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6-Jan-20	Joan Mallek		Top of the Hill	Wants to be certain TOH has more benefit to the city than the developer Revenue bonds for \$1.85M-what is the revenue source as city must certify they have the funds. Why is it \$2M. Is there any plan to develop a revenue source? Ohio dept of taxation article and research on TIF funding shows the benefit is not there for the schools as the state reduces school funding because of TIF revenue Burden is then placed on the citizens. Is there a contingency plan for reduced state funding for schools?	Planning & Development Committee and Council	Jan 27 Economic Development meeting to address questions	1/27/2020
6-Jan-20	Roger Bliss - developer, builder		Medusa Building	He does development projects in CH. He volunteers with Future Heights and DPZM. Worked on Cedar Lee Connection-2018 RFP He was involved in the development of Medusa- 2019 RFP. The city didn't help so he is looking for new partners. It is not easy to do business in CH. He hopes the Rockefeller area and Medusa get city attention. He invites council to tour the project.	City Council	His option on the property expired. M. Hart contacted him and he cancelled.	1/20/2020
6-Jan-20	Mary Kelsey		TOH	There was no market study for TOH, so she is concerned on the financials. The design is not good Financing creates a financial burden for the city She prefers financing by Port Authority	Planning & Development Committee and Council	Jan 27 Economic Development meeting to address questions	1/27/2020
6-Jan-20	(Lusty wrench)		Environmental	He is on a committee for Complete and Green Streets Policy. He is for ecological treatment of tree lawns. Heights people planted 111 trees. It is a volunteer organization that paid \$125/tree to plant the trees.	N/A	N/A	N/A
6-Jan-20	Mansell Baker	East Cleveland	Campaign speech	County council candidate campaign pitch	N/A	N/A	N/A
6-Jan-20	Scott Weber	3074 Kensington	Parking permit issue	Ordinance 1113.2019 allows overnight parking on 18 streets. On 6 streets, people have to purchase a permit to park on the street. Thanks to council for having permits. His tenant has had such a permit for 6 months. But he keeps getting tickets when he is validly parking. Request that the city fix this so the tenant doesn't have to keep coming in to the city hall to get the tickets taken care of.	Police Chief	Council report: The chief met with him, looked up any tickets for him and cancelled them. She sent a memo to all officers listing the streets that have parking permits and advising them to check for the permits on those streets. This should solve the issue.	1/21/2020
6-Jan-20	Joyce Rajki		Top of the Hill	She feels no more city time nor money should go to this project. No one was notified there were new drawings. She had to make a public records request and make an appointment. She feels there needs to be more transparency on council.	Planning & Development Committee and Council	Meeting was held on 1/27 and was recorded. All questions submitted were answered.	1/27/2020
6-Jan-20	Richard Bozik	2054 Edgehill	Top of the Hill	He has attended the TOH meetings and still does not understand the financing. It would be helpful to have a clear understanding. Calls for resignation of Mary, Melissa, and Mike on violation of oath of impartially discharging duties of the office in regards to No to Issue 26 campaign.	Planning & Development Committee and Council	Meeting was held on 1/27 and was recorded. All questions submitted were answered.	1/27/2020
6-Jan-20	Gary Kantor	3624 Cummings Rd	Council members		N/A	N/A	N/A
6-Jan-20	Harriet Applegate	1522 Press Rd	Environmental	Although the city has done a lot environmentally, she would like a resolution to be carbon neutral by a certain date. We should be on the cutting edge status.	Staff/ City Council	Needs to be researched by staff and determined what is feasible to be done at a future meeting.	

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6-Jan-20	Tony Cuda	Fenley Rd	City employee behavior	<p>The council manager form of gov't was in CH for 100 years. With Issue 26 people voted for change. The volunteers working on the campaign were passionate about Issue 26. But there were many troubling incidents. On 5/18, city employees screamed at a volunteer saying if you talk to me, I'll throw you out of here. On 6/1, city employees said we could not get our petitions signed in Cain Park.</p> <p>They were told to leave the library at Lee Road when getting signatures there. There are many more examples, but I won't go through all of them.</p> <p>The point is the city has a culture of this behavior when there are so many examples.</p> <p>They want to see results - he calls for us to tell the city manager to issue a directive on behavior at elections.</p>	City Council	Needs to be discussed by council at a COW at a future meeting	
21-Jan-20	Daniel Wolz	East Overlook	street parking permits	<p>Via email: Wants to know if residents can get parking permits on a case by case basis and if not, what are they expected to do. This was brought to the city's attention 4 months ago with no response</p>	Who to refer to?		
