

## September 25, 2017 OTRCC Membership Meeting Minutes

6:00 Call to order. Maurice Wagoner

Motion to approve the meeting agenda. Peter Hames moves, Bob Sehlhorst seconds. Motion carries.

Motion to approve August 28 meeting minutes and August treasurer's report. Danny Klingler moves, Peter Hames seconds. Motion carries.

1. **CPD District One**-Officer Rock gave a brief report. Violent crime is down in Over-the-Rhine.
2. **Rothenberg Preparatory Academy**- Principal Simpson shared that the school is having an open house on 9/26 from 3-5pm-everyone is welcome. Rothenberg is kicking off their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of enterprise school with the students-they are always looking for partnerships in the community. They are also looking for men from the community who could commit to come in and read one a week to classes.
3. **School for Creative and Performing Arts**-not present to give an update.
4. **Mary Magdalene Shower House** and Respite Center to Republic and Liberty Streets-the new center at Liberty and Republic Sts(1615 Republic St) will be called the St Anthony Center. It will serve as a welcome center to those whose basic physical and emotional needs can be met. This location will house multiple non-profits including the Mary Magdalene Shower House, Sarah Center, and Center for Respite Care, St Francis Ministries, Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank, Tri-Health Outreach Ministries (pre and post natal care for moms and babies) and the Soup Kitchen that will move from St Francis' schools cafeteria.
6. **Blink Cincy**-Margy Waller shared that the parade will be on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>-will start at Findlay Market, will travel down Vine St and will conclude at Washington Park. Any and all are encouraged to join the parade. Anyone interested in biking during the parade can meet at Red Bike at Findlay at 6pm to decorate bikes.

### **Presentations**

1. **Imagination Alley update** and recommendation-Steve from CRC presented on the outcome of the engagement efforts of CRC regarding imagination alley. There were 2 community meetings and onsite and online surveys. CRC has determined based on community feedback to maintain control of imagination alley. CRC has terminated the lease with 3CDC. CRC will continue doing light maintenance, landscaping and litter clean up-they can absorb current needs into the existing CRC budget. Future desires or ideas for the space can be taken up by the OTRCC and brought before the CRC and they would consider them.
2. **OTR Rec Center's** fewer hours and higher fees –Daniel Betz was not present to speak to this issue.
3. **Main library's north building** status and plans Proposed 2017 - 2019  
Kim Fender-director of the Public Library of Cincinnati. The conversation around the north building was part of a bigger facility plan that would bring all of the library facilities up to a similar standard across the county. The main library is used per square foot in a much different rate than all the branch libraries. The 4 public departments could be put in the south building (services would not be reduced) and the north building could be repurposed or sold (this has not been decided). The 4 services will be transferred into the south building, but no decision has been made about the north building yet. Much of the north building is already being used for non-public space. A formal appraisal of the building will be done by the end of this week. No decisions on a sale will be made without future public input-there has been a community engagement team put together to go out and seek feedback. 3cdc is doing pre development services for the library at no cost.

## **OTRCC work program proposed priorities and projects**

**Parking and transportation:** Stefan-first met on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Working on many transportation issues including ADA compliance on sidewalks, pedal wagons slowing traffic, and improving parking for residents. All were invited to next meeting of this committee-10/3 @ 6pm at Chatfield College.

### **2. Housing and economic development (HEDC): Julie**

Two primary goals of first meeting-Republic St lot potential development and Policy goals for CRA (community Reinvestment act). Both of these were time sensitive issues.

Board voted to invite the prospective developer to the next BOT meeting.

2 letters were drafted regarding the CRA-one directed towards the city, one directed to the Looking at updating the 2015 housing study that was done –there are additional funds available that were not spent on the 2015 study-Liz Bloom said she was willing to meet with the community to continue the study. Additional work plan suggestions will be taken up at the next HEDC meeting.

There was discussion about the board's decision regarding the letter drafted by the HEDC committee to not be sent to the city. The group was tasked at the Aug OTRCC meeting to approach the city with OTRCC's criteria regarding the sale of these 5 city owned lots on Republic St. Josh quoted the Aug minutes where in this committee was directly tasked to create a list of criteria to share with the city council members regarding the sale of this city land on Republic. Josh passed around the draft letter from the HEDC that was written on 9/6. We will take a vote on this agenda item later on the agenda.

**(action #3)** Denny Dellinger- Motion to approve the draft letter to the City concerning OTRCC's criteria around the sale of public land in Over-the-Rhine.

Second-Kelly Strickland

Discussion-minor grammatical edits necessary, Bill suggested editing a sentence in the early part of the letter with the softer language. Bob shared concern about slowing down the development on this land-missing an opportunity to generate funds to put into a potential affordable housing trust fund.

Vote-21 yes, 3 no. Motion carries.

**3. Organizational structure and operations:** Danny gave a brief report-goal of this committee is to make things run more smoothly during and between OTRCC meetings. Working with a small but excellent team. Next meeting is 10/6 at 1pm at Chatfield College. This committee will meet every other Friday at 1pm.

**4. Public services and safety:** Bob-had first meeting at Iris Book Café-10 members present. Goal of this committee is to improve quality of life issues for residents. 3 main points they are focusing on-1) reduce violent and property crime annually by 15% for 3 consecutive years. 2) Elimination of all illegal street gatherings. 3) Reducing trash and graffiti and blight. Next meeting Thurs 9/28 at 6pm at Iris Café.

**5. Outreach and engagement:** Walt gave an update of his goals for the community- wants more folks to feel comfortable and welcome at the OTRCC meetings. Walt works to pass out flyers letting people know of the OTRCC. Next meeting Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at Findlay Market (market wines).

**Future Leader OTR-**New program director Antronete Black gave some updates. They are looking to increase their enrollment. They currently have 8 students grades 7-12<sup>th</sup>. The group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-7pm at 1212 Race St. They are currently looking for a new space in which to meet.

6. **NSP closeout:** Key briefly shared that he is working on the final report which he will share in full at the October OTRCC meeting. We spent most of the NSP money for 2017.

**Action Items:**

**#1Motion** to ratify trustees approval of letter requesting completion of Central Parkway Bike Lanes.  
Julie Fay moves, Stefan seconds, motion carries.

**#2Motion** to Ratify trustees approval of letter stating position on community redevelopment area tax abatement.

Josh Spring moves, Bill Cappel Seconds, motion carries.

Meeting Adjourns at 8:28.

(all board of trustee members present.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Silver