OTRCC Membership Meeting

DRAFT - February 22, 2016

Board members attending: Cassandra Barham, Monica McGloin, Matt Jacob, Joan Kaup, Seth Maney, Mark Manley, Lizz Rodak, Bob Selhorst, Amy Silver, John Walter.

Board members with excused absence: Derrick Braziel, Ryan Messer,

64 people present

6:00 – Liz Blume, Andrew Stahlke, Community Building Institute. Recap & Q&A following the presentation about the OTR Housing Inventory that was made in January. The PowerPoint and executive summary of the OTR Housing Inventory is posted on the OTRCC website.

6:25 Membership Meeting begins.

Present agenda. Motion to approve agenda by Liz Rodak. Seconded by Matt Jacob. Motion passed.

Consent items. Motion to approve minutes and treasurer’s report made by Martha Good. Seconded by Bob Selhorst. Motion passed

Transition of Officers. Board elected Martha as incoming president since Ryan Messer is vacating that position. Motion to approve Martha as president made by Lizz, seconded by Matt. Discussion ensued. 26 voted to end debate. 11 voted to continue the debate. Discussion ended. 32 voted to approve the action of the board. 6 voted not to support the action of the board. Motion passed and Martha is the presiding president through June 2017.

Peter made a motion to create a committee to review the by-laws. David Macjeko seconded that motion. 28 voted in favor of that committee. 4 opposed. Motion passed.

Matthew Andrews, City Dept. of Transportation announced two community meetings for resident input regarding possible changes in transportation. Mark your calendars and please come to participate and give your voice.

* March 1, 6-8 p.m. discussion of the Liberty Street changes will be held at The Woodward.
* April 26, 6-8 p.m. discussion about making Main Street two-way will be held at The Woodward.

Barbara Bell gave update report on Rothenberg School. Please contact her if you’re interested in volunteering with the school.

Graham Kalbli and Source 3 Developers, are working on the project at the corner of the Liberty & Elm Streets. They are here proactively engaging residents for input. Greg Roberson, Senior Development Analyst with the City’s Community and Economic Development Office. Greg has a special group dealing with all the development activity happening in OTR. Contact Greg if you are interested in getting more engaged with this particular project. Greg’s group has had a good amount of dialogue with Source 3D. Gregory.roberson@cincinnati-oh.gov 513-352-4535.

*Fire alarm disrupted the meeting and everyone left the building but about half returned for the continuation of the meeting*.

Mulberry Hill is a development project at Vine and Mulberry Streets that includes seven derelict empty buildings that will be converted into 34 residential units that will rent at below market rate. Messuraca Properties requested a letter of support for rehabilitation tax credits.

The BOT supported their request. Mark Manley motion to table the request until someone from Messuraca can make a presentation. Martha seconded. Discussion followed. Mark withdrew his motion to table the request. Peter Hames moved to approve the requested letter of support with the caveat that Messuraca come next month to share their presentation. David Macjeko seconded. Motion passed.

Project Court & Spark is focused on saving pocket parks in OTR. Myra Greenberg presented a call to residents to help identify all the tiny pocket parks in the neighborhood and who owns them. Then the group can assess the parks and determine appropriate action. Identify. List. Assess. Collect stories about the parks. If you’re interested in this project, contact Myra Greenburg at leigh.g@isoc.net 513-721-2655.

Free Art all Weekend – Arts Sampler Weekend by ArtsWave – the weekend of February 28. http://www.theartswave.org

Lizz Rodak is moving out of town and her position will be vacant on the board. If you are interested in applying, please submit the form. Ryan’s vacancy was announced last month and applications for that spot is open until the end of February. Lizz’s vacancy is announced tonight and if you are interested in that position please submit your nomination form and/or contact Joan Kaup at joankaup@gmail.com by March 8.

Good luck to Matt and Martha who will present the OTRCC submittal for the City’s Engage Cincy Grant.

7:40 Motion to adjourn by Matt, second by Seth. Motion passed.