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The Historic Conservation Board  
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c/o Beth Johnson, Urban Conservator

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Subject: ZH20170223, 1545 Race Street  
Hearing Date: February 5, 2018

Dear Historic Conservation Board Members:

In accord with our by-laws, I am writing on behalf of the Over-the-Rhine Community Council (OTRCC) to express our support for the staff's recommendation that the proposed parking lot be approved for conditional use with the requirement that the parking lot meet the Historic Conservation Guidelines that have been adopted for Over-the-Rhine's Historic District. Further, that a perimeter with a fence, low masonry wall and fence, or a low masonry wall be incorporated with the design plan. We also agree with the staff's finding that the most appropriate way to not negatively impact the urban fabric and historic character of the neighborhood would be to conform to those guidelines.

In addition, we have met with a representative of the applicant who assures us that the proposed use is temporary, perhaps three to five years. OTRCC believes it is important for the Historic Conservation Board (HCB) to specify a date by which the conditional use approval terminates unless the applicant comes back to the HCB for an extension. This will be a further incentive to the applicant to identify and implement a more appropriate use of this important site. Otherwise, the proposed temporary parking lot may linger on for years while the applicant's attention is focused on other areas of OTR or Downtown.

Cordially,

Maurice Wagoner, President

c: Beth Johnson  
OTRCC Members