



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
11:00 AM

Committee Members:

Cheryl L. Stephens, Chair – District 10
Pernel Jones Jr., Vice Chair – District 8
Sunny M. Simon - District 11
Michael J. Gallagher - District 5
Patrick Kelly - District 1

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 23, 2023 MEETING** [See Page 3]
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2023-0020: A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2016-0218 dated 12/13/2016, as amended by Resolution Nos. R2018-0067, R2020-0061 and R2022-0049, which authorized a Grant in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 to Variety Properties LLC for the benefit of a project located at 11801 - 11825 Lorain Avenue in the City of Cleveland, by extending the Resolution sunset provision from February 28, 2023, to November 30, 2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 5]

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

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MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023
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C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Stephens called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Stephens asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Stephens, Jones, Simon and Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Gallagher was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 5, 2022 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Simon, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0002: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$360,000.00, from the Cuyahoga County Community Development Fund to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation for the maintenance and upgrades for the Cleveland Cultural Gardens located in the City of

Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Lori Ashyk, Executive Director for the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0002. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ashyk pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2023-0002 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2023-0003: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$300,000, to the Association of African American Cultural Gardens for the African American Cultural Garden Monument Project from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Lavita Ewing, Development Chair for the Association of African American Cultural Gardens, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0003. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ewing pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2023-0003 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Simon and Ms. Stephens requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Stephens adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0020

Sponsored by: Councilmember Sweeney	A Resolution amending Resolution No. R2016-0218 dated 12/13/2016, as amended by Resolution Nos. R2018-0067, R2020-0061 and R2022-0049, which authorized a Grant in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 to Variety Properties LLC for the benefit of a project located at 11801 - 11825 Lorain Avenue in the City of Cleveland, by extending the Resolution sunset provision from February 28, 2023, to November 30, 2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the primary goal of this project is to redevelop and restore 25,160 square feet of space to create a Variety Theater Complex along Lorain Avenue from West 110th Street to West 123rd Street in the City of Cleveland, County Council District 3 (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project is anticipated to help revitalize an historic anchor in the City of Cleveland upon completion; and

WHEREAS, County Council previously approved an award in the amount of \$2,500,000.00, which included the following fundings sources:

- a) \$1,000,000.00 from the County’s Community Development Fund; and
- b) \$1,500,000.00 from the County’s Economic Development Fund; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2016, County Council approved Resolution No. R2016-0218, which authorized an Economic Development Fund Redevelopment and Modernization Loan in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 to Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization with a sunset date of December 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2018, County Council approved Resolution No. R2018-0067, which extended the sunset date of the Economic Development Fund Redevelopment and Modernization Loan in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 to Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization from December 13, 2017, to April 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, County Council approved Resolution No. R2020-0061 which authorized the following:

- a) Extended the sunset date of the Economic Development Fund Redevelopment and Modernization Loan in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 to Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization from April 10, 2020, to March 16, 2022; and
- b) Converted the Economic Development Fund Redevelopment and Modernization Loan to a Grant; and
- c) Changed the funding recipient from the Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization to the Friends of Historic Variety Theatre, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2022, County Council approved Resolution No. R2022-0049, which extended the sunset provision from March 16, 2022, to February 28, 2023 and changed the funding recipient from Friends of History Variety Theatre, Inc. to Variety Properties LLC; and

WHEREAS, unforeseen circumstances have prevented implementation of the actions authorized in Resolution Nos. R2016-0218, R2018-0067, R2020-0061, R2022-0049; and

WHEREAS, County Council now desires to extend the sunset provision from February 28, 2023 to November 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the County Council hereby amends Resolution No. R2016-0218 dated December 13, 2016, as amended by Resolution Nos. R2018-0067 No. R2020-0061, and No. R2022-0049, which authorized a Grant in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 to Variety Properties LLC for the benefit of the Project located at 11801 - 11825 Lorain Avenue in the City of Cleveland, County Council District 3, to extend the sunset provision from February 28, 2023 to November 30, 2023.

SECTION 2. That County Council staff, and County Executive staff is authorized to prepare all documents to effectuate said Grant.

SECTION 3. That the County Executive is authorized to execute all necessary agreements and documents consistent with said Grant and this Resolution.

SECTION 4. That all other provisions of Resolutions No. R2016-0218, R2018-0067, R2020-0061, and R2022-0049 not in conflict with this Resolution shall remain unchanged and in effect.

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 24, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Community Development

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