

**OTRCC Membership Meeting, September 28, 2015
Minutes**

Attending: 46

Board Members attending: Cassandra Barham, Derrick Braziel Matt Jacob, Joan Kaup, Ryan Messer, Amy Silver, Bob Selhorst, John Walter.

Board Members Absent: Matt Manley,
Excused Absent: Seth Maney, Elizabeth Rodak,

Agenda approval. Motion amended to add issue of ratification of liquor permit made by Katrina Lackey and seconded by Mark Scott.

Approval of consent items – minutes and treasurer report. Peter Hames made the motion to approve and Cassandra Barham seconded. Peter motioned that it was difficult to download and see the items on the website this month. Katrina mentioned that the https: was repeated. Saw the Treas. Report but not the minutes.
Note to Liz – Please see address this issue. Motion passed.

Two board positions are open. Members have until Sept to submit your application if your interested in applying for BOT. Email to Joankaup@gmail.com

Board of Trustee Work Plan. Identified 4 neighborhood priorities: Employment; Schools: Safety & Blight; and Balance Development.

Officer Tim Eppstein –Officer Eppstein will do a free safety assessment of your property. timothy.eppstein@cincinnati-oh.gov District is up 10% for violent crime but the city is down 3% on the 3-year average. Theft from autos is down by 28%. Homicides are up. Doing proactive work in area parks to reduce loitering and drug interactions.

Ms. Simpson, Rothenberg School – Current enrollment is 417 pre-K through 6th grade. In the media this week: <http://www.wcpo.com/longform/below-the-line-over-the-rhine> Students presented in Cincinnati City Council; some were in Street Vibes. Real Men Read every Weds. Is a program that brings positive male role models into the school. Open house at the school tomorrow, September 29th, 3 – 5 p.m..

Future Leaders OTR – Parent open house this Friday from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. 1228 Race Street, right next to First Lutheran Church. Future Leaders OTR is open to students in grades 7 – 12.

Don Mooney, of Save our Parks, regarding Issue 22, Park Tax, - Tax Levy on the upcoming ballot. We love our parks, but the fine print in this proposal gives all the control of how the \$5,000,000 tax funding is allocated to the mayor instead of the Park Board or City Council. The proposal is not to fix or maintain what we have, but

to make changes without the input of the people. Many suggested changes are to reduce the green space and remove trees and lawns to enlarge the concrete space. Encourage you to go to the polls and vote no on Issue 22.

Pam King, Citizen's Complaint Authority – Formed in 2002 as a development of the collaborative agreement. The mission is to investigate interventions by Cincinnati Police Officers and to resolve citizen's complaints in fair, independent investigations. CCA has authority to investigate all ranks in the police department and are on call for any incident that involves a policeman firing a weapon. Directed by City Manager, Harry Black. www.Cincinnati-oh.gov CCA will present findings on 4 cases on Oct 5 at City Council. You can file a complaint at 805 Central Ave on 7th floor.

Liquor permits – Board is learning where and how we have a say or influence in liquor permit requests. Pending is a liquor request by Circle A Market has applied for a liquor license to sell carry out beer and wine at his storefront in the New York Dry Cleaners building at 13th and Main. Motion to support the BOT letter by Bob Selhorst. Seconded by Julie Fay. Mr. Fade Isaac makes the liquor application. Residents can follow up personally to the city solicitor who makes the ultimate decision on whether or not to forward the application to the State of Ohio.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to call City Solicitor Paula Boggs Muething at 352-3320 to object. Fade Isaac has a history of pandering to an undesired clientele that have caused people to stop living and/or stop doing business on Main Street. Motion passes unanimously.

Free movie in Washington Park. Selma, on October 10 at 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Bring picnics (no alcohol) and families. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act.

Residents broke into four discussion groups regarding: Employment, Blight & Safety, Balanced Development and Schools.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Next meeting of the OTRCC Board of Trustees is October 12, 6-8 p.m. at the Art Academy.

Next OTRC Membership meeting is October 26, 6 – 7:30 at the OTR Recreation Community Center.