Over-the-Rhine Community Council

Minutes from the Membership Meeting, May 18, 2015

Board members attending: Cassandra Barham, Walt Carter, Julie Fay, Peter Hames, Evan Hennessy, Joan Kaup, Seth Maney, Jenn Martin, Ryan Messer, Kareem Simpson, Michael Uhlenhake, Margy Waller
Board members absent: James McQueen
29 Members in good standing attended.

Approval of agenda: Motion to do so from Matt Jacobs; seconded by Mike Uhlenhake. Motion passed.

Welcome and introduction with neighbors.

Approval of consent items: Motion to do so from Mike Uhlenhake; seconded by Kevin Morrow. Motion passed.

Safety report from Capt. Michael John
Down 18% year to date in violent crimes, property crimes only 1% below last year; felonious assaults down 40% from last year. Last 30 days have been very disturbing and violent with two unrelated homicides. Robbery is down 27% from last year to date. The community support and safety engagement is making a difference – so are the signs with 'eyes' http://www.police-life.co.uk/products/signs-with-eyes. Slides are posted on the website. www.otrcommuntycouncil.org

Community Reports:

- CRC is looking for lifeguards. Call 357-POOL New Grant Park's grand opening is this Thursday at 1:00.

- OTR Foundation – Owner Occupied Program. The objective is to save historic building and help individuals purchase and own their buildings. The next forum to support owner occupancy is June 6, 9 -11 a.m. at Venue 222 followed by walking tour. Can register on line at: Otrfoundation.org

- Friday Fusion is the series of concerts programed in Washington Park on Friday evenings from 7-10 p.m. http://washingtonpark.org/event/friday-flow-19/2015-07-17/

- Internal medicine physician Bernard Lenchitz has a downtown practice (425 Walnut Street) to serve people who live and work downtown. 513-475-7676

- Amber Simpson, principal, of Rothenberg Preparatory Academy. Year-end carnival was a success. Solicit all residents to continue to look after our children during the summer months.

Nominating Committee is Kevin Morrow, Monica McGloin, and Katrina Lackey. Voting for 13 board members. Submit or nominate by end of May. Request and/or submit the candidate form to kevin.m@fuse.net Candidates will introduce themselves next month prior to the election. Floor is open for new candidates: no nominations from the floor. Motion to approve nominating committee by Seth Maney; seconded by Walt Carter. Motion passed.

Vice Mayor David Mann

Addressed the membership about resident parking permit. He commented that city council needs to start over and try to find a balanced solution and needs to proceed with logic and rationale. Parking for folks who are low-income needs to be addressed as well. Residents are encouraged to be engaged citizens and reach out to the city council with your views and concerns.

New Business

Brad Thomas to review the number of liquor licenses available to businesses in OTR.. This is not about open containers. This is not a carry-out license. This is about bars and restaurants requesting liquor license for their establishments. The initiative it to amend the current OTR district by dividing it into two separate districts along Vine Street and stretch the entertainment district up to McMicken to appropriate more liquor licenses. The proposal will create options for up to 15 new licenses north of Liberty. The OTRCC Liquor License Review committee and the Resident Engagement Committee will reach out to Brad to discuss the initiative in more detail before the June OTRCC Membership Meeting.

Membership Dues: Dues are $2.00 per year. You need to be paid up in dues by May 29th to vote on June 29th.

Motion to adjourn by Josh Spring, seconded by Matt Jacobs. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

ELECTION: The elections for the next roster of OTR Community Council Board of Trustees will be elected on June 29, 6:00 p.m. at Cincinnati Recreation Center. Paid members in good standing will be able to vote.