21-Jan-20	Jim Hurley		News article on condition of city service garage	Article and union person with video of garage	Public works		
20-Jan-20	James Williams	25 Severance Circle	presidential election	Wants Trump and Pence out	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-Jan-20	Howard Pierce	2577 Exeter Rd	retain brick streets	<p>Wants a committee of residents and city staff to discuss maintaining the brick roads</p> <p>Briley was asked to respond. She said they did send a survey but it would not be the only outreach. They will continue to have a dialogue. There are varying points of view. There is no imminent plan on the brick roads. They will gather all the info and come to a collective policy and approval all agree upon. They are pausing to come up with a new approach and regroup in the spring with outreach. Input is required.</p>	Tanisha		
20-Jan-20	Fran Mentsh		TOH	<p>She has 217 signatures on petition that residents want a market study before moving forward. Concerned about the competition of 1,000 other new apartments in the area that these will be vacant. CH4responsibledevelopment@gmail.com is their email. She thinks we need development, but the right kind.</p>	Planning & Development Committee and Council		
20-Jan-20	Mary Kelsey & Linda Butler	3107 Meadowbrook/2200 Devonshire	TOH	<p>There is no strong interest in Ambler Heights to downsize into apartments at TOH. Condos hold more interest. There was no Senior focus group done. She feels the buildings at TOH are a big risk.</p>	Planning & Development Committee and Council	Meeting was held on 1/27 and was recorded. All questions submitted were answered.	1/27/2020
20-Jan-20	Wendy Hyman	1769 Radner	Brick roads	<p>She works at Oberlin and husband works at Tri-C. They chose to live here and commute because they love their home and brick road. If the road gets paved, they would likely sell their house and move. The city should consider the quality of life and historical character of the city. Want to maintain the brick streets.</p>	Tanisha	Need to develop a plan to resolve with residents.	

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20-Jan-20	Josefita Fehn	2230 Arlington	2240 Arlington House	Provided some history of 2240 Arlington house which was abandoned, foreclosed, and sold at sheriff's sale to rehabber. The new owner started tearing things apart without any building permits. They called it in to the city. They had to seek a permit then. She read out loud the architectural review principals. She and the other neighbors were never advised 2.5 years ago to attend the ABR for hi proposal for the project. She brought pictures to show the unsightly sight. No plan to deal with the water runoff. They began putting a cedar shake roof on the original house without a permit. This was called in and they got a permit. But then they only put wood shingles on the front and sides and put new asphalt shingle on the back. There are other issues as well like the dead trees that could fall on other houses. Wants the city to have a meeting with the owner and architectural review and them so they can all come to an agreement on items.	Richard Wong and Alan Butler to report back at next council meeting	See response on 2/3	2/3/2020
20-Jan-20	Diana Stromberg	2988 Monmouth Rd	2240 Arlington House	Difficult for neighbors for 6+ years with the vacant 2240 Arlington house. It's time to make a change and make sure it is done quickly and right. The shingles were the last straw. This is not maintaining the tax base of our homes.	Richard Wong and Alan Butler to report back at next council meeting	See response on 2/3	
20-Jan-20	Mike Knobluch	2576 Wellington Rd	TOH/Use funds for housing	Feels that using 1.85M for TOH could be better used on housing stock. And housing will improve the tax base more quickly	Planning & Development Committee and Council	Meeting was held on 1/27 and was recorded. All questions submitted were answered.	1/27/2020
