

OTR Community Council  
DRAFT Minutes for Meeting, January 23, 2017

60 attending

Board members attending: Casandra Barham, Bill Cappel, Denny Dellinger, Martha Good, Matt Jacob, Joan Kaup, David Macejko, Mark Manley, Domonique Peebles, Amy Silver, Bob Sehlhorst, Maurice Waggoner, John Walter

**Welcome by new President Bob Sehlhorst.** Martha Good resigned as President at the Jan 19th board meeting and according to by-laws, the vice president steps up. Thank you Martha and Bob for your service.

**Agenda** - Motion to approve agenda by John Donnelson, seconded by Matt Jacob. Motion passed.

**Police Report by Officer Rock** - There's been a rash of burglaries recently, but they are making arrests. The police expressed appreciation of the calls and tips that the residents are making; the residents expressed appreciation of the police work. For an instance, recently a resident called to give a description of the bike and that one call got a gun off the street. Currently the police have 350 surveillance cameras, many in people's homes and buildings, and they have been helpful. Best number for a non-emergency is [513-765-1212](tel:513-765-1212). The phone number for the police department's front desk is [513-352-3505](tel:513-352-3505)

**Consent item - minutes.** John Donnelson made the Motion to approve minutes from November meeting. Martha Good seconded. Motion passed

**Consent item - treasurer's report.** Matt Jacob gave the treasurer's report. \$13,000 in the bank of which \$11,000 is restricted to the housing study for when/if we decide to update it. John Donnelson motioned to approve annual report; Domonique Peebles seconded. Motion passed.

Please Note: OTRCC now has a post office box. PO Box 662, Cincinnati OH 45201. Telephone is [\(513\) 381-2956](tel:513-381-2956)

**Opening on the Board.** Denny Dellinger was elected as newest member to the OTRCC Board of Trustees. He's been instrumental in the Mohawk District and is presented for member ratification. Ratification vote was done by private ballot. Denny was not ratified by membership. Bob solicited the membership for nominations for the board. Nomination form on website at the close of these minutes.

**NSP Projects.** Matt Jacob presented proposed NSP projects. Each neighborhood will be awarded \$7,760 for qualified and properly completed projects from the city this year. Projects include: Insurance; OTR Community Festival; Interactive Art; Job Fair; OTR Future Leaders CleanUp & Recycling; Rothenberg Gems; OnLine Membership Renewal; Solicit Business Membership and Support; Support Communication; Garbage Can Pilot Program. Details have been on our

website. Peter Hames made the motion to ratify the board's decisions. Martha Good seconded. Motion passed.

**Development Project at Liberty & Elm.** Board discussed and approved the appeal in a 7 to 3 vote. Because the board was acting to conduct business in an emergency situation since we had to submit the appeal before this meeting of the community. The \$750 filing fee was donated by residents to file an appeal and they verbally agreed that they would indemnify the board in this process seeking the appeal. In October, OTRCC voted to veto this project, nonetheless, this project continued to and through the Planning Commission. Membership are asked to ratify board decision to appeal the decision of the City Planning Commission regarding the Elm and Liberty project. If the motion tonight fails, then the Board will withdraw our appeal. Peter Hames made the motion to support the appeal. Margy Waller seconded. Motion passed 35 to 13.

**SCPA, Holly Brians Ragusa** - SCPA stands with Withrow - love will win the day. If you've like to see the school, SCPA offers building tours every Tuesday morning at 11:00. Please mark your calendars for May 11th Corbett Mayerson Award Show.

**Susan Angel, Fuel Bar & Art Gallery,** applied for a liquor license at 1424 Main Street. Peter Hames made the motion to ratify Board support of liquor license. Matt Jacob seconded. Motion passed.

**Our Daily Bread, Georgine Getty.** The shooting happened two weeks ago when about 150 people were in Our Daily Bread. The shooter and two victims were homeless. This was domestic violence. The shooter was focused on the two victims. The man died; the woman is injured. The man who gave the shooter the gun was arrested as was the shooter. Our Daily Bread instituted scanning wands for security. Model Group came forward to rebuild as necessary. Our Daily Bread is reopened and all the employees, volunteers, guests, and children in their after-school program have returned. The building is open 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. daily and meals are served 9:45-11:45 a.m. The children after-school program begins at 2:30 p.m.

