

NORTH TEUTONIA AVENUE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 @4:30 pm on Zoom.

Attendees: Danielle Wehr, Linda Conyers, Eric Jefferson, N. Lynnette McNeely, Charlotte McNeely, Charlene , Latonya Johnson, Alderwoman Coggs, Akuwa Dantz,

The meeting began at 4:30 p.m. with introductions of the attendees. The meeting concluded at 5:38p.m.

Meeting and discussion with Alderwoman Coggs.

Issue: Re-establishing BID #29 -using the bid budget to engage a security service, garbage clean up, secure building maintenance professionals, and engage blight mitigation strategies in the area.

Advice from Alderwoman: There are successful bids in the city that remain separate from the city and find funding. To learn more about how to do this successfully, reach out to the following individuals:

1. Ruth Weill, Center Street Business Association. During the day she can be reached at ruthweill@gmail.com or 414-350-2107.
2. Mark Lisowski, Safe & Sound. During the day he can be reached at mark@safesound.org or 414.902.0788.
3. Raymond Monk, NWCDC. During the day he can be reached at 414.444.8200 x. 8106 or rmonk@nwsdc.org

Possible funding sources include: KIVA.

<https://city.milwaukee.gov/DCD/BusinessToolbox/bids/Kiva>

Issue: Concrete/Steel Garbage Receptacles - trash receptacles that would be more difficult to remove or move.

Advice from Alderwoman: The Dept of Publicworks provides for the garbage receptacles in the area. The Dept will not be able to mount the receptacle but could possibly chain them down.

The following locations will be identified as possible garbage receptacle locations in the North Teutonia Ave area. Teutonia and W. Melvina Street (eastbound and westbound on Melvina); Teutonia and W. Nash Street (eastbound and westbound on Nash); Teutonia and W. Keefe Avenue (westbound on Keefe); Teutonia and W. Keefe Avenue (eastbound on Keefe); Teutonia and W. Concordia Avenue (eastbound on Concordia); Teutonia and W. Burleigh Street (eastbound on Burleigh); Teutonia and W. Chambers Street (eastbound on Chambers); Teutonia and W. Hadley Street (eastbound and westbound on Hadley); and, Teutonia and W. Center Street (eastbound and westbound on Center).

Issue: White Box/Facade Grant Program Fast Track -the current application process has proven to be too "tricky" and time consuming. Is there a way to fast track these applications?

Advice from Alderwoman: The Department of City Development is the organization to contact regarding the purchase of city owned commercial properties. The contact for Commercial Properties is Matt Haessly at (414) 286-5736 or mhaess@milwaukee.gov; and for vacant lots, the contact is Yves LaPierre at (414) 286-5762 or ylapie@milwaukee.gov. The commercial corridor team (Commercial corridor team: 414-286-8201) is also a viable contact but their offices may be in transition at the moment.

Issue: Working with A Neighborhood Association - what resources are available to combine the efforts of our business association with a neighborhood association.

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Advice of the Alderwoman: To connect with the neighborhood association in the North Teutonia Ave, please contact Ms. Yvonne Lasley, resident on the 3900 block of N. 19th Street 414.334.3362.

Issue: Property Development - establishing a partnership between the North Teutonia Ave business association and the City of Milwaukee to mitigate the blight caused by City owned real estate

Advice from Alderwoman: ARCH Program Information: The ARCH Loan Programs provides matching loans of up to \$25,000 to buyers of City-owned tax foreclosed properties that will be used for art related uses or as community resources centers. The program is intended for uses that are generally available for the public. New construction on vacant land, residential properties, commercial properties and mixed-use commercial properties are eligible for the program.

Basic loan terms: 0% interest; Loan must be used for new construction or property renovation; Must be matched on a dollar for dollar basis by buyer; May be forgiven over a five year period, as long as the buyer continues to own the property and maintains the use committed to in application to the ARCH program. For more information, go to: <https://city.milwaukee.gov/DCD/NIDC/ARCH-Program-.htm>

The main contact for the Arch Program is Ben Sanchez. During the day, he can be reached at Benjamin.Sanchez@milwaukee.gov or 414-286-5719

Issue: Problems with licensed businesses and trash accumulation.

Advice of Alderwoman: To report a problem establishment this office can be contacted by phone at 414-286-2238 and email at LICENSE@milwaukee.gov. To be added to the license renewal notification list, go to <https://itmdapps.milwaukee.gov/Portal/login.jsp?from=/Enotify/>

Issue: Changing a bus stop and parking prohibitions leading up to the bus stop.

Advice of Alderwoman: The contact at Milwaukee County Transit who can address bus stop changes is Jeff Sponcia, Planning Manager. During the day, he can be reached at 414.343.1726 or jsponcia@mcts.org. An additional contact at the county is Willie Johnson who can be reached at willie.johnson@milwcnty.com.

Additional information from the Alderwoman:

Please note we have requested a service request for traffic lights at Keefe & Teutonia and let her office know if any of concerns were missed or overlooked. During the day, Alderwoman Cogg's assistant can be reached at adantz@milwaukee.gov.