20-Jan-20	Nick	2632 Exeter Rd	Brick roads	Tanisha said there will be additional communication on this. He wants it formalized in a letter.	Tanisha		
20-Jan-20	Chris Drake	3020 Euclid Heights Blvd	water bill & TOH	Angry at city's mismanagement of water in the past costing citizens money now. Feels TOH is an issue when we have 13 vacant store fronts on Coventry. He wants to know how much to fix the EPA agreement. Accuses council members that ran last fall of taking campaign contributions from TOH developers. [Note: Melody Hart, Kahlil Seren, and Davida Russell responded none]. Response needed from Tanisha	Tanisha		
20-Jan-20	Joyce Rajki		TOH	Wants 1/27 meeting recorded. (City confirmed to her it would be) Not all letters have been kept in the archive that Ungar said exists and should be provided to council members. She did a PRR and the letters are not there. Finally found coversheets, but no attachments were present. Doesn't like the method of taking questions. Why email them? Why not let citizen's talk?	Planning & Development Committee and Council	Meeting was held on 1/27 and was recorded. All questions submitted were answered.	1/27/2020
20-Jan-20	Chris Cooley	2524 Arlington	2540 Arlington house	He is reinforcing their frustration on 2540 Arlington Rd. It is an attack on the neighborhood.	Richard Wong and Alan Butler to report back at next council meeting	See response on 2/3	2/3/2020
20-Jan-20	Karla Rautenberg	3065 Berkshire	Democracy Day	Encourages people to attend Democracy Day and provides a brief history of it with \$1200 they put it on the ballot and it got a 77% vote. People can speak about the impact of corporate funds for 5 minutes each. She talked about HB 48 amendment that only people are people, not corporations. It has 68 co-sponsors.	N/A	N/A	N/A
20-Jan-20	Richard Bozik	2405 Edgehill	TOH	Having a vote on 1.85M bond and 26M bond are not "housekeeping issues" He doesn't buy it.	Planning & Development Committee and Council	Council Response: The bonds will not be treated as housekeeping and will be heard in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings.	1/20/2020

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20-Jan-20	Jerry Scrow	2587 Kingston	TOH	Has lived in CH 46 years. He has never seen anything right with TOH. The tall generic building screams Lakewood. They passed up port authority financing and want less than prevailing wages - not in my town.	Planning & Development Committee and Council	N/A	N/A
20-Jan-20	Dan Heintz (read by Jason Stein)		TOH	In favor of moving forward with TOH	Planning & Development Committee and Council	N/A	N/A
24-Jan-20	Chris Winsberg	Victorian Apartments (Mayfield)	Traffic light removed	They are unable to exit to the left on Mayfield from the apartment complex, so they typically drive to Clev. Hts Blvd and Mayfield where there is a light in order to turn left. In the Mayfield regionalization, this light was removed. She had to sit there for 10 minutes before she could exit to the left onto Mayfield Rd.	Collette C	Melody checked with Colette and determined a different route. Melody called resident to determine if this route worked. Waiting for response.	
24-Jan-20	R. Sokin	Union representative for public works	leaks in garage ceiling	Email requesting council come out to see the garage as he had a complaint of leaks	Melody Hart/Andre-public works	I went to the garage the same day and toured it. There are about a dozen skylights that have slow leaks and drip. There is one seam on the garage that needs repair as it had toured the garage and saw the leaks from the skylights and Andre was working to get them repaired, but there didn't seem to be a safety or health hazard. Will clear this as resolved when notified skylights/roof is repaired.	
