



CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

COUNCIL UPDATE

October 7, 2021

MEETINGS & REMINDERS

Monday, October 11	6:30 p.m.	Council Committee of the Whole City Hall – Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 13	6:30 p.m.	Racial Justice Task Force - Public Safety Subcommittee Online
	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Online
Friday, October 15	9:30 a.m.	Commission on Aging Community Center

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- There is one block party this weekend – Exeter Road, Saturday October 9th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.
- Merchants on the Cedar Fairmount block (in close proximity to the Lennox/Surrey garage) advised staff that every space in the garage had cars in the parking spaces that were left there all day/all night. The tenants in the area are using the spaces in lieu of a permit space. Obviously, this has had an impact on the customers to Apple Tree, Howard Hanna, Starbucks, etc. with absolutely no place for patrons to park. As a result, this week the City is lifting the free parking designation in the garage and ticketing will be enforced.
- A message will go out on social media reminding the community that signs should not be posted on city owned property. A message will also go out to the candidates to remind their teams.



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To: Susanna Niermann-O'Neil, City Manager

From: Annette M. Mecklenburg, Chief of Police

Date: October 5, 2021

Subject: Police Department Update

Crime Update - On September 29, 2021, Cleveland Heights High School received a phone call from a concerned parent who had viewed a video of a student in possession of a handgun at the High School in a classroom. School security was able to identify the student who was then escorted to the office. A loaded handgun was located in the backpack of the student. The gun was confiscated without incident and the student was taken into custody for Carrying a Concealed Weapon and transported to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center.

On October 4, 2021, Reyna Ekechukwu was sworn in as a Police Officer with the Department. We are very excited to have her join our Department and are confident she will be a great addition.



Community Events – Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6th from 10:00 am – Noon at the Police Academy, 2595 Noble Road. The first day in October is National Coffee with a Cop Day each year.

For those who cannot attend during the day on Wednesday, Meet your Police will be held on Thursday evening from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Police Academy. We will have representatives from the Detective Bureau, Patrol Unit and the Police Chief at this weeks meeting and have invited residents to come and discuss issues and concerns over a slice of pizza.

The Police Department in conjunction with the Fire Department and Bryan's Marathon are hosting a safety night on October 14, 2021 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. During this event residents can stop by with their vehicles for a safety inspection and they will also receive safety tips for their residences. While no work or repairs will be made during this event, it is a great opportunity to have your vehicle inspected to ensure that all equipment is functioning properly.

This year the Police Department will be participating National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. While the POD has a drug drop off box in the lobby that is available 24/7 to residents, this is a great opportunity to remind the community of the dangers associated with unused prescription drugs and provide them the opportunity to ensure that they are disposed of properly.



Memorandum

To: Susanna Niermann O'Neil- City Manager
From: Allan Butler- Housing Programs Director
Date: October 7, 2021
Re: Housing Update

- The Housing Department continues to guide Citizenserve software implementation through our building department and we are making progress with implementing new building permit applications into the system. Contractor registration renewals for 2022 calendar year are being prepared so that online payments and processing can be conducted.
- Rental Occupancy Permits for 2022 are being prepared for renewal letters and emails which will once again be processed through the Citizenserve software application online. All Housing Department registrations and licenses are available to be obtained online through the Citizenserve portal which can be found on the Housing Programs page on our website, by searching Online Portal on our website, or by using the link below.
<https://www.clevelandheights.com/Search?searchPhrase=Online%20Portal>
- The Housing Department certified a total of \$151,767.23 in tax liens last month for unpaid nuisance invoices in 2021 for issues involving tall grass, property board ups, property clean ups, trash removal, and demolition. The following shows the breakdown for the individual categories and amounts certified.
 - Tall grass-\$93,600
 - Demolition-\$42,890.60
 - Special clean ups of property-\$24,187
 - Emergency trash pickup by Refuse Dept.-\$7396.13
 - Board ups-\$7580.50
 - Police actions for nuisance-\$300



MEMORANDUM

To: Susanna Niermann O'Neil, City Manager

From: Eric Zamft, Planning Director

Date: October 7, 2021

Subject: Bi-Weekly Planning Department Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF PLANNING INITIATIVES

(Note: This week's report is truncated so as to allow the full Department reporting to return to aligning with full Council meetings next week)

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN GUIDELINES

The Historic Preservation Design Guidelines were approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) prior to the September 30, 2021 grant deadline. Staff has been working with SHPO to close the grant out. The Landmarks Commission is anticipated to adopt the Design Guidelines on October 11, 2021. Information about the project, including the presentations and the guidelines, can be found here: <https://www.clevelandheights.com/1435/Historic-Preservation-Design-Guidelines>

