

Over-the-Rhine Community Council  
Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting  
Minutes October 10, 2016

Attending: Bill Cappel, Martha Good, Matt Jacob, Joan Kaup, Mark Manley, Domonique Peebles, Bob Selhorst, Amy Silver, John Walter,

Absent: Cassandra Barham, Patricia Bittner, Bill Cappel, David Macejko, Maurice Wagoner

Guests: Sara Bedinghaus and CJ Montante, 3CDC; and Peter Hames

Took a look at new website design by Peter Good. Comments – emphasize new logo. Link to Facebook for easy access to conversation. Address to review: [otrcc.pairsite.com](http://otrcc.pairsite.com) ACTION: All BOT please review and send comments about the new website design to Martha this week! Then Peter will post as soon as we get it hosted. We've paid Peter all the NSP funds we've had earmarked for this project in this year. We can request more NSP funds next year for ongoing upgrades.

Sara Bedinghaus and CJ Montante, 3CDC, presented updates on 15<sup>th</sup> & Race & Pleasant Project with single family homes and commercial spaces. In had been originally presented to OTR Community Council in November 2013.

Between 15<sup>th</sup>, Pleasant, Race & Liberty the buildings under construction and the proposed incremental buildings will house 42 market rate residences, 3900 sq ft commercial spaces, 30 affordable rental units for incomes at or below 60% AMI, with 46 parking spaces for residents. No commercial space facing Pleasant Street. Expected condos sales price at \$320 per sq. ft.

- Oct. 24, 2016 - Present to council for comment
- Mid November - Prehearing with Conservator for neighbors within 400 sq.ft. Good time and place for any residents to come and make comments.
- Nov 28, 2016 - Return to council for vote

A new Housing Court proposed in Hamilton County by Mayor Cranley, with Prosecutor Deters' support, as a new tool for neighborhoods to address problem properties.

- Combat blight by holding landlords accountable throughout Hamilton County.
- Same judge would hear all housing cases to get a depth of knowledge on people and address
- Resolve criminal and civil issues – so they can lock up landlords.
- Need to petition the State of Ohio to be funded through State of Ohio to launch.
- Enforcing laws and collecting fines will generate income to make is self-sufficient.

A concern is that if a new buyer gets a list of infractions and improvements it can dis-incentive individuals from buying. What we have now doesn't work.

Matt moved that we recommend to membership that we write a letter of support for the City of Cincinnati to implement a housing court for Cincinnati. Second by Mark. Motion passed.

Select a new vice-president. Matt nominated Bob, Seconded by Amy. Bob accepted.  
Congratulations Bob!

Matt moved that the board recommend a letter of support to County Commissioners and Solid Waste for funding for the Sheriff Detail be available in their next budget; Bob seconds. Motion passed.

Martha and the council needs help with communication – web presence, newsletter, posting items, etc. Work with Peter Good on website. We use Mail Chimp for the newsletter. Bill Cappel feels comfortable with this task. ACTION: **Amy** will update membership form - Ask on membership application how they want to be notified. ACTION: **Martha** will talk with Jim Luken if he's going to continue mailing agendas and formalize his support and expenses. ACTION: **Joan** will draft a calendar – date for agendas for both meetings, meetings, minutes, etc. ACTION: **Martha** design template for an agenda with a regular flow and includes all caps MOTION when appropriate. Anyone can make a motion to vote on and item at the next meeting

Matt presented the cloud based SLACK and gave a short demonstration of it. [OTRCommunityCouncil.Slack.com](https://OTRCommunityCouncil.Slack.com) is a tool that could be helpful for succession for board. Suggests SLACK used as a working conversation. A final PDF is then posted to website.

Thanksgiving dinner at November meeting at Rothenberg. Bob will contact Rothenberg for date and availability. Last year Findlay donated the food. Martha will talk with Ryan about getting the food and then advise us.

Joan moved to approved the September BOT minutes. Seconded by Mark. Motion passed.

Matt and Mark are collecting ideas for NSP projects.

Discussed the phone that OTRCC use. We will continue to keep the number we have and it's forwarded to Martha.

Matt will attend one of the upcoming city budget meetings.

8:35 Adjourned