**Teri Nau, Talbert House** will lead city funded opioids forums for residents. OTR and West End will partner on a shared session. It is open to the first 30 people who register through OTRCC website. This session is March 7 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at OTR Rec Center

**Imagination Alley** update by Adam Gelter, 3CDC There is large support from community to maintain this property as public green space. However, Cincinnati Recreation Center, that owns the property, is re-evaluating the highest and best use of the space. 3CDC is working with OTRCC to create a working group between OTRCC, Cintrifuse and 3CDC for ideas for improvement and solutions for Imagination Alley. This is a work in process and tonight is 3CDC's fifth visit about Imagination Alley. If you're interested in donating time and talents to the Imagination alley Working Group, please sign up on OTRCC website <http://otrcommunitycouncil.org>

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A working committee has been studying our current bylaws and the copies of the recommended revisions are available tonight. The updates will also be added to website for your review. We will discuss the revisions next month. **WILL WE ALSO VOTE ON THEM NEXT MONTH?**

Board elections are in April. The Nominating Committee organizes and oversees the elections. If you are interested in serving on the nomination committee, contact Bob Sehlhorst at [otrccpresident@gmail.com](mailto:otrccpresident@gmail.com)

UC Students are working with Findlay Market to design an outdoor cooking space for shared public grilling. They are here to solicit your input. Please talk with them on your way out.

Ray Ball is a current investee with People's Liberty. She is part of the team for People's Pantry. Following the practices of Tiny Free Libraries, a small People's Pantry will be installed in OTR and she is asking for volunteers to monitor and champion it. To get involved, reach out to People's Pantry at [hello@peoplesliberty.org](mailto:hello@peoplesliberty.org)

Political candidate that addressed the membership this evening were:

Rob Richardson, candidate for Mayor. <https://www.facebook.com/robforcincinnati/>

Yvette Simpson, candidate for Mayor. <http://yvettesimpson.com/>

8:15 Meeting adjourned.

The next OTRCC Board Meeting is the second Monday of the month, February 13, 6 – 8 p.m. at Graydon on Main.

The next OTRCC Membership meeting is the fourth Monday of the month, February 27, 6 – 8 p.m. at OTR Recreation Center

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**2015 – 2017 OTRCC Board of Trustees Nomination Form**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

*The OTRCC Board of Trustees provides leadership to the community council; plans OTRCC meetings and events; attends to OTRCC business between meetings; assures that finances are managed appropriately; works with the City of Cincinnati, OTR organizations and other community councils; and other organizations as needed or required. Trustees may represent the OTRCC to the public*

*Trustees are elected for a two-year term. The board of trustees elects the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer from their members. Trustees are expected to attend all board and community council meetings and manage and/or volunteer for OTRCC projects. All trustees are expected to be familiar with the by-laws and hold each other accountable to fulfill their duties and responsibilities. Unexcused absences result in removal from office (By-Laws IV-7).*

What gifts/skills will you bring to the board of trustees?

What are some things that you would like to work on and to see happen during your term as a trustee?

Your contact information: Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ OTR resident?  
(circle one) Y N

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years

OTRCC member: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and email this page to [otrccboard@googlegroups.com](mailto:otrccboard@googlegroups.com) by **February 31, 2016**. Thank you for your interest in the OTRCC Board of Trustees.

By-Laws of the Over-the-Rhine Community Councils, Inc. Amended and Approved July 30, 2012

Article IV. Board of Trustees

Article IV-1. The thirteen trustees of the community council shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and nine at-large trustees. These officers and trustees shall form the board of trustees and perform the duties prescribed in these by-laws.

Article IV-2. The board of trustees will conduct emergency business of the community council between meetings of the members. A quorum shall consist of seven trustees in attendance at any meeting.

Article IV-3. The membership, by majority vote, may grant additional decision-making power to the board of trustees or revoke any decision-making power from the board of trustees.

Article IV-4. All actions taken by the board of trustees will be submitted to the membership for ratification no later than the next regular member meeting.

Article IV-5. No member may hold more than one office at the same time. Effective April 25, 2011, no member may serve more than three consecutive terms as a trustee.

Article IV-6. The board of trustees will, at all times, be subject to the decisions of the membership and none of the board's actions shall conflict with any actions taken by the membership.

Article IV-7. Trustees shall attend all board meetings. Unexcused absences from four board meetings per two-year term will result in removal from office.

Article IV-8. Any five members may petition to have any officer or trustee recalled for cause. Once the secretary receives written notice listing the grievances, written notice shall be given to the membership at least fourteen days prior to the next regular meeting, and the recall petition shall become the first order of business at that regular meeting. Members may recall a sitting officer by a two-thirds majority vote, after due deliberation, at the next regular meeting.