CEDAR-LEE-MEADOWBROOK REDEVELOPMENT

The site planning and design phase of the project has begun. Staff has met internally to discuss public and staff comments to be integrated in the plan. Staff has met and will continue to meet on a weekly basis with the development partner's design team to ensure that integration. Staff has coordinated with Paul Volpe on site planning and design considerations via a number of meetings. The public is encouraged to comment early and often, utilizing the project webpage comment form or emailing directly to planning@clvhts.com. Parking and traffic studies are ongoing. Staff is reviewing the existing conditions parking memorandum and hopes to post it to the website prior to the next Council meeting. Staff will continue to update the webpage (<https://www.clevelandheights.com/1154/Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook>) and provide more information in upcoming bi-weekly Planning Department reports.

ZONING

A public hearing on proposed changes to the Zoning Code with regards to garages and other ancillary changes was scheduled for September 30, 2021, but was cancelled due to a lack of a

quorum. The public hearing has been rescheduled for November 1, 2021 at 6 PM. More information, including the most recent draft of the proposed zoning amendments, can be found here: <https://www.clevelandheights.com/183/Planning-Department>

TRANSPORTATION

Staff is working on a number of transportation-related initiatives. Two (2) to highlight in this week's report:

- *South of Cedar Parking and Traffic Study Implementation* – Staff met with residents of Hardcourt Drive to discuss their concerns and possible next steps. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2021 and will be reported on in the next report.
- *NOACA TLCI Grant Application* – NOACA's annual Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Grant Application is open through October 15, 2021. Staff is preparing an application for a Noble Road Revitalization and Multi-Modal Corridor Enhancement Plan. Details will follow in the next report.

COORDINATION WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

- *Neighborhood Redevelopment Program (NRP), Phase 1* – Start Right CDC has appeared before the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) for a preliminary review of a proposed model home to be constructed on 961 Nelaview Road. Staff is working with Start Right on coordinating their upcoming October 20, 2021 appearance at the Board of Zoning Appeals. If they are approved for variances, they would return to the ABR at a meeting in November for consideration of final ABR approval.
- *Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook Redevelopment* – See above.
- *Other Economic Development Initiatives* – Planning staff provides input and support on other initiatives, including additional NRP phases, the Taylor-Tudor Plaza properties, the Storefront program, solid waste needs for businesses, other redevelopment opportunities, developing additional funding mechanisms within the City, Top of the Hill landscaping plan, etc.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Department of Planning assists the activities of the Architectural Board of Review (ABR), Board of Control, Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), Landmark Commission, and Planning Commission, and provides staff assistance to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), Racial Justice Task Force, Transportation & Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (T&ES), and City Council (when needed). For this truncated report, only the most recent activity and/or any meetings in the next week is reported on:

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW (ABR) – 1st and 3rd Tuesday

Please see attached the actions at the September 21, 2021 and October 5, 2021 ABR meetings. The next ABR meeting will have been held on October 19, 2021. A link to the agenda will be provided in the next bi-weekly Planning Department report.

LANDMARK COMMISSION – 1st Tuesday of Odd Numbered Months

The Landmarks Commission held a special meeting in the field on October 6, 2021. At the meeting the following locations were discussed for consideration of Landmark status (no-action was taken on either site at this meeting):

- 2181 North Taylor Road Site Visit
- 3417 Fairmount Boulevard Site Visit

The Landmarks Commission will be holding a special meeting on October 11, 2021 at 5 PM virtually. More information about the meeting, including the virtual meeting link and the agenda, can be found here:

<https://www.clevelandheights.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=1488&month=10&year=2021&day=7&calType=0>

The next regularly scheduled Landmark Commission meeting will be held on November 2, 2021. A link to the agenda will be provided prior to the meeting date.

