

## **Draft** Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting, January 19, 2017

Attending: Casandra Barham, Bill Cappel, Martha Good, Matt Jacob, Mark Manley, David Macejko, Domonique Peebles, Bob Sehlhorst, Amy Silver, John Walter, Maurice Wagoner  
Absent: Joan Kaup

Martha announced that she is stepping down as President but will remain on the Board and continue to do the newsletter. Bob thanked Martha for her work and he became President.

Joe Hansbauer, President & CEO of Findlay Market Corporation, discussed the need for parking near Findlay Market. He said they are considering several spaces nearby that were large enough for a garage with about 450 spots. They are in the very early stages of exploring suitable locations and plan to involve multiple stakeholders including the immediate community, merchants and general public in making decisions about where the parking garage would be placed and the ultimate design of the lot. This is likely to be 2 or more years away.

Denny Dellinger and Maxwell Gerwin were interviewed for the open Board position. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board voted to select Denny to fill the vacancy and he will be presented to the members for ratification at the next membership meeting.

Susan Angel talked about Fuel Bar & Gallery which she plans to open at 1424 Main Street. The bar and art gallery will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 5:00 PM – 1 AM. She is seeking a liquor license so she can sell alcohol and use the proceeds to benefit her non-profit. She reported that there was general support from the neighborhood. The Board voted in favor of approval of her liquor license application which will be submitted to members for approval.

Mark Manley presented the proposed budget for NSP funding in 2017. The Board approved the budget which will be presented to the members for their approval.

Adam Gelter from 3CDC presented an update about what is happening with Imagination Alley. Cincinnati recreation Commission owns the land but they are interested in having 3CDC take over maintenance of the space by having 3CDC purchase or lease the space with a commitment to keep it as a public space. Adam will attend our next membership meeting to present the update to members and get their input. He wants to recruit some volunteers to meet with 3CDC and CRC and others to try to find some agreement about what to do with the space.

Following extensive discussion about whether to file an appeal to the Planning Commission's December 2, 2016 decision to approve the Final Development Plan for the Elm & Liberty project, the Board voted on the following motion:

“To file an appeal of the December 2, 2016 Planning Commission approving the Final Development Plan for Elm & Liberty contingent upon no financial obligation or legal liability being incurred by OTRCC and the appeal being limited to the issues of  
(1) whether the Final Plan substantially conformed with the Concept Plan,  
(2) whether Historic Conservation Board correctly found that the Final Plan was consistent with Infill Guidelines, OTR Comprehensive Plan and other relevant zoning laws, and is consistent with the purposes of a Planned Development district.

The motion was approved by a vote of 7 to 3 (Macejko, Sehlhorst, Walter) with one abstention (Cappel).