

**Over-the-Rhine Community Council Board of Trustee
Meeting Minutes, March 23, 2015**

Attending: Cassandra Barham, Walter Carter, Peter Hames, Julie Fay, Joan Kaup, Kareem Simpson, Mike Uhlenhake, Margy Waller.

Excused Absence: Ryan Messer, Jenn Martin, Seth Maney

Unexcused Absence: Evan Hennesey, James McQueen

Adam Gelter and Lan Field, 3CDC, presented new drawings and schematics for the development plan for the block of 15th, Pleasant, Liberty and Race Street. No buildings will be destroyed. Some will be renovated. Mostly this is infill. The surface lot is in the center of the block, surrounded by buildings – mostly residential, some commercial. 59 residential units of which 27 are affordable. Good discussion. The board liked the plan and invited them to present it to the membership on Monday, March 30.

ACTION: Joan will notify Ryan to add 3CDC to the agenda for Monday, March 30 for this presentation.

Treasurer's report was presented and reviewed. Peter moved; Julie seconded. Report was approved.

OTRCC Board of Trustee minutes from Feb 23, 2015 were reviewed. Peter moved they be approved as amended; Cassandra seconded. Minutes approved.

OTRCC Membership minutes from Feb 23, 2015 were reviewed. Peter moved they be approved as amended; Kareem seconded. Minutes approved.

ACTION: Joan will modify the minutes accordingly and send them to the BOT. Seth will post both on the website. Margy will send to the membership minutes to the membership.

Membership Renewal: Bylaws were reviewed. Members must be renewed and paid in April to vote in May.

ACTION: Margy will make that notice in the email to membership when she sends out the agenda and minutes this week. Ryan needs to make this announcement at the membership meeting.

Nominating Committee: Ryan recommends Katrina Lackey, Monica McGloin and Kevin Morrow. After discussion, Margy moved to accept this recommendation; Cassandra seconded. Motion carried and this committee is approved. **ACTION:** Peter will send Ryan what he has written about the proper plan of action for nominating and voting. Ryan will notify and prep this committee.

Insurance:

1. Peter made the motion that we spend \$289 from NSP on the general liability insurance to cover meetings and event riders as necessary. Possible events include pop-up art, Easter parade, Halloween parade, and National night out. Walter seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed. **ACTION:** Peter will contact the insurance agent and purchase the insurance.
2. Our directors and officers insurance expires in June. Peter moved we spend up to \$800 for D+O insurance. These funds are earmarked in NSP funds. Mike seconded the motion. Approved. **ACTION:** Peter will contact the insurance agent and purchase the insurance.

OTR Boundaries. Peter has been talking with James Weaver of the city about any shifts to OTR boundaries. After reviewing the background and maps, the board suggested our boundaries stretch to include both sides of Mulberry, Goethe and Seitz. **ACTION:** Peter will contact James Weaver to request this small, immediate modification. **ACTION:** Mike will review all OTR maps he can find to see if there is any part of the OTR and surrounding areas that is not included in any neighborhood and we will

try to include them so that all residents in the vicinity have a place where they can give voice and stay in touch with their neighborhood activities. NOTE: Changes to our boundaries will trigger a modification to our bylaws.

Residential Engagement: Margy and Walter have a flier made up to invite residents to the community council meeting. They have permission from the store manager to hand these out at Kroger on Sunday afternoon. **ACTION:** Margy will print copies of the flier. Walter will work at Kroger and distribute fliers from 1 – 3p on Sunday. Peter will work from 3 – 4 or 5p. It is a good way to meet and talk with neighbors.

The Residential Engagement Committee (REC) includes: Margy, Cassandra, Walter, Amy Silver, and _____
MARGY & WALT & CASSANDRA PLEASE FILL IN _____

It was discussed and agreed that part of the value of our monthly meeting is building a sense of community between residents. Toward that end:

1. An AAC student has been commissioned to make a large map of OTR so that at future meetings neighbors can indicate where they live. It will be ready for the April meeting. **ACTION:** REC will follow through with the AAC student
2. The Rec Center has agreed to mount signs that indicate OTRCC meets there. **ACTION:** REC will purchase and mount these signs.
3. Design Impact has written a five-question survey for all attendees at our membership meeting to determine their preferences and opinions about our meetings. **ACTION:** REC will make copies of the survey and put one on each chair at the March membership meeting. They will be collected at as folks leave the meeting. REC will tabulate and report the results at the April BOT meeting
4. Design Impact is suggesting a communication/story telling activity to build community. It involves a few residents telling their stories, all residents interviewing/chatting with one another; writing key words about why they live/love OTR on a card that will be folded to create a pinwheel. After the meeting we can all take our pinwheel to a public greenspace for display and enjoyment. **ACTION:** The board agreed to give REC 45 minutes to an hour at the April meeting for this engaged activity. Joan will work with Margy to redirect NSP funds from Design Impact and NEP to Design Impact and REC.

Youth: Walter reminds us that as the weather arms up, school is out and restless youth ages 13-20 find too much time on their hands, they will find mischief. He is suggesting that giving them membership at the Rec Center will help keep them out of trouble. It was a good discussion about youth, and our role for residents, and our funding resources. **ACTION:** Julie and Kareem will work with Walter to give more structure to a youth program. Joan check with Vanessa to see if the clean up project she proposed last fall will happen and if not, work with Nyemah Stark to redirect those NSP funds toward a youth program.

Parking: After discussion it was agreed that OTRCC BOT should state our position regarding the parking and residential parking permit. This statement will be an internal guiding post and will help us make future decisions related to the parking issue. We will share this with our membership and M. Moore, city of Cincinnati and post it on our website. The key criteria are:

1. We adopt the definition of eligibility for affordable that Legal Aid uses. It is a broad definition
2. We need more residential parking spots which can be found by reducing and/or eliminating the number of flex spots
3. The city should delay installing new meters until the residents have their residential parking permits

Margy moved to approve the above three criteria, Peter seconded, after further discussion it was agreed. Motion passed. **ACTION:** Margy will send to all BOT the Legal Aid definition of affordable. **ACTION:** Margy will draft the letter of statement to send to Ryan for signature. He will then forward to M. Moore

The Parking Committee includes: Mike, Seth, Margy, Jack Martin, Bill Draznik and ____MIKE & SETH
PLEASE FILL IN _____

NorthPointe Rothenberg Project: The BOT felt certain this will be revisited at the Membership Meeting

1. Margy said Rick Kimbler offered to meet with residents and OTRCH and OTRCC can co-host that dialogue. **ACTION:** Margy will follow through to see if/when this can happen so that members of BOT are available to attend.
2. Peter says the letter that we sent to NorthPointe needs to be shared and ratified with the membership even though the deadline is already passed. **ACTION:** Ryan please send a copy of the letter to all BOT. Ryan, please add this item to the Agenda for Monday, March 30.

Keep Cincinnati Beautiful Clean Up on April 18: Mike announced two events on the same day

9:00 Clean up begins at Grant Park

10:00 Clean up begins at Orchard & Main

1:00 After Party with burritos at Christian Moerlein

ACTION: Margy will add this announcement to the email with the agenda. She will post it on our Facebook page. Mike is trying to raise \$400 to pay for the burritos. They have \$330. The BOT cannot continue to personally financially underwrite these efforts.

ACITON: BOT wants to set aside some time in the next BOT meeting to discuss our finances. How money comes in and goes out, brainstorm alternative resources. We all need to better understand our finances.

Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.

Next BOT Meeting, Monday April 20 at AAC.