PLANNING COMMISSION – 2nd Wednesday

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on October 13, 2021 virtually. More information about the meeting, including the virtual meeting link, the agenda, and the cases, can be found here:

<https://www.clevelandheights.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=1197&month=10&year=2021&day=7&calType=0>

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW ACTIONS

ABR 2021-197: Tsperson Investments LLCS, 3016 Lincoln Bouelvard, requests to install new windows. No action; application withdrawn by applicant

ABR 2021-217: John Xiu (Jacques Picard), 1767 Coventry Road, requests to install signage. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-218: Anthony I. Jack, 2625 Edgehill Road, requests to build a deck in the rear yard. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-219: Phyllis Elinson, 3516 Meadowbrook Boulevards, requests to construct a two-car, detached garage. Action: Approved as noted- brick matches the house; grading plan to be submitted to the Building Department; siding color to match the house and be resubmitted for approval

ABR 2021-220: Phill Hall, 3032 Meadowbrook Boulevard, requests to construct a two-car, detached garage. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-221: Frank & Amy Chapman, 3980 Elmwood Road, request to construct a two-car, detached garage. Action: Approved as noted- white trim; siding to match the new house color; door location to be reversed

ABR 2021-222: John & Amy Cassady, 1126 Cleveland Heights Boulevard, request to construct a two-car, detached garage. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-223: Param Bhatter, 2608 Queenston Road, requests to construct a two-car, detached garage. Action: Approved as noted- reverse gable roof

ABR 2021-224: Kirk Schmink, 2525 Stratford Road, requests to replace an existing enclosure room. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-225: Ariann Martinez, 1933 Powell Avenue, requests to build a seasonal patio enclosure room. Action: Approved as noted- new roof to align with existing; rim joists are wrapped in bronze coil; wood is stained.

ABR 2021-226: Joseph Vaughn, 2603 Canterbury Road, request to construct a two-car, detached garage. Action: Approved as noted- roof and siding colors to match house

ABR 2021-227: Harvey Kugelman, 2904 Washington Boulevard, requests to install new windows. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-228: Marian Bleeke, 2707 Lancashire Road (Apt 12), requests to install new windows. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-229: Ruby Williams, 3611 Runnymede Boulevard, requests to install new windows. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-230: Christopher Gibbon, 2464 Wellington Road, requests to install new windows. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-231: James Sweeney, 2889 Washington Boulevard, requests to install new windows and remove the arch over the driveway. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-232: Jeffery King, 2816 Washington Boulevard, requests to construct a front porch. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-233: Shelley L. Smith, 2272 South Taylor Road, requests to remove entry steps and replace an entry door with a window. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-234: Frank Kuhar, 3786 Parkdale Road, requests to install new siding, construct a deck and slopped roof rear room, and install two-car, detached garage. No action; application withdrawn by applicant

ABR 2021-235: B&H Investments (The Birnbaum Family), 3096 Mayfield Road, requests to install new signage. Action: Not approved as submitted; applicant to resubmit

ABR 2021-236: Domus Immobili LLC, 2176 South Taylor Road, requests to install solar panels. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-53: James & Cathy LeSueur, 2607 North Park Road, requests to install a pergola. Action: Approved as submitted

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ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW ACTIONS

ABR 2021-237: Mariah Roj (Fire House Group LLC), 3216 Silsby Road, requests to install new signage. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-238: Rachel Lieber, 2588 South Taylor Road, requests to alter an existing three-seasons room. Action: Approved as noted- all screens to be a consistent 42" tall

ABR 2021-239: Angela Tagliaferri, 1956 Revere Road, requests to reconstruct an existing addition. Action: Approved as noted- second story railing to be level instead of sloping with roof

ABR 2021-219: Jon Epstein, 2584 Shaker Road, requests to install patio space, an outdoor kitchen, walkway, and fence. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-220: Tuwhanna Lewis, 3791 Northhampton Road, requests to replace a two-story porch. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-221: Zev & Rivkah Meisels, 3625 Shannon Road, request to construct a two-story rear addition. Action: Approved as noted- second floor existing window to remain

ABR 2021-222: Joel & Ahuva Goldman, 3683 Severn Road, request to construct a one-story rear addition and deck. Action: Approved as noted- pergola finish to match siding or eve color

ABR 2021-223: Peretz Scheinerman, 1900 Janette Road, requests to construct a deck in the rear yard. Action: Approved as noted- deck to be stained and option to add steps

ABR 2021-224: Tony Sias, 1500 Parkhill Road, requests to replace windows with a sliding door, and refinish exterior stairs. Action: Approved as noted- white exterior trim

ABR 2021-225: Menachem Lubling & Esther Bachrach, 3731 Shannon Road, request to construct a two-story rear/side addition, install new siding and roofing, and construct a two-car, detached garage. Action: Approved as submitted

ABR 2021-226: Terry Flonnory, 3658 Runnymede Boulevard, requests to extend the front porch. Action: Approved as noted- option of having no railing (as long as not required by code)

ABR 2021-227: Elisha Bensoussan, 3713 Bendemeer Road, requests to construct a one-story rear addition, deck, and a one-car, detached garage. Action: Approved as noted- all siding to match

