

OTR Community Council
DRAFT Minutes for Meeting, March 27, 2017

Amended April 24, 2017

50 attending

Board members attending: Mike Bootes, Bill Cappel, Matt Jacob, Joan Kaup, David Macejko, Amy Silver, Bob Sehlhorst, Maurice Waggoner

Board members absent: Casandra Barham, Martha Good, Mark Manley, Domonique Peebles, John Walter

Welcome by President Bob Sehlhorst.

Agenda. David Macejko motioned to follow the agenda as posted. Joe Vallo seconded. Motion passed.

Minutes. David Macejko motioned to approve January membership minutes; Stefan Athanasiadis seconded. Motion passed.

Matt Jacob motioned to approve February membership minutes. David Macejko seconded. Motion passed

New Trustee. Mike Bootes recently appointed by board of trustees to fill the vacancy on the board. Membership voted to ratify Mike's appointment. Yes – 29; No – 5. Welcome to the board Mike!

Police Report. Officer Rock. Recently retrieved more than 15 guns and 40 lbs. of marijuana. Bike squads are returning. Shooting the 8th of this month and with the help of citizens the police were able to make an arrest. Thank you to residents for speaking up and cooperating with local officers. Thank you Captain Davis for extra police in the neighborhood.

Nominating Committee. Call out for members of this nominating committee. If you want to run, fill out the application on the website. It's a two-year term. Must be a resident of OTR and member of good standing. Julie Fay motioned to approved Michael Basch, chair, and Kathy Schwab, member as the nominating committee. David Macejko seconded. Election by secret ballot on June 23.

Directional Changes on Green & Pleasant Streets. Matthew Andrews. Green will return to two-way from Elm to Race. Change is a net parking gain with parallel parking on both sides of Green Street. Pleasant one-way south north of Liberty. The work will begin in June or July. The change is to create a pedestrian connection between Findlay Market and Washington Park. Board already approved the change. Bill Cappel motioned to ratify the board decision; Bonnie Neumeier seconded. Motion passed.

SCPA, Holly Brians Ragusa, President PTSO

FREE Concerts and Performances:

4/6 Kindergarten & 1st Grade Musical Performance, Corbett (7-9pm)

4/6 & 7 SCPA spirit Shop is now open! Thursday and Friday afternoons

4/6,7,8 Drama Ensemble Performance, Black Box (7-9pm)

4/7&8 Visual Arts - Crafty Supermarket, Urban Curve

(Friday 4:30-6pm, Saturday 12-3pm)

4/8 'Louder Than A Bomb' Poetry Reading, Corbett (3:30 - 10:30pm)

4/8&9 Piano Sales Weekend @ Willis Music Florence

4/11 SCPA Building Tuesday Tours (11-12:30pm)

4/12 Senior Showcase Performances, Corbett (1-3:30pm)

4/13 & 14 Spirit Shop is open!

4/13 Sisters of SCPA Mother-Daughter Sweet Tea Luncheon

4/14 Sisters of SCPA Father-Daughter Cupcake Dance,
Cafeteria (7-9pm)

4/14 Steel Drum Performance, Mayerson (7-8:30pm)

4/17 SCPA Earth Day Festival (6-8pm)

Ticketed Performances:

4/21,22,23 Jungle Book Spring Ballet, Corbett (Fri, Sat. 7 p.m.)

May 8th 7pm SCPA Symphonic Band Duets Concert with Queen City Concert Band

May 11th Corbett Mayerson Concert at SCPA \$25 tickets available on

<https://scpacpsk12.weshareonline.org/CorbettMayersonAwards>

OTR Community Council Calendar. Bill Cappel. Thank you Bill, for updating the website and integrating a calendar of activities. Send community activities to add to the calendar to calendarOTRCC@gmail.com. Please do not submit solicitations

Cincinnati Bell Connector, Paul Grether. City owns the streetcar. SORTA manages it and hires Transdev to operate it. Each streetcar is a 40-ton vehicle. Fare is on the platform, not on the car. Subject to random inspection for tickets. First offense is \$100. Second offense is \$200. **Transit** app is best for real-time streetcar information. Can use streetcar tickets for a discount bus transfer; likewise, you can transfer from bus to streetcar. Service animals permitted on the streetcar or bus. Otherwise, pets need to be in a cage. Currently there are no plans for expansion. **Cincy EZ Ride** app is great to purchase streetcar ticket. The METRO Zone One bus pass (\$70) is a monthly pass for the Streetcar. www.CincinnatiBellConnector.com **No streetcar service on Opening Day until 4:00 p.m.** If you're taking the streetcar to a Reds game, buy the day pass.

Imagination Alley Committee, Bob Sehlhorst. OTRCC Committee met with board President of CRC and others. **Imagination Alley park land owned by CRC**, and the adjacent lot owned by Model Group and leased to 3CDC; has been a public gathering place for years and years. 3CDC is not going to renew their lease. CRC will **facilitate design charrettes in the community about improvements to the park**, regarding the future and highest/best use of that land. OTRCC will publicize the charrette when it is scheduled.

Preschool Promise, Leslie Maloney of Haile Foundation. Thank you to all of you who supported the Preschool Promise Levy. United Way approved the master agreement today. CPS will vote on it this week. An independent board had been formed to oversee the implementation and accountability of Preschool Promise. Program goal is to help all families with accessibility to preschool. It will start with 4-year old in families living at 200% of poverty level. Cincinnati has 13 Quality Desserts which are neighborhoods with insufficient preschool capacity. Hope to have it in place for fall enrollment. Head Start is funded with federal dollars. Preschool Promise is funded through local taxes. Parent information Sessions on April 10, 11, 17, 18, 19. <http://askpreschoolpromise.org>

Over-the-Rhine Museum, Ann Delano Steinert. A residential based museum about the history of people and culture that made, influences and are OTR. They are collecting OTR stories. Looking for the perfect building and for board members living in OTR. Come to a OTR Museum Event at Woodward on Weds, April 19, song and stories by Katie Lauer, Ma Crow, Jake Speed & the Freddie's. \$10 ticket. OTRMuseum.org

Drug Free Workforce, Melissa Hammeling. Provide employment services for people who may have barriers. Collecting data about the needs from businesses and HR managers. If you can help, please take the survey. They are also looking for secondary data. Free technical assistance available to OTR businesses.

Announcements:

Free summer camps at Peaslee. See Bonnie Neumeier or contact Peaslee Center. www.peasleecenter.org

Political candidates:

Jeff Pastor, candidate for city council
Mike Moroski, candidate for Cincinnati Public School Board
Henry Frondorf, candidate for city council
Erica Black-Johnson, candidate for city council

Matt Jacob motioned to adjourn; seconded by Denny Dellinger. Meeting adjourned at 7:50