

**Meeting location and date:** The Longfellow; 650 E. 140<sup>th</sup> St – July 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Call to Order:** Executive Houser called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Roll Call Present:** Caroline Peak, SeMia Bray, Tom Cook, Don Brown, Nancy Schuster

**CMSD/CMSD Representative(s):** Hollie Dellisanti, David Riley

**Cleveland City Council Representative(s):** Cleveland City Councilman Michael Polesenk and assistant Mary Louise Daley

**Cleveland Restoration Society:** Arne Goldman, Director of Business Development at Marous Brothers Construction

## **I. Welcome to Longfellow Apartments**

Councilman Polesenk welcomed us to the Longfellow apartments. He spoke about the process of landmarking and working with the Cleveland Restoration Society to turn the school into apartments for senior living.

## **II. Restoration Society**

Arne Goldman spoke about the old (1900s) Cleveland School Style and how neighborhoods in Cleveland formed around the schools. Arne spoke about the high level of home ownership around Longfellow. He said the neighborhood around Longfellow cares about its community. In return, everyone benefits, including the school, the local neighborhood, the residents. The neighborhood has made a massive change for the better. Longfellow is an example of the public and private sectors working together. A 28-million-dollar redevelopment effort. Instead of using the money to tear down the building, the school district used the money to redevelop it.

## **III. Tour of The Longfellow**

The Commission toured the apartments and saw a brand-new senior living community for adults 62 and older. The Longfellow features new one- and two-bedroom apartment homes, wellness rooms and a gymnasium-turned-fitness center. The apartment building has the original book cubbies refurbished into wardrobes, restored wood flooring, and the original classroom doors.

## Photos:



## IV. Discussion

Executive Director Houser shared the last email, from Consultant Patti Choby to outgoing CMSD CEO Eric Gordan.

- **Commissioner Peak asked if any of the buildings on the Segment 8 list could be saved?**

David Riley said Gallagher would be preserved because of the 2/3rd rule which means if the cost to renovation is 2/3rds the cost to build new the state recommends building new. The district felt Gallagher had good bones and would like to keep some more significant size buildings in case enrollment trends change.

- **Commissioner Schuster asked about old Watterson-Lake, John F. Kennedy and Fullerton**

David Riley said Watterson-Lake had sat too long and was not salvageable. Fullerton did not get any offers to save the school, so the City and CMSD have decided to demo the school.

- **Commissioner Schuster asked about Robert Fulton and Marion Seltzer**

David Riley said a developer is working on developing Robert Fulton on his own. David Riley said Seltzer would become a little league football field and parking lot for the field and Cudell Rec center.

- **Commissioner Schuster asked about Lincoln-West High School**

David Riley said that the development got held up, but the district plans to fill in the concrete hole under the building and add a soccer field to the school.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM**