

**OTR Community Council Membership Meeting,
August 22, 2016
DRAFT Minutes**

Attending: 38

Board Members attending: Cassandra Barham, Patricia Bittner, Martha Good, Joan Kaup, Matt Jacob, Bob Sehlhorst, John Walter

Board Members absent: Seth Maney, Mark Manley, David Macejko, Domonique Peebles, Amy Silver

Robert's Rules of Order recommends that we do not post minutes until after they are approved so we don't have incorrect copies floating around. This evening we are handing out copies of minutes for approval.

Ron Cresh motioned to approve agenda. Katrina Lackey seconded. Motion passed.

Bonnie Nuemeier motioned to approve minutes. Seconded by Bob Sehlhorst. Motion passed

Suggestions for City Budget.

Matt Jacob reports we get to submit three ideas to the city's budget committee. Tallies were distributed when you came in. Please vote for your favorite three and return ballots at end of meeting. Can write in ideas at the bottom of the ballot. Then OTR Community Council will submit the three ideas chosen by membership tonight. Residents can write in ideas at the bottom of the ballot. City cut \$50,000 from this year and that was money that had been contributed to the sheriff's clean up crews.

Top three recommendations are:

1. OTR Parking Study
2. Liberty Street Funding
3. Reinstating Sheriff's Litter Crew & More trash cans on streets and parks

Bill Cappell made motion to submit these three suggestions on behalf of OTRCC; seconded by Cassandra Barham. Motion passed.

Police Report. Officer Rock, Sergeant Hank Ward reported they made some good arrests outside of Findlay Park and they appreciate residents' support. They also confiscated some weapons recently to take off the streets. They continue to work closely with drug investigation. Police receive about one call a day about incidents at Shell station at Liberty and Main. Police are working with Recreation Commission about making improvement in Findlay Park. Captain Lisa Davis told us to call her directly on her cell phone which is 513-426-5451.

Darron Hunter, Outreach: Working with youth, upcoming field trips to Ethicon, Morehead State University, Youth Debate, and City Hall.

Street Car Safety

Jenell Walton, Cincinnati Metro

Sept 9 – Grand Opening 10:30 a.m. in Washington Park

18 station stops. 3.6 mile route. 5 vehicles. 77 feet long. 38 people seated plus another 100+ standing for total capacity over 150..

Runs every 12-15 minutes.

- Mon – Thurs 6:30 am – midnight.
- Friday – 6:30 am – 1am
- Sat - 8am-1am
- Sun - 9am – 11pm

Streetcar Fare operators will walk up and down to check tickets. Tickets should be purchased before getting on car and then validated to start 2 hour time just before boarding. Can buy at Cincy EZ Ride App. Two-hour pass costs \$1; all day pass costs \$2 with half price for Fare Deal card holders. **Passengers have to push the red stop button for your stop.** Street car is already proving to be a driving force for economic development

Motorists:

- Street car does share lane with other vehicles
- City owns street car. SORTA operates it.
- Traffic does not move; streetcar makes the turn.
- Some lanes for streetcar and buses only. DO NOT DRIVE OR PARK in those lanes
- Street cars cannot stop quickly.

Pedestrians:

- Street cars cannot stop quickly.
- Don't use earbuds as cars are very quiet. Watch and Listen.
- Watch heels and wheels on the tracks.
- USE WALK LIGHTS.

www.CincinnatiStreetCar.com also on Facebook

513-632-7520 for presentation

Metro Monthly Pass also works for Streetcar

Liberty Street Improvement: Mathew Andrews, Dept. of Transportation

Announced Open House and discussion about progress to make Liberty Street more pedestrian friendly, and calm traffic. Will vote for one of two options. August 30, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Woodward Theater. Then they will attend September OTRCC meeting to get our vote. Main Street requested two-way study but it is now postponed until Zeigler Park is open and streetcar has been running a while. In the short run they will implement some street calming on Main.

Kathy Boone, Cincinnati Police Community Engagement: Community Conversation re: Black on Black Crime on Sat. August 27 at Findlay Park

- 4:00 music and spoken word
- 5:15 speakers & breakout sessions to problem solve.

Goal is to develop CPOP Teams. Listen and give voice and participate. Hamilton County has highest recidivism rate in Ohio.

Prince of Peace Tutoring Program: Lisa Burns. *Building Hope in the City* through tutors and mentors. Last year they had 12 kids, but room for more. Team tutoring on Thursday at St. Francis Seraph School 4:30 – 5:30. Help with homework. Begins the end of September. Contact Lisa at 859-466-7834 or burnslisa05@gmail.com

Upcoming OTRCC Meetings

OTRCC Board meeting: Sept 12, 6:00 – 8p, Graydon on Main

OTRCC Membership Meeting: Sept 26, 6-7:30p, OTR Recreation Center

Visiting Political Candidates

Denise Driehaus, Democratic Candidate for Hamilton County Commission

Michael T. Mann, Democratic Candidate for Common Pleas Judge

Discussion and Concerns from those attending

Our mailing list is an email list only. We are not snail mailing agendas at this time.

Attach minutes and treasurers reports to agenda and post days in advance.

There was a motion in Feb. to review by-laws. A committee is formed and work is underway with other community councils. Update report at next meeting.

7:30 p.m. Bob Selhorst moved to adjourn. Seconded by Patricia Bittner. Meeting adjourned.