen, Christine Henry, Allison McCallum, Allosius Snodgrass, Elizabeth VanderLeest

Absent: Justin Alcorn, Andre Witt

## AG E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – The meeting began at 7:06 pm.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Diane Hallum, a member of the public from Cleveland Heights, spoke for 3 minutes
3. YEAR 49 (FY 2023) CDBG APPLICATION HEARING

### **CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS – PUBLIC WORKS** 2022 ADA Curb Ramps; Joe Kickel Asst. Director

This project consists of the removal and replacement of curb ramps throughout the community to transition the existing non-compliant curb ramps to ramps that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### **START RIGHT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** Start Right Hunger Center; Rev. Jimmy Hicks Executive Director

The Start Right Hunger Center gives each family or individual a 3-day supply of food (a minimum of 3 meals per day per person) once per month. We receive free or reduced-cost items from The Cleveland Food Bank; and our income guidelines are provided by the Ohio Department of Human Services. Because of the constraints imposed by Covid 19 health requirements, we now operate as a weekly drive-up service by appointment only.

### **NAALEH CLEVELAND** Naaleh Cleveland; Daniel Solganik Director of Behavioral Health Services

Naaleh Cleveland is a non-profit organization focused on strengthening the emotional and mental wellbeing of the Cleveland Community. Naaleh's experts guide and assist individuals in navigating the resources available in the community through support, education, and advocacy available to everyone who seeks our help.

Naaleh ensures access to mental health professionals who are sensitive to cultural and financial constraints of those limited to Medicaid.

Naaleh's High-Risk Teen Mentoring Program addresses substance abuse amongst adolescents, combating the opioid crisis in Ohio. Our programming has seen great success in sobriety rates as well as in educational goals.

### **CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS – HOUSING PRESERVATION** Housing Preservation Office, Code Enforcement, Strategic Home Repair; Allan Butler Director

The purpose of the Housing Preservation Program is to assist low moderate homeowners and the elderly in the maintenance of their homes in order to eliminate blight and abate nuisances at properties throughout the City.

The purpose of the Code Enforcement program is to perform property maintenance code inspections for properties in LMI areas to help maintain and preserve the housing stock.

The strategic Home Repair Program would provide assistance to LMI qualified households to assist in violation repairs and maintenance of their homes.

**HOME REPAIR RESOURCE CENTER** Financial Assistance Programs, Housing Counseling; Keesha Allen  
Executive Director

Home Repair Resource Center's (HRRC) Financial Assistance (FAP) and Housing Counseling Programs provide critical housing resources to all Cleveland Heights residents.

**CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS – Economic Development** Economic Development Activities; Brian  
Anderson Business Development Mgr.

The goal of the economic development programs supported by this application is to coordinate and implement a comprehensive plan that manages and supports the social, economic, and physical development and re-development of the City. The goal is to facilitate programs and projects that attract and retain both residents and businesses which contribute to the sustainable growth and diversification of the City's tax base and economic stability of the community. This includes facilitating a positive business environment to retain and facilitate expansion of existing businesses and attract new businesses.

This mission is addressed with the assistance of the following CDBG funded activities:

1. Economic Development Program Administration
2. Commercial Revolving Loan Fund
3. Microloan Fund
4. Storefront Renovation Program

**CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS – PLANNING** CD Administration Fair Housing; Brian Iorio CDBG  
Coordinator

The CDBG Administration program is tasked with managing the CDBG Program for regulatory compliance, timeliness, efficiency and continuous improvement. The CDBG Administration program includes the necessary staff, supplies and contracts in order to carry out the various administrative requirements to effectively manage the CDBG, HOME and Lead Safe programs. CDBG Administration is considered by statute to be an administrative activity and therefore does not directly benefit low- and moderate-income households or aid in the prevention or removal of slum and/or blighted conditions.

4. There was no UNFINISHED BUSINESS to address
5. There was no NEW BUSINESS brought to the committee
6. The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:40 pm.

The second Public Hearing of the CAC for the Year 49 – 2022 CDBG Program Year will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Executive Conference Room at Cleveland Heights City Hall or online via Zoom by clicking: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85302724815>. If you are unable to attend,

please call Brian Iorio at (216) 291-4845 or email [bioerio@clevelandheights.gov](mailto:bioerio@clevelandheights.gov). in advance of the meeting so that your absence can be recorded as excused.