

Over the Rhine Community Council
Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting
DRAFT Minutes March 13, 2017

Attending: Mike Boots, Bill Cappel, Matt Jacob, Joan Kaup, David Macejko, Mark Manley, Bob Sehlhorst, Amy Silver, Maurice Wagoner, John Walter

Absent: Cassandra Barham, Martha Good, Domonique Peebles

Approval of January and February minutes

Reviewed minutes and action steps. Motion to approve February BOT minutes by Matt Jacob, Mark Manley seconded. Motion passed. **ACTION:** Joan will forward to Bill who will post it on the website.

ACTION: Joan will connect with Martha about bylaws.

ACTION: Membership committee will meet to make membership open, accessible, and accurate next Monday, March 20 at 5:00 at Coffee Emporium.

ACTION: Ad Hoc Task force will meet with Daniel Betts, CRC, Tuesday, March 21 at noon at Imagination Alley.

Paul Grether, Cincinnati Connector, will come to the March membership meeting.

January membership minutes were amended and reviewed for approval. Mark Manley made motion to approve changes; Bill Cappel seconded. Motion passed. **ACTION:** Joan will forward to Bill who will post it on the website.

Matt made a motion to approve the nomination committee for June BOT elections is Michael Basch, chair, Danny Klingler, and Kathy Schwab. They will solicit candidates and oversee election. **ACTION:** Joan will review minutes to gather names for those interested in vacant board seats. Pay annual dues in April or May to **vote** or **run** in June. David seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report.

Matt has only heard from Barbara for 2017 NSP money in advance of 2017 NSP project. 2017 NSP has not yet been deposited in OTRCC bank account.

Persons responsible for each NSP project are:

1. Insurance – Matt Jacob – Matt will renew as it is due in April/May
2. Festival – Casandra Barham and Mary Ann Berry
3. Job Fair – David Macejko – meeting next Friday with Cincinnati Works
4. Community Art – Joan Kaup – up by end of April thru August.
5. OTR Future Leaders – Antronette Black (Mark will contact her.)
6. Rothenberg – Barbara Bell (Matt will follow up with Barbara.)
7. Online Membership – Joan Kaup & Bill Cappel

ACTION: Joan will contact Liz Blume, CBI, to get an estimate of updating OTR Housing with the developments that have been added to the marketplace since the study was done in 2015. (We have \$9,000 remaining from the OTR Housing Plan.)

ACTION: Bob will invite someone from Model and/or 3CDC to talk with us at a future meeting about the development project at 13 & Walnut, etc.

Liberty Street Improvement

Matthew Andrews has scheduled a meeting to discuss proposed changes to Liberty Street by Pleasant Street. He will let residents know about the meeting. The proposed change involves putting a median in the center of Liberty Street, breaks up the span to cross which will make it safer for pedestrians. More information will be shared at the meeting on March 26th. from 6-7 p.m. at the OTR Recreation Center. Mark made a motion to support the directional changes as suggested in this proposal. Matt seconded. Motion passed. **ACTION:** Bill will post a notice about the meeting on the OTRCC Facebook Page.

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Cincinnati Neighborhood Summit

- *Pre-School Promise* has funds available for upcoming school year to send children to preschool. Vanessa White offered to come to the membership meeting and tell residents more about it. The outreach cycle begins in April. **ACTION:** Bill will contact Vanessa and refer her to Bob to get on the agenda.
- *Urban Fast Forward* are commercial lease brokers.
- Vacant buildings and absentee landlords are a problem in any neighborhood.
- Community Councils work very closely with Chambers in many neighborhoods
- Lifetime achievement awards were presented to Patricia Garry, and Paul Rudemiller of Camp Washington.

OTR Parking Study

Bob is talking with the Vice Mayor's office about whether or not a comprehensive parking plan is underway. He'll let us know what/if he learns.

City of Cincinnati Budget Proposal

Individuals and community councils can submit request for funds. Peter Hames prepared a proposal to:

1. Increase support fund to Community Councils to the \$25,000 range.
2. Establish an office of Neighborhood Investment and Engagement.
3. Hire a staff person in the city manager's office that would work with neighborhood investment and engagement.

Joan made the motion to support Peter's proposal. Amy seconded the motion. The motion did not pass.

Good of the Order

1. Bill please post on Facebook to join and renew membership. Stop by Contact Center to pick up form. Download form from website. Turn it in to any trustee or the Contact Center.

Any trustee can collect that form, initial and date it, and turn it in to Amy or Bob. All membership expires in March. If you join in April, you can vote in the June elections. If you renew by May you can vote in the June elections. This needs to be addressed in the bylaws.

2. Bill is working on adding or improving a calendar of events. Matt can create a calendar at gmail and forward it to Bill. The OTRCC Facebook looks so much better.
3. Revisit the idea of bringing someone from economic development to discuss plans and actions for city owned parcels and where is the access point for Community Council to voice an opinion. Bob will talk with Oscar about options for discussion.

7:47 p.m. David motioned to adjourn. Matt seconded. Motion passed.