3-Feb-20	James Williams	25 Severance Circle	Trump	Trump has cut funding and emergency relief aid and help to African Americans with health, HIV/AIDS, drug addiction, poor food, etc. He has abused his office. He has a horrible policy on Haiti.	N/A	N/A	N/A
3-Feb-20	Josefita Fehn	2532 Arlington	2540 Arlington house	When a project starts, after a permit, does the permit expire and how does the city ck on this and check on plan execution? Are there ordinances on deadlines. This one has been going on for 3 years so far. Can they take 50 years to complete the project? Do they have to show they have the money to do the project? Did the owner pull a permit for the addition roof first or did they do the main house first? What is going to be done about the water run-off on her property? Is there any escrow or a list of approved contractors?	Housing, Building, Public works, and Susanne	<p>Council Response: At this meeting, R. Wong and Susanna responded. A history of the project was given by R Wong. On 12/10/18 the addition and renovation had a comprehensive list of inspections. Policy is to inspect work on requirements of permit holder. Susanna commented that they have a contract with Safebuilt for this and they expect them to inspect. Building and housing have been on site. Susanna said there is a timeline on a permit in that it should be completed in a reasonable time. If things are not done, they check to make sure there is progress. The main roof permit is on condition that ALL sides of the house's roof are to be cedar They should complete the room in 4 weeks. They had to order more shingles. On 1/29/20 they gave them a furnace permit. Once the furnace is in and there is heat, they can put in the plumbing and will remove the porta potty. They will meet again with the owner and contractor this Friday. They asked for a timeline from them. They are to get the plumbing ready and remove the porta-potty. They have been told to clean the front years of the dirt and debris, and remove the dumpster, for the temporary drain they installed, they must move in underground and connect underground. Gutters will go on once the roof is finished. Richard has given them 4 weeks to order and install the roof.</p>	2/3/2020
3-Feb-20	Roger Breedlove	3055 Fairfax	TOH	<p>* Seems there is a mismatch of risk/reward in the city investment and the developer. The period or repaying of TIF seems like the city assumed there was no other better deal assumed.</p> <p>* City collects income taxes from renters . The developer can collect rent without regard to what taxes are paid. We are taking a bigger risk than the developer.</p> <p>* City should control the quality of the building. Advise them not to skimp but to force the developer to go through planning.</p>	City Council		

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3-Feb-20	Linda Butler	2200 Devonshire	TOH	<p>Received a study of the traffic patterns that was done - Desmond study. It says the Euclid Hts-Cedar traffic declined by 10% since 2008-2018. They did not analyze Edgehill or North Park which are the other 2 routes out of the city to the east. People living in TOH will use those streets as well. People may shift their traffic patterns from Cedar to either Edgehill or North Park causing congestion there as well.</p> <p>People may park on Belleville and Delaware rather than to pay for parking. There is a large number parking on those streets now. There are shortcuts on all the streets.</p> <p>If TOH is built, people there will be unable to avoid traffic coming home. The plan has a light a Cedar and Delaware to allow people to go right or left or straight into the development. She doesn't like the shift in development - it feels oversized and too large for the neighborhood.</p>	City Council		
3-Feb-20	Mary Kelsey	3107 Meadowbrook	TOH	<p>People like proximity to Univ. Circle. There are only 3 routes to CH from the east - Cedar Fairmount, North Park, and Edgehill. As travel becomes harder, it diminishes the value of CH. Seems like there should be effective communication with the citizens on the issue.</p>	City Council		
3-Feb-20	Len Freeson (?)	3065 Berkshire	Transition	<p>In November the city manager created a document for transition. Tonight on the agenda, it lists an update regarding the city leadership team. It has been 3 months since the election. We would like to here if she can describe the transition playbook. She would obviously look at ordinances and operations. But there are other issues that need to be addressed and they need to be addressed by city council. There are political issues, salary issues, ethics, and balance of power issues.</p>	City Council	Council response: Jason Stein let him know we will begin looking at the transition in March.	
3-Feb-20	Rich Bozik	2405 Edgehill	TOH	<p>He has concerns over the financial package. Do we all understand financial responsibility and signoff. Whether you are for or against the design, many are asking for real changes. Is there any concrete evidence of people in the city behind it. How do we as citizen's trust a no answer on this when there is not evidence of it. People feel the project is favorable, but not the design. Why has the city and developer not have 1 meeting with the residents of the Buckingham to get their input.</p>	City Council		
3-Feb-20	Fran Mentsh	3060 Chelsea	TOH	<p>What will be the place of citizens in the decision on Severance given TOH. People like Ungar, Dunbar, Stein, city staff, Ed Kelley were involved in the decision of TOH and Severance originally. What about Oakwood, the people in power, when the trust for public land wanted the land and had an option, the city refused to meet with the trust. It would have been a Metroparks. In TOH, the same people still refuse to listen to citizens wanting a marketing study. It is a size 16 building crammed into a size 6 lot. Don't make the developer rich at resident expense. You are supposed to protect us, so get a better deal. Build a parking garage and nothing else.</p>	City Council		
3-Feb-20	Joan Mallek	2091 S Overlook	TOH	<p>\$70M for F&C development and \$52 from their financing. Why the \$1.85M the city and developer determines that city amount and passed amendments 1 and 2. There is not productive communication on this anymore. The ABR are not required to answer questions by the public per Tanisha. She read part of Melissa's response saying everything was answered at the meeting and people are entitled to their own opinion, but no one has a right to their own facts.</p>	City Council		

