

Over the Rhine Community Council Board of Trustee Meeting
Draft minutes from April 10, 2017

Present:

Maurice Waggoner, Amy Silver, David Macejko, Matt Jacob, Bill Cappel, Cassandra Barnhart, Joan Kaup, Mike Bootes, Mark Manley, John Walter

Absent:

Martha Good, Bob Selhorst, Dominique Peebles

Welcome by Board VP Maurice Wagonner

Agenda: Approval of March Minutes by David Macejko, seconded by Matt Jacob. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer report: Only transactions were routine and expected. Still awaiting NSP funds, due to an incorrect on file within the city offices. New form filled out and check expected soon. Report approval motion by Amy Silver, seconded by Cassandra Barnhart, motion passed.

NSP: Insurance renewal to be done shortly. Barbara Bell has been in contact to receive funding for the Rothenberg GEMS program. The other project leaders all expressed understanding of the timeline restrictions and obligations and look forward to seeing their projects through. Joan mentioned that the AAC project is under planning and is ready to go forward.

John Blatchford (Kuntz development) presented a number of properties he wishes to develop: 57 E. McMicken (city owned), 1662 Hamer (city owned), 1714 Vine (privately owned) and 1663 Hamer (privately owned). Twenty apartments to be renovated as market rate. Smaller apartments to be more affordable. Starting at \$550/mo for a studio apartment, with most rents planned for \$1.00-1.25 per sqft. Planned is for "community style" living, with smaller apartments and nicer common space within the building.

Community impact: This group has had two block parties with proceeds going to OTRCH.

Applied for NOFA funding loan and hopes for OTRCC letter of support. Part of the agreement with the city would be rehabbing buildings within two years of execution. 3CDC performed the vetting of this group to prove they can be successfully completed. Motion to recommend to community council a letter of support for this project made by Matt Jacob, seconded by David Macejko. Motion passed.

1216-1218 Race Street project presented by Ryan O'Malley and Kurt Platte, Architects for Platte Design. Project is to demo two noncontributing garage buildings on the east side of Race St, just south of 13th street, and to construct

market rate apartments (twenty) within two newly created buildings. Restaurant on first floor with setback that allows for streetside outdoor dining. There will be a courtyard in the middle interior to be shared by apartments and restaurant. Front building height is five stories in the front, six in the rear building.

Seeking variances for unit density and no parking included in project. They are seeking a letter of intent from 3CDC to provide 16 spaces for parking within Washington Park garage.

Mat from OTR foundation's infill committee helped to explain the role they wish to play in assisting thoughtful development in the neighborhood. They have offered on this project five potential issues they would like to see addressed to meet OTR historic guidelines: Height of rear building, the loss of a sense two distinct buildings on this site, material usage in the rear, setback depth of restaurant planned. All parties express a desire to work together to make this project work. They will be presenting to the Historic Conservation Board on April 24. Any interested resident, as always, are encouraged to attend. In addition, they have been invited by the board to present to OTRCC at our April meeting. They have accepted that invitation.

Peter Hames presented again the National Night Out activity. It is an annual nationwide project to engage the police, fire and community. Our OTR event is partnered with District One. This past year saw a smaller attendance (225 vs previously 300). The budget is \$1200-1400. We apply for a grant through the Cincinnati Police Department and the application must be in by the end of April. As Peter is stepping away from leading this project, there is need for someone to take this on.

Joan presented that the proposed bylaw changes are completed. They are available to be posted to the website and presented at the April meeting so that the membership can vote at the May meeting.

Motion to adjourn by David, seconded by Maurice. Motion passed