ABR 2021-228: Menachem Braun, 3606 Shannon Road, requests to construct a two-story addition. Action: Approved as submitted



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – October 6, 2021:

CEDAR-LEE-MEADOWBROOK:

- Staff continues to be in negotiations with the Development Agreement with our Development Partner Flaherty & Collins at this time;
- Traffic & Parking: WSP and Desman consulting have been contracted with to analyze the traffic and parking analysis associated with this project – this analysis is underway;
- The project discussion and public engagement process (which is being effectively managed by the Planning Department) is well underway, as noted below with this summary of some of the meetings held:
 - Council authorized going out for and RFQ/RFP for the project on or about **October of 2020**;
 - History of development efforts on the CLM site – presentation to Council **2/1/2021**;
 - Presentations to Council were provided by the two Developer finalists in **February of 2021**;
 - Council Authorized entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Flaherty & Collins in **June of 2021**;
 - ***Kick-Off Parking & Traffic Community Workshop #1** – City staff and consultants presentation followed by open workshop with the public on existing parking and traffic conditions, concerns, opportunities within the Cedar-Lee District (**8/5/2021**, 6 PM at the Library)
 - ***Public Spaces and Connectivity Open House** – Open house one-on-one engagement with the community on the types of public spaces and activities that they would like to see integrated into the project and on the site (**8/11/2021**, 6 PM, Atrium at City Hall)
 - ***Planning & Development Committee of Council Meeting** – Focus Group on site planning and urban design of the redevelopment of Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook with a concurrent public open house to engage on site planning and design (**9/1/2021**, 6 PM in Council Chambers; Open House in Atrium at City Hall)
 - Cedar-Lee SID Board Meeting discussion – **9/29/2021**;



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Note that each of these meetings, and the project engagement process in general, is presented on the project website (and it constantly updated) at <https://www.clevelandheights.com/1154/Cedar-Lee-Meadowbrook>, as well as in the bi-weekly Planning Department report. *In addition, these meetings were advertised in a variety of ways, including actually going door-to-door to the residences in the adjoining neighborhoods and providing a flyer.

The project website also has a comment form for citizens to provide comments on the project. In order to solicit a diversity of comments, a prompting question is provided, which is rotated out every few weeks to keep interest.

There have been a number of other meetings with key stakeholders – including the parking and traffic consultants speaking with restaurants and merchants along Cedar and Lee, the CL-Theatre, the Dobama Theatre, the Library, the School District, etc.

Upcoming Public Meetings planned for the project include:

- **Architectural Board of Review (ABR) Preliminary Design Review Special Meeting** (Date and Time TBD)
- **Parking & Traffic Community Workshop #2** on recommendations (Date and Time TBD)

Formal Review Process with Opportunities for Public Comment

- **Planning Commission Public Meeting #1**
- **Planning Commission Public Meeting #2**
- **Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Public Meeting**
- **ABR Public Meeting**

NEIGHBORHOOD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (NRP) INFILL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION:

- The Development Agreement with Start Right CDC for the construction of infill single family owner-occupied housing in the Caledonia Neighborhood was approved on 10/4/2021. The project now proceeds to implementation and the City is poised to begin the process of having up to 23 new infill houses constructed by Start Right on vacant City-owned properties in the Caledonia Neighborhood over the next several years;
- Given Council's approval of the MOU Agreement for the Desota Avenue infill housing project, the staff is now engaged in negotiating the Development Agreement with Amato Homes – the Development Agreement will then go to Council for consideration;

TAYLOR TUDOR PLAZA:



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- The RFQ/RFP for the rehabilitation/redevelopment of Buildings #1, #2, & #3 was issued on 8/27/2021. The recently modified anticipated schedule for the project is:
 - Week of November 8: Building Tours – Interested Developers
 - Week of November 15: Building Tours – Interested Developers
 - Week of November 29: Pre-Submittal virtual call for Developers;
 - December 10: RFQ/RFP responses due
 - December 20: Select a Development Firm for the project

<https://www.clevelandheights.com/1443/Taylor-Tudor-Plaza-Redevelopment>

For additional information on this project.

TOP OF THE HILL:

- Construction on the project continues, with the completion date anticipated to be July of 2022 with a ribbon cutting soon thereafter;



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Committee of the Whole

October 11, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Sign Ordinance Discussion
2. Inclusion of Caucus Discussion in Legislation Review at COTW meetings
3. Executive Session
 - a. *To consider the terms of sale or lease of City-owned real property*
 - b. *To consider the investigation of complaints against a public employee or public official*