

Shad Member Meeting Highlights Positive Changes

March 12, 2016

Shaker Square Area Development Corporation (SHAD) held its 39th Annual Members Meeting on March 10 at Our Lady of Peace. The brief meeting demonstrated the extensive accomplishments that SHAD has achieved over the past year.

Accomplishments

Outgoing President George Palda thanked the board and SHAD members for their continued dedication and support of SHAD during his tenure. Under his leadership the past three years, the organization boasts a lengthy list of accomplishments which include some of the following:

- Completing the transfer of the Sedlak Building on Larchmere Boulevard and East 127th Street to a reputable developer
- Obtaining the National Register of Historic Places designation for the Woodland-Larchmere Commercial Historic District
- Establishing a neighborhood security patrol for East 130th Street, between Drexmore and Buckeye Roads
- Initiating the demolition of two vandalized apartment buildings on East 130th Street and Drexmore Road, and spearheading the land reutilization of both lots
- Partnering with developers and other agencies to renovate single-family dwellings in the

Elections

Palda also presented the election of the following people to a new term for the Board of Trustees ending in March 2019:

- Donna Cornett (3rd term), Corrine P. Croom (2nd term), Ed Oberndorf (2nd term), George Palda (2nd term), Joyce Pratt (2nd term) and Johnnie Spates-Greene (2nd term)
- New trustees were also welcomed to the Board and include: Billie Brown (Larchmere resident), Emma Visnic (North Union Farmers Market), Peter Linberger (Shaker Courts resident), and Robert Yanega (Larchmere resident)

Goals

One of the first goals of the new board is to work closely with The Coral Company, owners of Shaker Square, to improve the landscaping around the Square. On May 31, Coral, SHAD and the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee will host the Beautification Volunteer Day. With generous contributions made by ScottMiracle-Gro company, fifteen volunteers from around the community will be armed with appropriate tools and supplies to clean up and beautify the North and South “finger” garden areas prior to the Republican National Convention in July.

Because of its hard work and commitment to the community, SHAD has made a significant impact on the economic vitality of the neighborhood and has improved the quality of life of residents.