

Over the Rhine Community Council
Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting
Minutes November 14, 2016

These minutes were approved at the 12/12/2016 BOT meeting

Attending: Bill Cappel, Martha Good, Matt Jacob, Joan Kaup, David Macejko, Mark Manley, Maurice Wagoner, John Walter

Absent: Cassandra Barham, Domonique Peebles, Bob Sehlhorst, Amy Silver,

CJ Montante of 3CDC gave updates on the project at 15th & Race Streets in response to suggestions and concerns expressed by OTR residents. He will share this update at the membership meeting on Nov. 28 and request a letter of support from the membership.

Susana Tolentino, of 3CDC, will also return to the full membership meeting in November to request a letter of support on the project at 33 Green Street.

Stephanie and David Webster presented their business plans for The Rhined, a cheese shop located at 1737 Elm Street (an OTR Adopt building that is being renovated for residential and commercial owned by Kim Starbucks). Request a liquor license to pair local cheeses with wine and beer (all local beers) Hours 10-8 Tues – Sat. same as Findlay Market. Neighboring church will give a letter of support. Motion to support by David Macejko, second by John Walter. Motion passed.

Dustin Miller, co-owner of Collective Espresso, presented his business plan for a grocery/deli take-away market/sandwich shop called Take-Away at 1324 Main (building owned by Urban Sites). Designed in response to his local, regular customers at Collective Espresso. Extended hours 9a-9p. Fresh food, light grocery, small deli, selection of beer and wine for off-site consumption. Will soon file for building permit and request a letter of support. Open 7 days a week, 6-8 employees. Have letters of support from neighboring businesses: Frame Shop, Team B, MOTR Pub, and Urban Sites. Motion to support by Matt Jacob, seconded by Bill Capel. Motion passed.

Fady Isaac, presented new business in the old New York Cleaners corner which will be called New York Groceries – a moderately priced, full-service, but small grocery with produce, frozen foods, and daily products. Re-opened in September 2400 sq. feet. OTRCC has previously opposed a business plan for that corner because it did not add to a positive quality of life for residents. Isaac owned Circle A which has been closed for three years and agrees to NOT sell single beer under \$3.00 or drug paraphernalia. He will get his liquor license in about a month. Hours are 10a – 10p and will extend to 7a with fresh coffee & pastries. Isaac anticipates 30% of sales will be beer and wine. No tobacco products at this time, but perhaps premium cigarettes. Isaac also owns three other store fronts on the same corner.

Daniel Betts, CRC, will be arrange open community dialogues to discuss with residents about the properties CRC owns in OTR and Mt. Auburn and what could happen there. Myra Goldberg has been looking at pocket parks and we hope she will be a part of this process. Reviewed action items from last month's minutes. Motion to approve minutes by David Macejko, seconded by Matt Jacob. Motion passed.

Martha compared our membership list (about 130 people) to our Mail Chimp database (more than 700 people). We do not have a current member that does not have an email address in our database.

Bylaw reviews to clarify and consider when the bylaw committee convenes:

- Stagger terms of board members will reduce insurance costs
- Motions from floors can be tabled
- Ease of resident membership renewal
- Extending to business membership
- Five-day notice of items for vote and/or motions

One of the services in Elm Street Clinic departed October 25. What is the caliber of services still available for our residents? Maurice and Mark will invite them to our January Membership meeting to inform residents of their services and practices.

OTRCC representatives at upcoming meetings:

Mark will attend Tues afternoon Academic Meeting at Rothenberg Nov 15 at 3- 5p

Maurice will attend Senior Center ribbon cutting on Thursday morning on Nov 17 at 10a

John will attend the Elm & Liberty meeting on Friday Nov 18 at 9a

Mark will attend Historic Conservation Board meeting on Nov. 21 that has 6 OTR parcels to review.

Matt reported that we did get our NSP funds for this year and it is deposited. It is reimbursement for what we spent on the NSP projects. We need to decide on the AIG the best of the AIG funds. Matt will advise what if any AIG amount is left to be directed.

NSP projects are starting to come in including some repeated events and some new projects – job fair with Cincinnati Works, flower pots, OTR Community Festival, insurance. It's critical that somebody has to own each project. David will talk with Cincinnati Works about conducting a job fair that has to be completed by the end of August.

Mark will reach out to membership at the Nov meeting. At Jan BOT we need to review and prepare to present to the full membership in January.

Mark met with Mary Ann Berry about how/when/where the OTR Community Festival can best serve our residents. Purpose was to expose residents to the services available in the neighborhood. Contact Center is being moved from Vine Street to Elm Street near the Elm Street Clinic south of Liberty.

Joan motioned that we get a post office box for mailing. Matt seconded. Motion passed. Martha will look into it.

Monday November 28 at 5:30 Thanksgiving dinner at Rothenberg School. Meeting to follow immediately at 6:00. Anticipate 80. Board to arrive at 5:00 to help serve and clean up.

We need to announce the opening of Patricia Bittner's position at the November meeting and solicit applicants.

If we continue our schedule of BOT meetings on the second Monday and membership meetings on the fourth Monday of the month, our 2017 calendar will be:

Board of Trustees

Jan 9
Feb 13
Mar 13
Apr 10
May 8
June 12
July 10
Aug 14
Sept 11
Oct 9
Nov 13
Dec 11

MEMBERSHIP

Jan 23
Feb 27
Mar 27
Apr 24
May 22
June 26
July 24
Aug 28
Sept 25
Oct 23
Nov 27
Dec - NONE

